

BIDDENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 12 AUGUST 2014 IN THE NEW HALL, BIDDENDEN**

Present: Cllr C Friend (Chair) Cllr A Lidgett
 Cllr D Boulding Cllr S Parks
 Cllr E Cansdale Cllr E Stevenson-Rouse
 Cllr P Harris Cllr J Tydeman
 Cllr T Lupton

1. Apologies for Absence

None. All present.

2. Parishioners' Questions

There were no parishioners present.

3. Any Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

There were none.

4. Any Changes to the Register of Members Interests

There were none.

5. Matters for information not on the agenda

The Chairman stated that item 10 may be taken in closed session subject to agreement.

6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 July 2014

Councillors were asked for any comments or amendments to the minutes. The Clerk outlined any changes made. There being no changes to the minutes they were deemed to be a true and proper record. Proposed by: Cllr E Stevenson-Rouse Seconded by: Cllr S Parks. **Agreed by those who attended that meeting.**

7. Finance

a) Approval of cheques for payment: The payment schedule considered. Proposed by: Cllr S Parks Seconded by: Cllr T Lupton. **Unanimous**

b) Accounts to 31 July 2014. The accounts were noted.

8. Planning

Case No	Parish	Location and Description	Decision
14/00745/AS	Biddenden	The Rectory, 36 High Street, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8AH Erection of outbuilding for ancillary office accommodation	Support
14/00898/AS	Biddenden	Farm yard and buildings, Stede Quarter Farm, High Halden Road, Biddenden, Kent Erection of a dwelling	Support
14/00951/AS	Biddenden	Boundary Farm, Cranbrook Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6UR One and a half storey rear extension; increase in size of upper floor window to east elevation.	Support
14/00021/GPDE/AS	Biddenden	6 Worsenden, Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8EH Notification of a Proposed Larger Home Extension - Erection of a single storey rear extension (depth 3.8m x ridge 3.6m x eaves 2.47m)	Support
14/00964/AS	Biddenden	Little Omenden Farm, Biddenden, Ashford, TN27 8QP Erection of steel framed loose cattle house	Support
14/00791/AS (DEL)	Biddenden	Standen Farm, Smarden Road, Biddenden, Ashford, TN27 8JT Replace casements to 5 windows on principal/front elevation with double-glazed units and repairs to timber sub-frames and mullions	Support
14/00804 (Amended plan received since BPC supported application – see plan at the back)	Biddenden	Midwood, Benenden road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8BY Proposed dormer window to facilitate loft conversion and installation of first floor rooflights	Support

Discussion took place relating to applications 14/00890/AS and 14/00827/AS as the Parish Council was not a consultee. The Clerk was asked to write to the relevant planning officer to find out why this was the case.

Discussion took place regarding the planning decisions for applications 12/0133/AMND/AS and 14/00781/AS as the Parish Council had not been consulted. The Clerk was asked to draft a letter to the Planning Department.

9. Items for Future Consideration

Public Toilets

10. Post Office

The Chairman suggested that this item be taken in closed session due to the confidentiality. A vote was taken. **Agreed.**

Discussion took place regarding the current situation following the meeting of the PO Working Group. Councillors had been provided with copies of all relevant documents prior to the meeting.

The following actions were agreed:

1. Ask tenant to confirm their intentions
2. Ask the interested party for a business plan
3. Ask DVO is the valuation done in 2012 is still valid. If not a new one to be requested
4. Ask Solicitor if the above actions are appropriate and to advise further as necessary

Following receipt the information above information **it was agreed** to convene a meeting of the Post office group to go through the replies and to put forward recommendations to the full parish council meeting in September.

- 11. Date of Next Meeting:** Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 9th September at 7.30 pm,
Village Hall, Biddenden