

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TROTTISCLIFFE ON THURSDAY 20TH MAY 2015

PRESENT: Mr Richard Wallis (in the Chair) (RW)
Mrs Jenny Dickson (JD)
Mr David Gaunt (DGG)
Mr David Jones (DJ)
Mr Trevor Ledamun (TL)
Mrs Frances Day (Clerk)
Mrs Ann Kemp (Borough Councillor) (AK)
3 Members of public
Distribution: Those present, SH, MB, DG, JW & File

55/15 Apologies for absence

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

56/15 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd April 2015

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

57/15 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

58/15 Matters arising

PCSO Laura Bullen had carried out a leaflet drop in Trottiscliffe to all residents, following complaints received, asking that vehicles be parked in a considerate manner in the village.

59/15 County Councillor's Report.

No report.

60/15 Borough Councillor's Report

AK reported that the new Mayor for Tonbridge & Malling was Owen Baldock and the Deputy Mark Rhodes. AK went on to say that she and Matthew Balfour were delighted to represent Trottiscliffe as Borough Councillors. AK was Chairman of both the Area Planning Committee and the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board.

61/15 Members of public

Please see attached sheet.

62/15 Delegates' Reports

No reports.

63/15 Highways, Footways and Footpaths

63.1 TL had expressed the Council's concern over the state of the footpath in Church Lane, alongside Bramble Park, and was waiting to hear if Highways had sufficient funding to carry out the work.

- 63.2 The Clerk had requested a local contractor to cut footpath MR186 and the start of MR187, adjacent to Whittakers.
- 63.3 RW was pleased to report that at last the gullies in Green Lane had been cleared.
- 63.4 AK pointed out that there was not a footpath in School Lane alongside April Cottage and asked that this be drawn to people's attention.
- 63.5 JD said that she had seen horse riders on footpaths and around the edges of the fields. It was confirmed that they should not be riding there and be asked not to do so.
- 63.6 The Clerk to contact Highways regarding the problem of speeding traffic through the village, particularly alongside the duck pond where traffic mounted the pavement. FD

64/15 Recreation Ground and Allotments

- 64.1 MC was thanked for collecting the rents for the allotments for the year. The rent for sheep grazing was still outstanding.
- 64.2 It was agreed that Trottiscliffe School Association could hold their Annual Fete on the recreation ground on 4th July. FD
- 64.3 DGG reported that the large gates into the play area needed attention and the Clerk was asked to arrange the repairs. FD

65/15 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/14/0444/FL** – Coldrum House, Coldrum Lane, Trottiscliffe – revised plans. No objection in principle but concerns expressed. Granted.
- Planning Application TM/15/01379/FL** – Coldrum House, Coldrum Lane, Trottiscliffe – Details of materials, etc. Not yet considered.
- 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 TM/15/00485/LB** -The Oast House, Taylors Lane, Trottiscliffe – Listed Building application for single storey extension and internal improvements. No objections. Granted.
- Planning Application T/15/00490/FL** – Willandown, 9 Pinesfield Lane, Trottiscliffe – Erection of a pre-fabricated timber building for ancillary residential use. New plans submitted. No objections. Granted.
- Planning Application TM/15/00487/FL** – Cedar Bungalow, Church Lane, Trottiscliffe – demolish redundant sheds and construction of new single storey dwelling. Object taking into account previous Inspector's decision, design and siting of proposed dwelling. Object. Refused.
- 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.
- 65.1 AK asked that she be copied in on the Parish Council's responses to Planning Applications.
- 65.2 There 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 and the Clerk was asked to chase this up. FD

66/15 Finance

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

Payments received

TMBC - 1st instalment Precept.....£5,750.00
Allotment rent.....£10.00
TMBC - 1st instalment CTRS.....£160.00
TMBC - TMBC1st instalment Financial Arrangement Grant..£1,402.00

Payments made

Kent County Playing Fields Assoc. - annual subscription....20.00
Richard Abel Landscapes - mowing etc. March.....£456.00
KALC - Annual subscription.....£237.31
First Rescue Training & Supplies - Defibrillator cabinet....£90.00
Heart of Kent Hospice - Donation.....£100.00
Richard Abel Landscapes - Mowing etc. April.....£258.00

Payments outstanding

None

66.1 It was agreed to proceed with the annual insurance renewal from Zurich Insurance for £1,242.44.

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67/15 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated:-

TMBC Weekly list of decisions
TMBC Planning applications
e-watch
Rural Services Network
Licensing activities
Fields in Trust
AONB Management Plan 2014 – 2019
Clerks & Councils Direct
CPRE magazine
KCPFA newsletter
DCLG Consultation
TMBC – Draft Borough Economic Regeneration Strategy Consultation
Department Communities & Local Government – Neighbourhood Planning
KALC – Post Election Events
TMBC Area Planning No 2 Committee Agenda 15 April
Tree & Pond Warden courses
Emergency/Community Resilience Plans
Wrotham Quarry Proposed extension
Community Rights Programme 2014-5
Highways Drainage Cleansing Programme
KALC – My Community Rights Programme
Local Government News
KALC – NALC’s direction of travel
KALC – Councillors’ Conference
CMP’s access to countryside
DCLG Consultation Gov. Ombudsman

67.1 It was agreed not to contribute to the study regarding East facing slips on M25 following a request from KALC.

67.2 It was agreed to consider, at the next meeting, whether a representative of the Parish Council would serve on the Joint Standards Committee of TMBC.

67.3 It was agreed not to take part in the Pilot Local Warden Support Officer Scheme.

68/15 Any other business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting and the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 11th June 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Chairman

Date.....

61/15 Members of public

Concern was expressed about the speed of traffic through Trottiscliffe village and particularly between Green Lane and the crossroads Church Lane/Taylor's Lane/Wrotham Water Road. On this stretch of road traffic coming down from Vigo Hill often mounted the pavement rather than wait to allow traffic to come up from the other direction. This was a long standing problem which the Parish Council had taken to Highways on many occasions but the Clerk was asked to raise the matter again.