



Rolvenden Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Rolvenden Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 7.30pm in the Gallery at Rolvenden Village Hall, Maytham Road, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4ND.

Present: Cllr E Barham, Cllr S Bryant, Cllr Mrs D Curtain, Cllr A Johnstone, , Cllr Mrs I Newman, Cllr G Tiltman, Cllr Mrs T Turner, Cllr Mrs L Walker

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

Also attending 23 members of the public, Ashford Borough Councillor C Walder.

272. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Mrs F May (business)

273. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

1. Declarations of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

2. Declarations of Members' Other Significant Interests:

Cllr Mrs D Curtain, trustee of the War Memorial Trust

Cllr Mrs I Newman, trustee of the War Memorial Trust.

Cllr E Barham trustee of the Basil Russel Trust, trustee of the Windmill Trust, Royal British Legion

Cllr Mrs L Walker Rolvenden Village Fete

3. Declarations of Members' Other Interests:

Cllr G Tiltman, member of the Village Hall Management committee

Cllr S Bryant Chairman Rolvenden Football Club

274. MINUTES:

The minutes of the Parish Council held on 14th May 2019 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

275. Planning:

19/00612/AS – Frensham Manor, Winser Road, Rolvenden – Change of use of barn within the grounds of Frensham Manor for occasional cultural and community use.

Resolved: The Parish Council have considered the application and would wish to see the following conditions applied should the Borough Council be mindful to grant planning permission.

- 1. A limit of 10 events per year at a frequency of no more than fortnightly, to preserve the peaceful tranquillity of the neighbourhood.**
- 2. Any amplified music to be operated through a commercial noise limiter, the maximum level to be determined by Environmental Health, to preserve the peaceful tranquillity of the neighbourhood.**
- 3. Any permission granted to be on a one year temporary basis.**
- 4. Events to be finished by 22:00 to preserve the peaceful tranquillity of the neighbourhood.**

19/00647/AS – Four Wents Cottage, 2 Maytham Road, Rolvenden – Single storey extension to provide a new garage and construction of a new driveway. Opening blocked up and window relocated in north elevation.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

19/00648/AS – Listed building consent. Four Wents Cottage, 2 Maytham Road, Rolvenden – Single storey extension to provide a new garage and construction of a new driveway. Opening blocked up and window relocated in north elevation.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

19/00694/AS – Pixhill Barn, Mounts Lane, Rolvenden – Proposed erection of a detached annexe.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application subject to a condition that the annexe is only used for accommodation of a dependent relative and not for future letting or commercial usage.

19/00455/AS – Land West of Hodee, Frensham Road, Rolvenden – Reserved matters application for details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of one detached bungalow in pursuant to Outline Planning permission 18/00545/AS.

Resolved: The Parish Council note the details of the application however they express concerns about the overall roof height making this property a dominant feature in the street scene, it would be more sympathetic if the overall height were to be reduced by using a multi-pitched roof rather than the proposed design.

19/00701/AS – Alders Fruit Farm, Alder Lane, Rolvenden – Prior approval for a proposed change of use of building and land within its curtilage from an agricultural use to a flexible use falling within Class B1 (light industrial).

Resolved: The Parish Council deferred making a decision on this application due to the lack of information being provided in terms of the proposed flexible use.

19/00770/AS – Bayards Oast, Hastings Road, Rolvenden – Retrospective application for the erection of a stable block and associated change of use of land within its curtilage from an agricultural use to an equestrian use.

Resolved: The Parish Council object to the application on the grounds that there appears to be insufficient grazing without supplementary feeding leading to the potential damage to ancient trees situated within the area proposed as grazing.

19/00772/AS – Bayards Oast, Hastings Road, Rolvenden – Part retrospective planning application for the erection of a garden wall and a white palisade fence. Proposed erection of a single-storey garage and associated hard standing.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

19/00762/AS – Bayards Oast, Hastings Road, Rolvenden – Proposed replacement windows, cladding and external doors.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

276. Meeting Venue:

The Parish Council is asked to review the agreed meeting place for Parish Council meetings as the Village Hall now have a regular Tuesday evening booking resulting in the main hall being unavailable. The pre-school room could be used however, the furniture needs to be moved from the main hall between the time the room becomes available and 7pm and returned after 9pm which is not practical and the noise levels may be unacceptable.

The gallery is available, this is not accessible to the disabled as there is no lift access, in addition the music from the hall is clearly heard.

The Parish Council is therefore asked to consider moving to the Church which is accessible to the disabled.

Resolved: To hold the July, August and September meetings in the Church., the Village Hall to be asked about the availability of a consistent day to change the day of the meeting and enquiries to be made to use the communal meeting room at Monypenny. To be reviewed at the July meeting when further information is available.

277. Finance

Payments authorised at the meeting

Cheque number	Payee	Amount
300158	P Setterfield	£509.77
300159	P Setterfield	£57.00
300160	HMRC	£135.00
300161	S Brooks	£120.00
300162	Cornex Garage	£127.09
300163	Tompsett Landscaping	£1,380.00
300164	Cardiac Science	£136.14
300165	Homewood School	£64.80
300166	Tony Fullwood Associates	£3,066.84
300167	Rolvenden War Memorial Trust	£20.00
300169	G Tiltman	£119.99
300170	I Hemsley	£32.50

Cllr Curtain confirmed that the entries through the bank account were verified.

