

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TROTTISCLIFFE ON THURSDAY 11TH JUNE 2015

PRESENT: Mr Richard Wallis (Chairman) (RW)
Mr David Jones (Vice-Chairman) (DJ)
Mrs Jenny Dickson (JD)
Mr David Gaunt (DGG)
Mr David Goodworth (DG)
Mr Trevor Ledamun (TL)
Mrs Louise Goldsmith (LG)
Mrs Frances Day (Clerk)
Mrs Ann Kemp (Borough Councillor) (AK)
4 Members of public
Distribution: Those present, SH, MB, JW & File

74/15 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Matthew Balfour, Mrs Sarah Hohler, and Mr John Wickham.

75/15 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 20th May 2015

Minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

76/15 Declarations of interest

AK declared an interest in the Planning Application for Little Reeds.

77/15 Matters arising

There were no matters arising that would not be dealt with on the agenda.

78/15 County Councillor's Report.

No report.

79/15 Borough Councillor's Report

AK reported that the new MP for Tonbridge & Malling, Mr Tom Hugendhat, had made his maiden speech in the house. AK also mentioned the financial impact of the closure of Aylesford Newsprint.

80/15 Members of public

Please see attached sheet.

81/15 Delegates' Reports

No reports. The Clerk said that the date for the next Trosley Park Liaison Group meeting had been altered to Tuesday 14th July.

82/15 Highways, Footways and Footpaths

82.1 It was noted that the Parish Council's contractor had strimmed footpath MR186 and the start of MR187, adjacent to Whittakers.

- 82.2 The vehicle parked on the pavement outside The George had been reported to the police.
- 82.3 The Clerk had contacted Highways regarding the problem of speeding traffic through the village, particularly alongside the duck pond where traffic mounted the pavement. The enquiry number was passed to TL.
- 82.4 Concern was expressed that the trees planted alongside the duck pond would, in due course when fully grown, cause a problem. The request to resite the village sign from alongside the duck pond was also discussed. TL to ascertain the owner of the land on which the trees had been planted. TL
- 82.5 TL to request painting of the white lines in Trottiscliffe, especially on the speed bumps in Taylors Lane. TL
- 82.6 It was understood that the zig-zag lines outside the school would be repainted by the Borough Council. TL
- 82.7 TL to report the potholes outside Murrayfield in Taylors Lane. TL

83/15 Recreation Ground and Allotments

- 83.1 The RoSPA inspection was due to take place in July and if a representative of the Parish Council wished to meet the inspector on site there would be an additional charge of £35. It was felt that this might be a good idea and the Clerk to ask JW if he would like to do so. FD
- 83.2 It was suggested that it would be a good idea to treat the base of posts of play equipment which still had the wooden posts before the inspection. JW

84/15 Planning

Planning Application TM/13/02842/FL – Land between M20 & M26 – use of land as Gypsy/Traveller accommodation. Object. Await decision.

Planning Application TM/14/03931/LB – Whittakers, Church Lane, Trottiscliffe – Replacement timber windows and conversion of roof space with new rooflight to main building and replacement windows to annex building. No objection but concerns regarding site map that claimed some unregistered land in front of the Church wall as belonging to the property. Await decision.

Planning Application TM/15/01379/FL – Coldrum House, Coldrum Lane, Trottiscliffe – Details of materials, etc. Concerns expressed. Await decision.

Planning Application TM/15/00473/RD – The Shack, Pilgrims Way, Trottiscliffe – Details of landscaping and boundary treatment. The level of information submitted is insufficient to discharge Condition 3. Await decision.

Planning Application KCC/TM/0378/2014 - Wrotham Quarry – extension. No objections. Await decision.

Planning Application TM/15/01160/FL -The Shack, Pilgrims Way, Trottiscliffe - Car port and Air Source Heat Pump. Concerns expressed. Await decision.

Planning Application TM/15/01687/OA – Little Reeds, Ford Lane, Trottiscliffe – Outline application for erection of a four bedroom detached dwelling. Further discussion at July Parish Council meeting.

84.1 There still had been no reply from the Enforcement Officer regarding the query over the building opposite, and part of Whittakers, being named a separate property - Whittaker Cottage.

84.2 A local resident was concerned that a neighbour was breaching planning rules and was advised to express their concerns to Tonbridge & Malling Planning Enforcement Officer.

85/15 Finance

The May 2015 statement of receipts and monies outstanding was accepted as below:-

Payments received

Allotment rentals.....£130.00

Nationwide - interest.....£10.61

Payments made

Zurich Insurance – Annual premium.....£1,242.44

Payments outstanding

Trottiscliffe Village hall – hire of hall.....£70.00

Richard Abel Landscapes – mowing, etc.....£300.00

85.1. Cheque signatories.

Trottiscliffe Parish Council Account 07 – 00-55 73146878.

It was agreed that the two retiring Councillors, Mr Michael H P Merryfield Day and Mrs Frances Ann Kemp, would no longer be authorized to sign cheques, nor would Mrs Angela Parkin.

In addition to Mr Richard Philip Wallis, three new Parish Councillors would be authorized to sign cheques, namely Mrs Jennifer Christina Dickson, Mr David William Jones and Mr David Gerald Gaunt.

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Trottiscliffe Parish Council TCC Account 07-00-55 75539583.

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The retiring Clerk, Mrs M F Merryfield Day would no longer be authorized to receive Bank Statements but these should be sent to the new Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs Louise Goldsmith, 75 Hazen Road, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JU.

86/15 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated:-

e-watch

KALC – Community Ownership & Management Assets Programme

Action with Communities in Rural Kent – Rural Affordable Housing as Community Land Trusts

Standards update

Rural Services Network

TMBC – Weekly planning applications

TMBC – Weekly planning decisions

Tree Warden Course

National Crime Survey

86.1 The Clerk had received dates from KALC for courses for Councillors and these to be considered at the July meeting.

LG

87/15 Any other business

87.1 Concerns had been expressed by several villagers about a drone which had been seen in the village.

87.2 RW raised several issues which he would like the Parish Council to consider in the future including to update and refresh policies and procedures, the Village Plan and Emergency Plan. RW also wished to build community spirit, there were several new families in the village and he proposed a gathering to welcome newcomers. An update of the book “The Guide to Trottiscliffe” produced by the Trottiscliffe Society was also suggested.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 2nd July 2015 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall.

Chairman

Date.....

80/15 Members of public

Two members of public spoke in support of their planning application for Little Reeds, Ford Lane, saying that they believe the proposed dwelling to be outside the Conservation Area, within the village envelope and that the design was within the scale and character of the village.