



# Rolvenden Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Rolvenden Parish Council held in Rolvenden Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs D Curtain (Chairman), Cllr S Bryant, Cllr A Johnstone, Cllr Mrs F May, Cllr Mrs I Newman, Cllr G Tiltman, Cllr Mrs T Turner and Cllr Mrs L Walker

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

Also present: Ashford Borough Councillor K Walder and 27 members of the public

**632. Apologies for absence:**  
Cllr E Barham

**633. 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. Minute 636 planning application for 33 Maytham Road.

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

**3. Declarations of Members' Other Interests:**

Cllr Mrs L Walker Rolvenden Village Fete

**634. Kent County Councillor's Report:**

Councillor M Hill gave an update on the activities of the County Council:

1. Services: most have returned to normal following the pandemic, a review of ways of working is being carried out before reviewing the property portfolio.
2. Budget: the Government Settlement was better than expected although it will be a difficult budget to set as there is a limit on the level increase of 2% + 1% for adult social care.
3. The asylum issues namely the unaccompanied children have placed a strain on services with numbers close to limits.
4. Cross channel disruption: is always a concern and now Manston is no longer available to use for parking lorries.

**635. Public Participation:**

A resident raised the issue of the recent burglary on the jewellery shop in Tenterden and the apparent lack of Police presence in Rolvenden and suggested that anyone that sees anything untoward near any of the businesses should report it.

**636. Minutes:**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 October 2021 were submitted, agreed as a true record to be signed by the Chairman.

**637. Planning:**

Councillor Mrs Curtain left the room, Councillor Mrs Walker took the Chair.

**21/01846/AS 33 Maytham Road, Rolvenden** – Removal of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey extension.

**Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.**

Councillor Curtain returned to the meeting.

**21/00894/AS Land West of Kingsgate Cottage:**

Further information:

- *The electric vehicle (EV) charging point for each property is shown on the site layout plan demarcated by a red 'EV' symbol immediately adjacent to the proposed parking spaces (drawing ref. 6827/50/B).*
- *As was the case with the approved scheme (See condition No.8 of the approved planning permission ref. 18/00974/AS), it is anticipated that details for the drainage of the site would be addressed by way of appropriate planning condition.*
- *The properties would most likely be heated by either gas combi boilers or air source heat pumps. The details of the systems to be installed will depend on the building regulations in place at the time of construction.*

**Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application subject to the following;**

1. **Samples of bricks, clay hanging tiles and clay plain roof tiles to be used externally shall be approved in writing by the Parish Council before the development proceeds above slab level. In the interests of visual amenity.**
2. **All windows and external doors shall be painted timber in the interests of visual amenity.**
3. **Before commencement of the development details of drainage works to be submitted which should include on site attenuation as this site is known to flood on a regular basis. Local knowledge also advises that the pond on neighbouring land overflows on to the application site.**
4. **Before commencement a Construction Management Plan shall be submitted and shared with the Parish Council. The plan needs to include parking and turning areas for construction and delivery vehicles and site personnel and the provision of wheel washing facilities all within the site boundary, in the interest of highway safety and residential amenity.**
5. **Before use of the site the approved access should be completed, in the interests of highway safety and residential amenity.**
6. **Details of measures to prevent the discharge of surface water from the site on to the public highway at all stages of the development, in the interest of highway safety.**
7. **All works on the site to be carried out in such a way so as to protect the trees on the site and their root system, in order to protect and enhance the appearance and character of the site and the locality.**

8. **No external lighting to be installed unless in accordance with a scheme submitted and approved by the planning authority to protect the dark skies of the area.**

**638. Finance:**

Schedule of payments

Staff costs	£870.09
Litter picking	£120.00
Tompsett landscaping	£1,510.80 (VAT £251.80)
Xmas fair	£200.00
R Pursey	£210.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£17.00

Funds received in October

ABC Grant Phone box project	£500.00
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Councillors Mrs D Curtain and Mrs I Newman verified the entries through the bank account.

**Resolved:**

1. **To authorise the payments contained in the schedule**
2. **To receive and note the financial movements for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.**

**639. Pollen Bars:**

Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Council have been consulted and have agreed in principle to the project. A management plan for the maintenance is to be drawn up. The War Memorial Trust have agreed to an area in the corner of the Layne playing field being planted with wild flowers in addition to the bulbs around the war memorial. The first verge to receive the treatment will be the area from the Church to Monypenny.

**640. Street Lighting from the Church to Monypenny:**

Information and estimated costs are awaited from Kent County Council.

**641. Phone Boxes:**

The Layne box has been undercoated, however it has not been warm enough to apply the top coat. The interior fittings are ready to install as soon as the painting has been completed. A dedicated website has been proposed where previous sound files and other information will be available, the cost being £708 for two years.

**Resolved: to agree to the establish a dedicated website. (Councillor Tiltman abstained)**

**642. Stolen funds:**

Councillor Barham and the Parish Clerk met virtually with Mr Longden from Whitehead Monckton regarding progress to date. The letter sent in August to Lloyds Bank appears not to have been received, it has been resent on a signed for basis. Having studied the insurance policy there is no reason not to send a letter but the best hope still remains with the Bank. The outlook is gloomy.

**643. Land bequest:**

The Solicitors are still awaiting the executors to make contact.

644. **Items for information:**

An offer has been received to donate 20 fruit trees to the Parish, this is to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Newman has requested that another councillor takes over the responsibility of the weekly checks on the defibrillators in the Streyte, Councillor May volunteered.

Councillor Walker provided an update on the planned festivities for the Jubilee weekend in June 2022.

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