

POSTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Postling Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27 January 2016 starting at 6.30 pm at Postling Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr Frank Hobbs (Chair), Cllr Susan Carey, Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee, Cllr Helen Calderbank, Cllr Charlie Wilkins, Cllr John Pattrick, Cllr Christine Hobbs, Cllr Jane Reynolds,

Parish Clerk: Jo Maher

1. Apologies: Cllr John Elphick
2. Declaration of Interest: None
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 November 2015 and 6 January 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
4. Matters arising from Minutes:-

A. Kent Mineral & Waste: No news to report on KCC's letter of 8 Jan 2016. The Proposed modification still shows no map of the site.

B. Lorry Park, Operation Stack - see minutes of 6 January 2016. No news to report. Highways England Consultation is now finished and the decision rest with the Secretary of State.

C. Broadband: Cllr Carey showed how to check on broadband speed online on the KCC website. She went on www.kent.gov.uk and searched for "broadband". Scroll down to a pink box where you can check broadband speed by putting your postcode in the box. One example is CT21 4EY and the result is "The Making Kent Quicker Programme is working to improve", which means that superfast broadband is not available in Postling yet. The next phase of upgrades will be rolled out over the next 18 months and over 95% of Kent households will then have access to superfast broadband. There is not yet a scheme for the remaining houses.

D. Following an email from KALC on 25 January, Postling Parish Council was successful in applying for an £654 grant for the Transparency Code.

5. Planning Applications:

"To confirm the planning applications received since the last meeting, circulated to Councillors for comments, the outcomes of those deliberations, and to consider any further applications received since this agenda was published."

A. Y15/1206/SH, Tupper Cottage, Staple Lane, Postling, Hythe, Erection of Rear Conservatory. Postling Parish Council has no comments. This application has now been approved by SDC.

B. Y15/1257/SH, Court Cottage, The Street, Postling, Hythe, Works to trees situated within a conservation area comprising felling of 2 ash and a sycamore and removal of 1 overhanging limb of a beech. Postling Parish Council has no comment.

It was noted that a CD of the plans of planning applications are not always available. Cllr Susan Carey intervened by writing to Ben Geering, Interim Head of Planning and Communities.

In future for complicated planning applications, the parish will contact the agent or applicant to try obtain paper copies which are easier to review than online plans.

6. Finance:
 - A. A letter to Gary Whittaker, Chief Accountant of SDC was signed by the Clerk to ask to set the precept at £2,000 for 2016/17 as agreed in the minutes of 18 November 2015.
 - B. HSBC mandate has been completed by Cllr Frank Hobbs, Cllr Reynolds and Cllr Patrick to replace late Cllr Nicholls signature by Cllr Patrick's signature as agreed in previous meeting.
 - C. Cheque 100256 for the amount of £200 was signed as a donation to Postling Church for the grass cutting service. This was proposed by Cllr Christine Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and unanimously agreed.
 - D. Cheque 100257 for the amount of £100 was signed as a donation to Age UK in Lymington. This was proposed by Cllr Christine Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and unanimously agreed.
7. Kent Police Database inclusion. It was proposed by Cllr Christine Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Reynolds and unanimously agreed that the Clerk will complete in conjunction with the Chairman.
8. Lord Lieutenant Service Invitation. No one was able to attend.
9. Parish Charter was noted.
10. Email Circulation list reviewed, there are 38 addresses on the database.
11. Buckingham Palace Garden Parties. It was proposed by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Calderbank and unanimously agreed to nominate Cllr Frank Hobbs and Cllr Christine Hobbs to join the garden party.
12. HM Queen's 90th birthday Celebration. It was proposed by Cllr Reynolds and seconded by Cllr Christine Hobbs and unanimously agreed to light the existing beacons on 21 April.
13. KALC Community Scheme Award discussed and a name has been put forward.
14. Any other business for information only:-
 - A. Next Council tax will increase by nearly 2% for 2016/17
 - B. Farmland at Otterpool Lane was bought by Shepway District Council
 - C. Free website training organised by KALC. Clerk unable to attend.
15. Date of next meeting Friday 8 April 2016

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.35PM