

## SOUTHFLEET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING of SOUTHFLEET PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall, Southfleet.

PRESENT: Cllr M N Salway, Cllr I Brown, Cllr S Carter, and Cllr L Tomkins

APOLOGIES: Cllr P Tester (not well), Cllr C Willis (traffic delays)

137/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cllr Salway declared a personal interest in Sedley's School, and Planning: Saxonbury, Cllr Brown declared a pecuniary prejudicial interest in matters relating to Gravesham Planning and Enforcement matters in Dartford and Gravesend; and as the Chairman of Sedleys School Governors, Cllr Tomkins declared a prejudicial interest in Planning: Elmstone.

138/17 MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

139/17 MATTERS ARISING: No matters arising.

### 140/17 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT MATTERS:

- a. Kent Highways Report: None available
- Betsham Road: Planned closure for 1 day on 17<sup>th</sup> December: could be postponed if the Station Road closure is delayed.
- Hook Green Road: Damage to Sedley's wall, barrier and Hook Green Road sign caused by a RTA on 16<sup>th</sup> of November was noted. Barriers have since been replaced and a new Hook Green Road sign ordered by DBC.
- b. Bus Services: It was noted that a proposal to cut KCC subsidised bus services in the county had been discussed by the KCC cabinet to cut £4million from the budget. SPC will respond to the consultation in January which could affect the 489, 474 and 475. The bi-annual bus meeting planned for March may be brought forward to discuss the proposals.
- c. Station Road: Thames Water Major pipework replacement from 30<sup>th</sup> October to the 15<sup>th</sup> December. The Chairman reported a major gas pipe rupture on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, which was dealt with quickly by SE Gas and properties checked for dangerous levels of gas. Complaints of the lack of forward signage have been received.
- d. Red Street Highway boundaries: The Chairman had written to KCC Highways to request a survey of the highway boundary from "The Croft" to "Dean and Chapter Cottages" to prevent possible disputes in the future. A map of the location had been forwarded.
- e. Winter 2017/2018: KCC had agreed to supply small bags of salt rather than the 1 tonne large bag offered originally. It was agreed to order 25 bags and ask the village hall if they would accept the delivery and store the bags until residents could pick them up in the event of bad weather.
- f. Park Corner Road: The PC has requested an alignment check of the kerb adjacent to the Colyers development.
- g. New Barn Road - Broadditch Pond: The Chairman has written to KCC Highways Director to suggest a survey of the area for improved safety measures. The PC could contribute to a scheme from CIL.
- h. Highways England: Update of the Lower Thames Crossing scheme was noted,
- i. Joint Transportation Board: meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December was noted. The Clerk suggested to the Parish Rep that he convey the PC's concern at possible changes to the bus service.

## 147/17 FOOTPATHS:

- a. DR137, DR137a: Waymark Signs are being made and will be erected to direct walkers on the correct route.
- b. DR48, DR28: KCC had confirmed they were clear when they inspected. There are ongoing issues with planning enforcement affecting the area.
- c. DR133: KCC had requested an inspection of the holy hedge, which Cllr Tomkins confirmed acceptable.

## 148/17 PLANNING:

- a. The following observations given by the Planning Sub Committee on planning applications were noted:- :-
  - 3a, 3b Hook Place Cottages and Weavers Orchard DA/17/01870/TRCON. Removal of trees and various tree works: The Parish Council is not opposed to the tree works outlined in the application. Having studied the area, we consider the current state of the items may be due to poor pruning work in the past. To retain the visual amenities of the area we suggest some replacement with fastigate species more amenable to the limited area of the gardens.
  - Elmstone DA/17/01880/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of a two storey dwelling and car barn and retention of a swimming pool. (Appendix A)
- b. The following planning permission granted were noted:
  - 6 Barker Field DA/17/01616/FUL Provision of a garage door to the open end of car barn.
  - The Cart Lodge 6 North End Farm DA/01258/FUL erection of a single storey rear extension and wood burner equipment.
  - Fairlawn DA/01297/TPO Application for tree works in Red Street Conservation Area.
  - Warwick House DA/17/01578/FUL Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension with balcony.
  - Saxonbury DA/17/01654/FUL Erection of a single storey front extension.

