

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GUSTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Thursday 11th July 2019
at Guston Village Hall -7pm

PRESENT: Parish Clerk: Mrs Glynis Farthing. Parish Councillors: Chair: Mrs Tracey Creed, Mrs Julie Gray, Mr. Keith Gowland, Cllr. Oliver Richardson

ABSENT:

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS/PUBLIC:

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3914 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Steve Manion, Karen Husk

3915 Declarations of Interest

None

3916 Minutes of the last meeting

Proposed for acceptance by Cllr.Gowland, seconded Cllr. Gray.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2019 be accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3917 Public Participation

Resident report having lost 3 cats over the past 18 months. Lots of other things go missing too and she considers that there's a need for a way to post a notice and try to build a method of getting residents to look out for it. Cllrs discussed – probably the best method is to use Facebook.

Street lighting at Burgoyne Heights and potholes. Potholes need to be reported on-line directly through KCC. Cllr Gowland reported that there was now a small pot of money available to replace some of the missing lights around the area. Option of bollards with lights on top was discussed. (See also Minute No.3920)

Lighting on Upper Road, Guston. Resident requested that some be installed because there is none and is making it a place for undesirable individuals to meet and dump things. Incidents have been reported to the police. Clerk to email Cllrs Richardson and Manion about these issues.

3918 Guston Green/Chance Meadow

a) Guston Green

A few repairs are required – the disabled ramp is broken and will need attention

b) Mini- Meadow Play Park

All is currently fine.

3919 GVHT

The Village Hall was officially opened on June29th. Over £520 was raised for the Armed Forces Charity. The bookings are now starting to come for some regular events.

The new committee has continued to be unable to access the funds held in the Village Hall Charity account. The former Trustees have failed to hand over any Trust documents and bank account information, this has been referred to a solicitor for further action.

The Trustees are hoping to apply for more grants to complete the car park and do further internal work such as adding window blinds.

3920 Burgoyne Heights

Cllrs are aware of the problems at Burgoyne Heights. There is a meeting for home owners on Monday 15th July at Guston School and tenants have been invited to attend and discuss some ideas and what issues they have – ultimately to create a ‘wish list’ of concerns.

A resident has been in touch with and arranged an additional meeting with Annington Homes and Preem for 6th August – this is of no help for County and District Councillors. There is a lack of communication and Cllrs requested that this meeting be deferred until September when all interested parties would be able to attend and hopefully be able to make some decisions about issues.

Lights that have been cut down are unsightly and should be taken out completely rather than leaving them as they are. They are also a safety hazard. KCC are prepared to adopt the street lights but only when they are in a proper state of repair.

There is an increase in anti-social behaviour on the estate. This has been reported to the police.

3921 Feedback/Matters arising from Council Representative(s)

Dover Area KALC Committee Reports from June 26th. 2019

There were two Meetings held. The AGM followed by the normal Ordinary Meeting.

AGM Meeting Report- Election of Officers and Representatives on Outside Bodies

Chairman - Keith Gowland, Vice Chairman - Tony Minns

Area Secretary, Area Training Liaison Officer - Cathy Skinner (these two positions are on a rolling yearly arrangement confirmed by the Meeting)

KALC Executive Committee - Keith Gowland & Tony Minns with Jenny Harris as Substitute

Dover Joint Transportation Board - Keith Gowland & Tony Minns with Jeffery Loffman as Substitute

Voting rights for KALC and Town Council Members on the JTB discussed. The Chairman to pursue with KCC and JTB

Future Meeting Dates - 30/10/19, 23/01/20. 22/04 (tbc) AGM

Topics for Future Speakers - KCC Highways, DDC Planners

Ordinary Meeting Report:

An excellent Presentation on Training and Learning & Development was given by Cllr. Sarah Barker, KALC Chairman and a passionate advocate and knowledgeable promoter of this subject in our changing and progressive roles. A healthy discussion took place on possible additional topics for Training/L&D above the normal ones plus localised venues where appropriate. All went down well with the Meeting realising the importance of this subject in the current climate.

Items of Mutual interest included concerns over acceptable Apologies for absence for non- attendance at meetings not being taken seriously as the Meeting felt that our residents should be better informed of the attendance of Cllrs. at Meetings possibly with yearly lists of Attendances/Apologies/Absences being made public in the local media etc. An update on Railway Station Parking was given although nothing positive is likely happen until the new Rail Franchises are announced.

Committee Reports accepted.

Local Plan Topic Paper and Update on Local Plan – Cllr. Gowland attended this meeting on Wednesday 10th July.

Cllr. Creed thanked Cllr Keith Gowland for his reports.

3922 Kent County Council

Cllr Manion sent apologies.

3923 Dover District Council

Cllr. Richardson reported on the pressure that DDC is under to deliver a large number of houses across the area, 629 per year until 2038. He had also attended the meeting concerning the update on the Local Plan.

DDC Community Grants Scheme – applications have to be made by 19th August. There is a lot more money available this year because of additional funds from the newly formed Lotto.

