



Rolvenden Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Rolvenden Parish Council held in Rolvenden Village Hall, Rolvenden on 16th February 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs D Curtain (Chairman), Cllr E Barham, Cllr S Bryant, Cllr N Cackett, Cllr Mrs F May, Cllr Mrs I Newman, Cllr Mrs T Turner and Cllr Mrs L Walker.

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Also present: Cllr K Walder (Ashford Borough Council) 13 members of the public

842. Apologies for absence:

Cllr A Johnstone

843. Declarations of Interest:

1. Declarations of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

None.

2. Declarations of Members' Other Significant Interests:

Cllr Mrs I Newman, trustee of War Memorial Trust, trustee of the Non-Ecclesiastical Charities. Member of the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr E Barham trustee of Basil Russel Trust, trustee of the Windmill Trust, Royal British Legion. Minute 853 Finance (Hole Park Invoice)

Cllr Mrs F May, Secretary Rolvenden Village Hall,
Cllr Mrs D Curtain, Trustee of War Memorial Trustee.

3. Declarations of Members' Other Interests:

None

844. Planning:

PA/2023/0095 – 56-58 Waterloo House, High Street, Rolvenden – Proposed garden room with mezzanine and greenhouse. Demolition of shed, original outbuilding.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

PA/2023/0126 Listed building consent – 56-58 Waterloo House, High Street, Rolvenden - Demolition of shed, original outbuilding.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

PA/2023/0149 Listed building consent – 7 Maytham Road, Rolvenden – Reinstate existing diamond mullion window to east elevation. Fixed single glazing to the exterior of the window and secondary glazing internally.

Resolved: The Parish Council object to the fixing of single glazing to the exterior of the window as it is inappropriate for a listed building.

PA/2023/0227 – Lower Chessenden, Holiday Let sat, Benenden Road, Rolvenden – Change of use of a holiday let to a detached annexe for ancillary accommodation.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

PA/2023/0173 – Pookwell, Sandhurst Lane, Rolvenden – Change of use from annexe to flexible dual use of the building to annexe and holiday let.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

845. Public Participation:

There were no public submissions.

846. Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2023 were submitted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

847. Ashford Borough Councillor's Report:

Councillor Walder reported that the Borough Council will looking at the Ashford Local Plan during the next term of office as it is due for revision. There are a number of changes currently being proposed to the National Planning Policy Framework details will be submitted to the Parish Council in due course.

Ashford Borough Council are happy to support the Annual Litter pick by supplying equipment, bags and arranging for Biffa to collect the bags.

With the introduction of Voter ID at the elections due in May two workshops have been arranged, on 4th and 11th March 2023 from 10.00 till 12.00 to assist residents that have no photo ID.

848. Broadband:

There have been complaints regarding the poor connection speed in parts of Rolvenden. Whilst there have been government schemes to provide high speed broadband under project Gigabit the area was deemed as not eligible for funding the area being covered by Callflow.

KCC have been contacted regarding the roll out and as they provided a sizeable grant for the Callflow project there is no immediate plan for fibre apart from the small pockets being undertaken. It has been established that Callflow do not offer a social tariff, KCC are to be approached again.

849. Coronation of H M King Charles III:

The Parish Council is asked to consider how it wishes to mark the Coronation of H M King Charles III in May.

After discussion it was suggested that a specimen tree be planted, Ashford Borough Council are to be contacted to ascertain if a site is available.

850. Annual Litter Pick:

The annual litter pick is scheduled to take place on 11th March at 9.30 meeting at the Bull. Refreshments will be provided at the Star at the end.

851. Highways:

Some of the items from the previously agreed Highways Improvement Plan have now been progressed, the 30mph roundels on the approach from Tenterden and the Slow markings on the approach to the school from the Hastings direction.

852. Rolvenden Club:

Notification has been received from Ashford Borough Council that the planning application has been withdrawn.

853. Finance:

Schedule of payments:

Litter picking	£120.00
Staff costs	£1,200.40
Warm Hub	£100.00
F May reimbursement	£315.60 (VAT £52.60)
Hole Park Estate (xmas tree)	£192.00 (VAT £32.00)
War Memorial Trust	£20.00

Councillors Mrs Curtain and Mrs Newman verified the entries through the bank account.

The accounts held at Lloyds Bank have now been closed and the funds transferred to the Council's current bankers.

Resolved:

- 1. To authorise the payment of the items in the schedule of payments**
- 2. To receive and note Report RPC/22/15**
- 3. To receive and acknowledge the financial movements for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st January 2023.**

Councillor Barham expressed displeasure that the budget passed at the December meeting is 18% above the outturn for the current year.

854. Rolvenden Layne Defibrillator:

Following the closure of the Ewe and Lamb there have been a number of occasions when the power supply has been turned off following any viewings of the property. This has resulted in the battery of the defibrillator running down to such extent that the defibrillator will not work.

Whilst a replacement battery has been sourced and purchased it has not been installed as further power outages will result in the battery failing. The Parish Council is asked to consider relocating the defibrillator to a new site where the power supply is more secure.

After the agenda was prepared an update has been received on the future of the Ewe and Lamb in that a new Landlady has been found and confirmed that the defibrillator can remain.

855. Other items for information:

The Annual Parish Meeting has been booked for 27th April at 7.30pm.

The farewell to Mandy Babbage, Village Hall manager, was poorly supported considering the time and effort that Mandy has contributed over the years.

A vote of thanks was proposed to those that regularly litter pick throughout the Parish.

Councillor Bryant requested that there be a meeting of the Thoburn Land Trust in March and to include a proposal to establish a management committee.