### Refused was noted

- Station House DA/17/01500/LDC – Continued use of Gym and garage at rear as office accommodation.
- c. The following planning applications were considered: - None
  - d. The following planning application was received as of 4<sup>th</sup> December.
    - The Ship Inn DA/17/01980/FUL – (referred to Sub Committee)
    - Land off Station Road DA/17/01976/Screen re: electrical Development (referred to Sub Committee)
  - e. LDC applications: Nothing to report
  - f. Consideration and responses to consultations. A2/Ebbsfleet Scheme consultation was noted.
  - g. Enforcement Issues: (Cllr Brown left the meeting)
    - Annex Chapter Farm House: Work activity will be reported to DBC
    - Knolle House: DBC had made an inspection and confirmed dwelling works complied to the planning consent apart from the boundary wall which will require planning permission as it is over 1m
    - Station House: There is an appeal pending regarding the refusal of the Swimming pool.
  - h. Ebbsfleet Urban Development Corporation: The appointment of Mr Ian Piper as Chief Executive was noted. SPC will be included in the distribution list for meetings in the future.
  - j. London Resort: No update.

- k. Court Lodge Farm: A large barn had been erected recently which had received planning approval 2 years ago under “prior approval” Cllr Brown explained the 28 day planning procedures with “Prior Approvals” which allowed for agricultural buildings.

149/17 KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS:

- a. Parish News: None available
- b. Dartford Area: The KALC had still to write to Member PC’s in Dartford regarding a possible merger with Gravesham and possible changes to KALC procedures etc.
- c. Data Protection Training sessions: It was agreed that training sessions in East Kent were not convenient for PC’s in North Kent to attend.

150/17 ALLOTMENTS:

- a. There are 3 whole/part allotments available. A request from a Group in Gravesham was declined, due to the parish only policy. The available allotments will be advertised to new homes in the parish.
- b. General maintenance of allotments: The allotments generally are being maintained.
- c. Bonfires: Complaints had been received of smoke. Apologies will be forwarded. Allotment holders will be reminded of the policy.

151/17 CORRESPONDENCE: None

152/17 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/POLICE/LICENSING

- a. Police, Kent Fire and Rescue. Nothing to report
- b. Environment:
- Rubbish/Recycling/Dog Bin:
  - Illegal dumping of waste: The reply from Gareth Johnson, MP, re increase of illegal dumping was noted. The problem of increased plastic waste worldwide was debated in Parliament recently.
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- c. Trees and Bulbs: It was noted that bulbs on the corner of Whitehill Hill Road and Hook Green Road have been pulled up by utility works

153/17 CODE OF CONDUCT/STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, STANDING ORDERS:

- Reform of the Data Protection Legislation: It was agreed that as the PC only holds a small amount of information on Councillors and allotment holders; an amendment to the Standing Orders to reflect the protocol on handling this information would be sufficient to comply with new legislation. The appointment of a DPO is still be considered by KALC.

154/17 DONATIONS/GRANTS: Nothing to report.

155/17 VILLAGE SIGNS: KCC will be approached for agreement on the proposed sign to be erected in Whitehill Road and details of the utility works that are taking place at the location.

156/17 DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2018: The dates were agreed as:

Monday 5th February 2018	Monday 2nd July 2018
Monday 5th March 2018	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018
Tuesday 10th April 2018	Monday 1st October 2018
Tuesday 8th May 2018	Monday 5th November 2018
Monday 4th June 2018	Monday 3rd December 2018
Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 19th March	

157/17 PRECEPT: The decrease in the Transitional Grant from £461 to £265 was noted. It was resolved to increase the Precept by 1% (£85). Proposed expenditure includes: Signage for footpaths, Stile at DR28, Bollards along Station Road low level footpath, Debrillator training donation. KCC Highways agreement will be sought for a bench for Dale Road bus stop (possible grant), as agreement had already been granted from the owners of Church House.

158/17 FINANCE:

Cheques Agreed

- a Cheques for signature:
- Clerks Salary and expenses £1401.03
  - Mrs J Hardinges (credit card payment for bollards) £515.76
- b. Bollards: The order for 10 bollards at a cost of £515.76 paid on Clerks Credit Card was noted. The bollards will be delivered on 5<sup>th</sup> December and Mr Watson will cement them in place at Rectory Meadow and Broomhills.
- c. It was noted that an invoice will be forwarded from Mr Watson for repair of the Water Tank plumbing, PROW signage and fitting of bollards which will be paid prior to the February meeting.