



Rolvenden Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Rolvenden Parish Council held in Rolvenden Village Hall on 23rd July 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs D Curtain (Chairman), Cllr S Bryant, Cllr Mrs F May, Cllr Mrs I Newman, and Cllr G Tiltman

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

Also present: Ashford Borough Councillor K Walder and 3 members of the public

586. Apologies for absence:

Cllr E Barham Cllr A Johnstone Cllr Mrs T Turner and Cllr Mrs L Walker

587. Declarations of Interest:

1. Declarations of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

None.

2. Declarations of Members' Other Significant Interests:

Cllr Mrs D Curtain, trustee of War Memorial Trust.

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

3. Declarations of Members' Other Interests:

None.

588. Public participation:

The owner of Cherry Garden Nursery spoke in support of the planning application before the Council.

589. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2021 were submitted, agreed as a true record to be signed by the Chairman.

590. Planning:

21/01205/AS Cherry Garden Nursery, Hastings Road, Rolvenden – New mobile home

Resolved: The Parish Council were disappointed that despite requests for further information such as business plan and design and access statement this was not forthcoming from the Borough Council. The Ward Member who was present confirmed that the documentation had been submitted. However, two members abstained as they were not prepared to consider the application without this information. The three remaining members were prepared to support the application subject to a condition that a three year temporary permission be granted.

21/01263/AS Little Jobs Cross, Wassall Lane, Rolvenden – Erection of replacement garage/store building. [Revision to 21/00284/AS]

Resolved: To object to the application as the siting of the building would contravene paragraph 180 (c) of the 2021 NPPF which states “development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats (such as ancient woodland and ancient or veteran trees) should be refused, unless there are wholly exceptional reasons and a suitable compensation strategy exists”

591. Finance:

Schedule of payments:

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| Staff costs | £1,214.54 (VAT £27.30) |
| Litter picking | £120.00 |
| Tompsett Landscaping | £1,510.80 (VAT £251.80) |
| I Hemsley (bin allowance) | £40.00 |
| G Tiltman (ssl cert for website) | £39,99 (VAT £6.66) |

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

Resolved:

- 1. To authorise the payments contained within the schedule**
- 2. To receive and note Report RPC/21/06**
- 3. To receive and acknowledge the financial movements for the period 1st April 2021 to 30th April 2021.**

592. Wild flowers in Verges and Greens:

There is significant interest in the village in planting some of the verges/greens with wild flower “pollen bars”. The Parish Council is asked if it wishes to support planting areas in this way.

Should the Parish Council decide to proceed this will be subject to the approval of the land owner and in co-operation with the Contractors that undertake the grass cutting.

Resolved: to identify areas maintained by the Parish Council to act as a pilot area.

593. Churchyard Footpath and field gate, south side:

The PCC have approached the County Council Public Rights of Way Officer to ascertain if there are any available funds to improve the footpath and replace the gate.

KCC have responded that they would contribute but it would be best done through the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is asked if it will support the PCC by way of arranging the funding from KCC.

Resolved: The Parish Clerk is to liaise with the Public Rights of Way Officer at Kent County Council regarding potential funding.

594. Telephone boxes:

Drawings have been provided to enable the Listed Building Consent Application to be prepared and submitted to Ashford Borough Council. Works on the boxes will be undertaken by pupils of Cranbrook Grammar School as a field project. The intention is to start with the box at the Layne as soon as the school returns after the summer holiday.

595. Stolen funds:

The letter of engagement and terms of business had been received by email shortly before the meeting but not checked for detail.

596. Land bequest:

No progress has been made.