Lavatory review being undertaken in the Dover District.

3924 Financial Reports/Accounts/Payments

- a) The Financial statements for May and June have been prepared and circulated to Cllrs.

Items for payment:

Cheque HSBC (No.101877) Dover Glass Centre** £156.00
Cheque HSBC (No.101878) JJ Electrical** £579.60
Cheque HSBC (No.101879) D.King (invoice 20) ** £511.50
Cheque HSBC (No.101880) JJ Electrical £6,586.89**
Cheque HSBC (No.101881) D King (Invoices 21/22)**£921.25
Cheque HSBC (No.101882) AKAD Services Ltd** £3,029.53
Cheque HSBC (No.101883) NJ Creed (Invoice 02327) **£1,024.51
Cheque HSBC (No.101884)AAZTEC Associates Ltd**£563.23
Cheque HSBC (No. 101885) GOPAK (furniture)**£5,574.98
Cheque HSBC (No. 101886) D.King (invoices 23/24)**£1,003.75
Cheque HSBC (No. 101887) NJ Creed (Invoices various) **£3,446.56
Cheque HSBC (No. 101890) D.King (invoices 25)**£623.50

Total = £24,030.39

Above cheques have already cleared

Cheque HSBC (No. 101888) Just Signs (Banner**) £138.00
Cheque HSBC (No. 101889) M.Walton (Building works)** £4,629.39
Cheque HSBC (No. 101891) Steve Marsh Design**£294.00
Cheque HSBC (No. 101892) D.King (invoice 26)**£621.50
Cheque HSBC (No. 101893) RISK Safety Services**£250.00
Cheque HSBC (No.101894) JJ Electrical**£1280.89
Cheque HSBC (No.101948) Key Services** £93.00**
Cheque HSBC (No.101949) Hawkswell Framer £18.00
Cheque HSBC (No.101950) N. Creed (Invoice 02421) £7,194.00**
Cheque HSBC (No.101951) KALC (Dynamic Cllr Course) £60.00
Cheque HSBC (No.101952) MSCAPE (Junel/July maintenance) £1,166.84
Cheque HSBC (No.101953) Steve Marsh Designs (Historic Panel)£429.60
Cheque HSBC (No. 101954) G. Farthing (May/June salary £529.10, +£24exp+ £14.20 stationary) £541.10
Cheque HSBC (No.101955) HMRC (PAYE) £396.60

Total £17,668.02

** Payments for Guston Village Hall

Proposed for acceptance by Cllr.Gray, seconded by Cllr. Gowland

VAT Refund of £7,215.09

RESOLVED: (a) That the financial reports for May and June be accepted and signed by the Chairman

RESOLVED: (b) To approve payments, cheques signed by Cllrs. Creed and Cllr. Gowland

3925 Planning

DOV/18/00981- Connaught Barracks: Proposal: Approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for 64 dwellings, with associated access, parking, road/footway/cycleway provision, open space, landscaping, surface water attenuation, and ancillary works; and the discharge of conditions 5, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19 and 25; pursuant to outline planning permission DOV/15/00260.

Location: Connaught Barracks, Dover Road, Guston, CT16 1HL – the information regarding the proposed design of the properties has been updated. This includes close up pictures of brick work and more detailed design. All information is available on the planning website.

Clerk has been in contact with planning officer – Darren Bridgett to request an extension to allow more time to consider this application. This has been agreed.

DOV/17/00726 –1, Prescott Close, Guston

This application has been referred to Planning Enforcement at DDC and to KCC Highways for possible infringements to the regulations and original application.

3926 Roads & Footpaths and other Parish Matters

- Historic Board – this has been re-done and is ready for installation within the next few days.
- Cllr Gray expressed her concerns regarding the speed of traffic through Dover Road from Burgoyne Heights into Guston.
- Sign required on Upper Road at the T-Junction showing Castle to right and Langdon Cliffs to the left. Sign is also down showing location of Bleriot Memorial site.
- Noticeboard - Cllr. Gray reported back regarding costs and materials. Cllr. Creed and Cllr. Gray will liaise.
- Cllrs discussed the possibility of producing a Parish Newsletter –this would be considered again in September.
- Guston School had enjoyed some excellent events recently, Summer Fete, Race for Life- this raised over £1,700 and Sports Day. There is to be a school ‘camp out’ on Friday 12th July.

3927 Items for consultation and other correspondence received

All email correspondence and consultation documents forwarded to Cllrs.

All consultation items and news articles have been added to the parish website for information.

3928 Training/Seminars etc.

All training on offer has been forwarded to Cllrs for their consideration. Cllr Gray will attend the Dynamic Cllr. course in Dover in July.

Clerk, Cllrs Creed and Gray to attend DDC Offices Thursday 25th July – Dover District Local Plan.

3929 Dates and venues for future meetings

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 11th July 2019 Venue - Village Hall
Thursday 5th September 2019
Thursday 17th October 2019

This meeting closed at 22.15pm

CHAIRMAN

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