



Rolvenden Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Rolvenden Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 7.30pm in St Mary the Virgin Church, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4NF.

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

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

Also attending: Ashford Borough Councillor K Walder and 12 members of the public.

387. Apologies for Absence:

There were no apologies for absence.

388. Declarations of Interest:

1. Declarations of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

None

2. Declarations of Members' Other Significant Interests:

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

Cllr Mrs L Walker Rolvenden Village Fete

Cllr Mrs D Curtain, trustee of War Memorial Trust

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

3. Declarations of Members' Other Interests:

Cllr G Tiltman, member of the Village Hall Management committee

Cllr S Bryant Chairman Rolvenden Football Club

389. Public participation:

A resident raised concerns about the Road Closure announced for Halden Lane and that the statutory 12 weeks notice had not been given. Councillor Curtain said that she would investigate.

390. Minutes:

The minutes of the meetings held on 21st January 2020 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

391. Planning:

Under Section 70 of the Town and Country Planning Act as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017, local planning authorities must have regard to a post Examination Neighbourhood Plan if an Examiner has recommended that a local planning authority should finalise the draft plan with modifications.

So all future planning applications that we consider must refer to specific Neighbourhood Plan policies when being assessed and where relevant indicate which Neighbourhood Plan policy a proposal is not in compliance with and why, and vice versa.

16/01484/AS – Cherry Wood Cottage, Alder Lane

This application was previously considered by the Parish Council and an objection submitted, the Borough Council has still to determine the application. The applicant and agent wished to address the Parish Council to alleviate some of the concerns raised in its objection. Following their presentation and after questions were asked by Members it was **Resolved by majority decision that subject to further written evidence being submitted in a timely manner the Parish Council would consider this evidence at its March 2020 meeting and if it wishes to add further comments to those already submitted to the Borough Council.**

20/00110/AS – Forsham Farm, Wassall Lane, Rolvenden – Proposed Home Office

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to the application on the following grounds:

The design is contrary to the Rolvenden Neighbourhood Plan Policy RNP1, Design of New Development and Conservation, as it does not enhance the heritage asset of Forsham Farmhouse which is Grade II listed.

The design is contrary to Rolvenden Neighbourhood Plan Policy RNP4, Residential Development on the periphery of Rolvenden's Built-up confines, in that it does not enhance the distinctive quality of the landscape and have regard to the High Weald AONB Management Plan.

The design does not conform to the High Weald Design Guide, DG7 in that the roofscape does not reference that of the locality in terms of pitch and covering materials.

Regulation 18 Consultation on Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Local Plan Options Report:

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the fact that sites/pitches need to be in non-isolated locations and within easy reach of Local services. The Rural areas of the Borough frequently suffer from a lack of infrastructure and few local services.

392. Telephone kiosk:

Due to unforeseen circumstances the planned presentation on the installation was not available therefore this matter will be deferred until the March 2020 Agenda.

393. Village Fete 2020:

Preparations are well advanced advertising leaflets have been printed and plans for the Street Party taking shape. The next committee meeting will be on 3rd March 2020 at 7pm in the Star.

394. Finance:

Payments authorised at the meeting

Cheque No.	Payee	Net amount	VAT	Payment
235 & 236	Staff costs			£869.45
237	Litter Picking			£120.00
238	Cornex Garage	£277.80	£55.57	£333.37
Direct debit	ID Mobile			£5.00
239	PCC of St Mary the Virgin Rolvenden			£85.00
240	Rolvenden Rocket expenses			£94.00
241	Tenterden & District Day Centre			£196.00

Report RPC/19/15 brings to the Parish Council a summary of the receipts and payments together with bank reconciliation and funds statement for the period ending 31st January 2020.

Resolved:

1. To receive and note Report RPC/19/15
2. To receive and acknowledge the financial movements for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st January 2020.

Councillors Curtain and Newman confirmed verification of the entries to the bank account.

Update on the missing funds:

Councillors Curtain and Walker together with the Forensic Auditor have met with the loss adjuster to try and move forward the Parish Council's Insurance claim. After consideration the loss adjuster has provided a list of thirteen requirements to be submitted within the next two months which, if complied with will pave the way forward with the claim.

395. Bollards:

Borough Councillor K Walder has agreed to the sum of £800 being made available from her Ward Members grant towards the cost of protecting the verge between the Vicarage and Church opposite the Village Hall. After discussion it was agreed that a knee rail would be the preferred option, Kent Highways are to be asked if we can use a local contractor to undertake the works or if it has to be one from their list.

396. Village Newcomers:

Initial discussion was held on a way forward with the possibility of a BBQ being organised, the Church Group who previously organised an event have offered £70 towards the cost. Further consideration will be given to this at the March meeting.

397. Rolvenden Rocket:

The three outings being offered at the present time are showing reasonable bookings, the exception being the trip to Hampton Court where consideration is being given to borrowing a second bus. Discussion was held with regard to the monies given from the Tenterden Christmas Market and it was agreed that £100 would be used to subsidise the cost of a trip for the young to Clip and Climb.

398. Halden Field:

The first trigger point for the payment of S106 monies from Taylor Wimpey has been reached and the sum available for play equipment being £29,881.91 of which only £14,776.60 has to be used as Capital purchase and the remaining £15,105.31 retained by the Parish as a maintenance fund.

Resolved: to request the Parish Clerk to apply to the Borough Council to release these funds in order to take forward the renovation of the play area at the Streyte.

399. Highways matters:

Discussion was held regarding the ongoing parking issues in Sparkeswood Avenue. Ashford Borough Council and Kent Highways are to be contacted to see if more off street parking can be provided to alleviate what is becoming a dangerous situation.

400. Newsletter:

Councillors were asked for items to be put forward for the annual newsletter which former Councillor R Willcox has agreed to put together on behalf of the Parish Council.

401. Items for information:

Ashford Borough Council Dog Warden has been out to see first hand the issues being faced with dog fouling in the play areas and open spaces. There will be a repeat visit in two weeks when new signage highlighting the fines will be installed.

Councillor Barham advised that he had received a visit from BT who are looking to install fibre cables, therefore highspeed internet within the next nine months.

It was noted that the footpath between the Vicarage and Monypenny has once again flooded, KCC drainage team are to be contacted to deal with the issue.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.