

BIDDENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

APPROVED Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 June 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Biddenden

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

Cllr N Bell, ABC
Mrs A Swannick (Clerk)

3 parishioners

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr P Harris due to work commitments

2. Parishioners questions

Does the fair pay for the use of the playing field? *Yes, Shayler's funfair does pay.*
Do people have to ask permission to put up notices on the car park fence? *Yes. Permission has to be given where possible.*

3. Any Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None.

4. Any changes to the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

None.

5. Minutes of the parish Council meeting held on 12 May 2015

There being no amendments to the minutes circulated the minutes were deemed to be a true and proper record of the meeting. Proposed by: Cllr S Parks Seconded by: Cllr J Tydeman. **Unanimous.**

6. Matters for information not on the agenda

Councillors **agreed** that a notice inviting applications for co-option should go in the August and September edition of the Parish Magazine.

7. Report by Cllr Bell, ABC

Cllr Gerry Clarkson has been formally elected as Leader of the Council. Cllr Neil Bell has been formally elected Deputy Leader, and Cllr Mrs Clair Bell is a cabinet member. The Chairman congratulated Cllr Bell on his election as Deputy Leader.

The National Tourism Symposium was held last week in Ashford at Eastwell Manor. ABC launched a Wine Trail, and Biddenden Vineyard is part of the trail. Cllr Bell agreed to get a copy of the trail for the parish council.

8. Ashford Borough Council Local Plan to 2030 – Site Submissions for Biddenden

The Clerk has asked ABC for an update. Cllr Bell confirmed that there was nothing further to report.

9. Broadband

It is understood that BT are working on the broadband. Woolpack Corner needs to be connected up at London Beech. There are a series of roadworks on Tenterden Road. A company wishing to provide radio broadband has approached the church regarding putting a transmitter on the roof.

10. Reports by Clerk, Group Chairmen and Parish Council Representatives

Car Park, Toilets and Post Office: It was **agreed** that following the update given by the Post Office by email to the Clerk, the Clerk should write to the Post Office expressing concern at the PO handling of the issues.

Millennium Field and Jubilee Meadow: A date is awaited for the work on the trees. However, prior to any work taking place a meeting of the Working Group is to be organised.

Traffic, Pedestrians and Footpaths: The blocked culvert behind Mansion House Close is being dealt with. The KCC Land Drainage Engineer has been in touch with ABC, the landowner, regarding clearance.

It was reported that Cllr Hill had received approval for lighting in the footpath between Cheeselands and Glebelands. It was **agreed** to accept and to tell him that the council is looking into the positioning of the light.

Speedwatch: The results from Speedwatch sessions have been analysed. No individual recognition or vehicle number plates are recorded. 1250 vehicles have been through the village and over 600 were exceeding the speed limit. 22% of vehicles exceeded 35 mph and 50% exceeded 30 mph.

When Speedwatch was outside PK Produce, 747 vehicles were recorded passing and 163 of those exceeded 35mph. When Speedwatch was at Glebelands, 148 vehicles were recorded and 6 exceeded 36mph.

It was noted that something was needed to stop people speeding coming into the village from Headcorn such a permanent speed sign, as other methods were not allowed on "A" roads.

Gordon Jones Playing Field and Play Area: The RoSPA inspection will take place in July.

Play Area: A meeting is to be held on Friday 26 June at 5.30 pm, meeting up at the play area.

Police Liaison Crime statistics from Police UK for March 2015 = 6

Anti-Social behaviour	-	1
Burglary	-	2
Other theft	-	2
Violence & Sexual Offences	-	1

KALC: Nothing to Report

Parish Forum: Nothing to report

Recycling: A meeting will be held in September

Village Hall Management Committee: The Squash Club had queried what had happened to their application to the Recycling Fund. Unfortunately they had not applied for the last round.

Health and Safety: The play area needs to be weeded and the hedge cut back. The Clerk will arrange this. The middle pond no longer has the ticker tape on it. This will be discussed at the next Millennium Field and Jubilee Meadow working group meeting.

Allotments: Nothing to report.

John Mayne School: No report.

The meeting was closed for refreshments at 8.15 pm and reopened at 8.40 pm.

11. Finance

a) Approval of cheques for payment: The Payments Schedule was **agreed** as presented. Proposed by: Cllr D Boulding Seconded by: Cllr J Tydeman. **Unanimous**

b) The unapproved minutes of the Finance Committee held on 2nd June 2015 were duly noted.

c) Annual Return. The Annual Return was considered by the Finance Committee on 2 June 2015. The Council considered the recommendations:

“Councillors considered the Annual Return presented by the Clerk. Each question in Section 2 was considered in turn. **It was agreed** to answer “yes” to questions 1-8 and N/A to question 9 and that these answers should be recommended to the Parish Council meeting on 9 June.

It was also agreed to recommend that the Clerk should sign the Receipt and Payment Accounts 2014-2015.”

Having considered the Annual Return documentation, the recommendations from the Finance Committee were **agreed**. Proposed by: Cllr E Cansdale
Seconded by: Cllr E Stevenson-Rouse. **Unanimous.**

12. Planning – to note decisions and any plans tabled

Case No	Parish	Location and Description	Decision
15/00664/AS	Biddenden	22 High Street, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8AH Removal of no 2. windows on rear elevation, create opening to install French doors as replacement	Support
15/00699/AS	Biddenden	Pullen Barn Farm, Headcorn Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8JA New farm building for livestock housing and covered muck store	Support

13. Correspondence

- 2/6 KALC/Secamb event 22 July. Do any Councillors wish to attend? *No*
- 4/6 Ashford KALC meeting on 29/7 to discuss new Junction 10A. *Cllr Parks expressed an interest.*

There were no further comments on the Correspondence List.

14. Items for future consideration

None.

15. Date of Next Meeting: **Parish Council Meeting**, Tuesday 14 July 2015 at 7.30 pm, Village Hall