Resolved: to authorise the payments presented.

278. Appointment to Outside bodies:

The Parish Council is asked to nominate representatives to the following outside bodies:

Rolvenden War Memorial Trust – up to 4

Rolvenden Village Hall – 1

Rolvenden Non-ecclesiastical charities – 1

Resolved: to appoint the following representatives;

War Memorial Trust; Cllr Mrs D Curtain, Cllr Mrs I Newman, B Hindley and K Linklater

Rolvenden Village Hall: Cllr G Tiltman

Rolvenden Non-ecclesiastical charities: Cllr Mrs I Newman

Kent Association Of Local Councils Ashford area committee: Cllr Mrs D Curtain and Cllr Mrs L Walker.

279. KCC Highways and Transportation:

KCC want communities to have a greater voice in prioritising the road safety measures they need to take and to be more responsive to community needs. At the

same time, they need to balance requests with the money they have available to spend, making sure their investment has the most impact in making roads safer for all users.

Local communities are best-placed to tell them about the road safety issues in their areas and, through the collaboration between local Members and parish councils, this can provide them with a clear view about the local priorities they should be addressing.

To help them improve the way they manage requests for these types of changes and improvements, they ask members of the public to contact their parish council. This will enable them to assist Parishes and communities with their requests in a more proactive and programmed way.

Parish councils know their local area well and it is this knowledge that can help them focus their efforts and finite funding on improvements or changes that have the greatest priority. It also gives parish councils a more effective way of spending their money to solve local issues.

They would encourage parish councils, working with their local KCC Members, to develop a Highways Improvement Plan for their areas. The plan gives parish councils the opportunity to decide which community priorities they want to take forward. Given the finite KCC highways budget, not all priorities are likely to be funded. However, the Kent Highways team can discuss the problems and provide technical advice for the best way to deliver improvements and provide estimates for the costs. Using this information, parish councils can determine whether they can provide funding for these priorities and, working with Kent Highways, deliver them.

Members of the public wanting to make a request for lower road speeds or other road safety improvements are asked to take the following steps:

1. Check the crash data of the site where the improvements are wanted
2. Contact their local parish council with the crash data or other evidence for the request, who would then contact the KCC member for further collaboration.

Benefits:

- Communities not only have a voice on the road safety improvements that are delivered in their areas, but they also have control over determining these and taking them forward.
- There is greater transparency of road safety improvements in local areas through local Highways Improvement Plans
- Highways, Members and parish councils have a more productive relationship
- Highways staff have more time to work proactively with local communities in delivering these improvements.

The Parish Council is recommended to draw up a list of potential highways issues for further consideration.

Resolved to set up a working group to compile a list of potential issues for consideration.

280. Rolvenden Rocket:

An agreement has been reached with parents for a daily service to Cranbrook school as the service bus no longer runs at a convenient time this is for 186 days a year. Should there be another day trip booking for the rocket parents will make alternative arrangements.

The Rocket has also been used by Northiam School for outings.

Ashford Borough Council have contacted the Parish Council to advise that the pilot is coming to its end and want to know how matters are being taken forward. Whilst the anniversary is approaching the minibus was delayed in delivery and therefore has not completed a year in operation. The contract was extended to two years, a further meeting has been arranged with the Borough Council.

281. Halden Field:

The Chairman, Vice chairman and ward member met with West Kent Housing regarding the development as Rolvenden benefits from being in a designated protected status zone to protect the affordable status of the properties. Ashford Borough Council are applying for a waiver to this.

West Kent Housing are keen to work with the Parish Council and have agreed an exclusive 6 week period of local marketing before general advertising commences.

282. Defibrillator cabinets:

New pads have been received for the defibrillator at the Layne. Both cabinets need replacement doors as they have corroded very badly, a quotation is awaited.

283. Neighbourhood Plan:

There has been a very good attendance at the two events held on the consultation, the closing date is the 25th June.

284. New Regulations:

New regulations called 'The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018' have come into force, which means that from the 23rd September 2019, every new public sector website and app will need to meet certain accessibility standards and publish a statement saying that they have been met. Existing websites will have until 22nd September 2020 to comply.

The aim of these regulations is to ensure public sector websites and mobile apps are accessible to all users, especially those with disabilities.

An accessibility statement is being prepared to be placed on the website which in itself is regulated and will appear on the website prior to the 23rd September.

All new documents being placed on the website are being monitored by the accessibility checker prior to publication. Prior to September 2020 all existing documents will be checked for compliance and updated or removed as appropriate.

285. Tree Preservation Orders:

The Parish Council has received a request for a tree preservation order to be placed on the trees in Sparkeswood Avenue. The Borough Council Planning Department have been approached and advise that the trees in Sparkeswood Avenue are under the control of Ashford Borough Council and as such subject to appropriate management, it is difficult to justify any 'expediency' in this case.

The Council have no plans to remove any trees at this time and have replanted trees where some removed owing to subsidence at the southern end of the avenue.

Resolved: the response from Ashford Borough Council is not satisfactory and the Ward member is asked to take the matter forward.

286. Grass cutting of Rolvenden football pitches:

This item was not discussed and carried forward to the next full meeting of the Parish Council

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.