



Rolvenden Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Rolvenden Parish Council held in Rolvenden Village Hall on 21st October 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs D Curtain (Chairman), Cllr E Barham, Cllr S Bryant, Cllr A Johnstone, Cllr Mrs I Newman 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

618. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Mrs T Turner, Cllr Mrs F May and Cllr G Tiltman

619. 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 601 planning application for Rolvenden Tennis Club as Trustee for the landlord.

Cllr Mrs I Newman, trustee of War Memorial Trust, trustee of the Non-Ecclesiastical Charities. Minute 601 planning application for Rolvenden Tennis Club as Trustee for the landlord.

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

3. Declarations of Members' Other Interests:

Cllr Mrs L Walker Rolvenden Village Fete

620. Public Participation:

There were no submissions.

621. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2021 were submitted, agreed as a true record to be signed by the Chairman

622. Planning:

21/01826/AS Land rear of Redwood, Tenterden Road, Rolvenden – Erection of 8 no. detached dwellings with associated landscaping, car ports and access.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application subject to a condition on external lighting, to protect the dark skies and in the interests of neighbouring properties, samples of materials to be used in the construction shown to the Parish Council, and enhancements made to the footpath.

21/01683/AS Oak View, Hastings Road, Rolvenden – Construction of a new stable building to contain two stables, tack room and tractor store, with hay and trailer storage, including associated hardstanding and access. Construction of a menage and associated fencing and surfacing.

Resolved: The Parish Council object to the application on the grounds of over development and the lack of appropriate turning circles within the site.

21/01714/AS & 21/01672/AS Frogs Hole Farm, Frogs Lane, Rolvenden – Two single storey rear extensions; new porch, erection of new partition walls; new window and changes to fenestration with Associated Listed Building Application no. 21/01672/AS.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

21/00894/AS Land west of Kingsgate Cottage, Frensham Road, Rolvenden – Erection of 6 dwellings, landscaping and new access from Maytham Road.

Decision was deferred whilst further information was sought.

623. Finance:

Schedule of payments:

Staff costs	£958.13
P Setterfield reimbursement	£328.80(VAT £54.80) phone box paint
Litter picking	£150.00
Tompsett Landscaping	£2,266.20 (VAT £377.70)
Playsafety Ltd	£189.60 (VAT £31.60)
Fun Fest	£500.00
My Village Stores	£21.88

Funds received in September;

HMRC VAT refund	£15,048.45
PCC St Mary The Virgin	£1,636.00
ABC Grant Fun Fest	£500.00
War Memorial Trust	£130.00
ABC Precept	£15,243.00

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

Resolved:

- 1. To authorise the payments contained in the schedule.**
- 2. To receive and note Report RPC/21/09.**
- 3. To receive and note the financial movements for the period 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021.**
- 4. To authorise the purchase of a wreath for the Remembrance Day Service.**

624. Recycling collections on High Street:

It was reported that there are 12 properties in the High Street where it is not possible to have wheelie bins, these properties are provided with sacks. Unfortunately it would seem that a new supply was not delivered and the bin crews refused to take the recycling if not in the appropriate bags.

The Parish Clerk has contacted Ashford Borough Council who advise that the bags are supplied on a six monthly basis, a request is to be made to deliver a supply to all 12 properties.

625. Pollen Bars:

The BumbleBee Conservation Trust have completed a survey and made some Management Recommendations for the village, this document was circulated to Councillors before the meeting, a copy is appended to these minutes.

The War Memorial Trust and the school are interested in participating and Kent County Council have funding available. It was agreed that the first area to be treated would be the verge from the Church down to Monypenny which would hopefully alleviate some of the issues with vehicles using the verge.

626. Street Lighting from the Church to Monypenny:

Prior to the meeting the Parish Clerk has been in contact with Kent Highways regarding the potential installation of Street Lighting. The Parish Council can be permitted, subject to licence, to install street lighting further information has been requested from the lighting team at Kent Highways.

627. Platinum Jubilee celebrations June 2022:

Councillor Barham advised that plans for the beacon lighting were well advanced with Cranbrook Town Band booked for musical entertainment and pedestrian access from Regent Street. Consideration is being given to making this a ticketed event to control numbers, the ticket being issued free.

The Village Fete Committee are due to meet to plan their events.

628. Phone Boxes:

Work is due to start on the restoration of the Layne Phone box at the end of the week. Ashford Borough Council have made available a grant in the sum of £2,000 for the project.

629. Stolen Funds:

The Solicitors have been looking at the Insurance Policy and have asked for clarification on some of the dates as the law was changed during the period of our claim.

Cllr Barham requested authority to speak direct to the Solicitor, it was agreed subject to the Clerk being present this would be allowed. All correspondence between the Council and the Solicitor to be shared with all councillors.

630. Land Bequest:

The Executors have yet to respond to the Council's solicitors despite follow up letter.

631. Other Items for Information:

The open day went well with many village groups taking part, thanks were given to the Councillors that attended, the Star and those that served in the kitchen.

Traffic surveys are due to be undertaken at 3 points on the High Street in conjunction with the Highways Improvement Plan.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30 pm.