

BIDDENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**UNAPPROVED Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Biddenden**

Present: Cllr J Tydeman (Chair) Cllr E Cansdale
Cllr T Bizley Cllr P Harris
Cllr D Boulding Cllr A Lidgett

Mrs A Swannick (Clerk)
Borough Cllr N Bell, ABC

7 parishioners attended

Cllr Tydeman (Vice Chairman) chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr C Friend due to personal commitments
Cllr E Stevenson-Rouse due to personal commitments

2. Parishioners' Questions

A question was asked about the telecommunications mast and the current situation. It was reported that the ball was in the court of the operator. They may re-apply or find another site. The church had put itself forward as a possible site.

3. Any declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

None.

4. Any alterations to Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

None.

5. Approval of the unapproved minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2018

There being no comments or amendments the minutes were deemed to be a true and proper record of the meeting. Proposed by: Cllr D Boulding Seconded by: Cllr A Lidgett.

Unanimous

6. Any matters for information not on the agenda

Ashford Borough Council has notified BPC that it may co-opt replacements for Cllrs Parks and Wayre.

The salt bin in the churchyard is persistently being filled with rubbish and flowers. It was reported that Rev. Bienfait had emptied it but it had been filled up again. The Clerk will fix a notice to the lid.

An Ofsted inspection of John Mayne CE Primary School had taken place and it had been rated GOOD. The Council expressed its thanks and congratulations to the Headteacher and Staff. Cllr Bell also expressed his thanks.

7. Report by Borough Councillor, ABC

There is no change in the status of the Gladman application and a decision has been delayed because KCC wanted more information. There are updates on the two other Gladman appeals: Brabourne has had its appeal heard. Its five-year housing supply needs to be examined by cross-examination by barristers and so another two days will be taken to discuss this. Brabourne hired their own barrister with the aid of a £40,000 loan from ABC. The Charing appeal is due to start shortly.

There was confusion with the status of the recycling service last week due to the snow. Biddenden was fine but elsewhere the service was not as vehicles had to be taken out of service. Several announcements were made but were aimed at other places in the borough.

ABC has sent out a document to parishes as they are looking for land for gypsy/traveller/show people.

8. Ashford Borough Council Local Plan to 2030 - Site submissions for Biddenden

a) Update: The Public Examination of the ABC Local Plan commences at 9.30 am on Wednesday 11 April 2018 in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, TN23 1PL. A copy of the letter is attached and on the Parish Council website

b) Land to the East of North Street: Nothing further has been heard regarding the proposed Gladman site.

9. ABC Gypsy, traveller & travelling show people Issues & Options document and Search for available land for Gypsy and Traveller Pitches

A Gypsy, Traveller & travelling show people Issues and Options, and search for available land for Gypsy and Traveller Pitches consultation is taking place. The deadline for completed forms is 6 April 2018 at 5pm. Councillors went through the questionnaire and their responses were noted for each question.

10. Model Publication Scheme

The Model Publication Scheme was agreed.

11. Business Continuity Plan

The Business Continuity Plan was agreed.

12. Village Green

Approximately 25 responses have been received, both negative, positive and with suggestions. All the replies will be collated, minus identification, into a document and sent to Kent Highways.

A public meeting with engineers was requested as agreed. However, the Engineers would prefer to meet with parish councillors in the first instance to give the opportunity to ask general questions. The original drawing was an indicative drawing, not a detailed one. The detailed design will be available in May at which point a full consultation will take place including public meetings.

13. Reports from Group Chairmen:

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PO, Car park and toilets: A foam extinguisher and a Co2 extinguisher will be fitted in the Post Office on 6 March. PAT tests and emergency lighting tests will be done shortly. A disabled alert system needs to be fitted in the disabled toilet to alert passers-by in case the person inside has a problem. This will be investigated.

Millennium Field and Jubilee Meadow: A walk around the squash club, bowls club and Millennium Field took place on 15/2/18 with the Chairman, Clerk and chair of the MF & JM Working Group to look at the trees identified by the contractor, and agreed with all suggestions, but needed clarification on one tree. Subject to satisfactory clarification the go ahead will be given for all the work to take place.

Work to the Millennium Field bridges will take place when the weather is better and drier.

Two benches will be ordered for the Millennium Field.

A quotation has been provided for filling the potholes in the Millennium Field car park in the sum of £2,400 including VAT. As a comparison, quotations are awaited for tarmacking half the MF car park and for tarmacking all of it.

Approval has been given for a pothole in the GJ car park and the pothole just as you go from GJ car park into MF car park to be filled asap.

Traffic, Pedestrians and Footpaths: The issue with the swollen noticeboard door is ongoing but the contractor is being chased.

Gordon Jones Field and Play Area: The fence extension in the play area has been completed.

The CCTV at the squash club is up and running. However, logging in doesn't work on the parish council computer. It appears only to work on ipads and iphones, neither of which the parish council possesses. The £600 towards the cctv has not yet been passed on as it was on the understanding that the parish council would be able to access the system if required, and currently that isn't possible. **It was agreed** that Cllr Boulding would liaise with the Chairman of the Squash Club.

The playing field still needs to be mole ploughed and it is envisaged that this will take place in September. The contractor will be contacted.

Cllr Lidgett walked around the playing field with Biddenden Juniors on 26 February, and they will provide a diagram showing where their pitches are in relation to the proposed multipurpose trail.

Police Liaison: Six crimes were reported in December 2017:

Criminal damage & arson	1
Vehicle crime	1
Violence & sexual offences	4

KALC: The next Ashford KALC meeting is to be held on 14 March 2018 at 7.30 pm in Committee Room 2, Civic Centre, Ashford. No-one will be able to attend.

Tenterden Forum: The meeting on 28 February was postponed due to the severe weather.

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A new date is awaited and the Chairman will attend.

Planning and Housing: Southern Housing Group has pulled out of the option agreement with Biddenden Consolidated Charity for the Tapley Meadow due to viability issues. The Housing Survey discussed at the last meeting is, therefore, on hold until ABC has considered the matter further.

Community Project Fund: The deadline for the next round of applications to the fund is 31 March 2018.

Allotments: Nothing to report.

Village Hall Management Committee: The next meeting will be 7 March 2018.

Health and Safety: A report had been circulated.

John Mayne School: The School newsletter had been circulated.

14. Finance

a) **Payment of cheques.** The list was agreed. Proposed by: Cllr A Lidgett Seconded by: Cllr E Cansdale. **Unanimous.**

b) **Note accounts to 1 March 2018.** The accounts were noted.

The Nationwide Business Saver Fixed Rate Account is shortly to mature. Councillors were given a list of similar accounts from other banks for comparison. **It was agreed** to put the money into a Nationwide Business 1 Year Saver (Fixed Rate) account.

15. Planning – to note decisions and any plans tabled

Case No	Parish	Location and Description	Decision
18/00194/AS	Biddenden	Iraden, Hareplain Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8LH Repairs and alteration of internal fireplaces, repairs to incorporate insulation to (some) external walls, reinstatement of failed section of rear wall, replacement of modern section of first floor ceiling and plastering between rafters.	Support
18/00200/AS	Biddenden	The Haons, Benenden Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8DJ Proposed loft conversion with dormer windows to the front and rear	Support
18/00164/AS	Biddenden	Hendon Hall, Tenterden Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8BB Reconstruction of defective garden walls	Support

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18/00258/AS	Biddenden	Grain Store at, Gorse Farm, Pook Lane, Biddenden, Kent Proposed internal and external design alterations, additional internal first floor and sewer treatment system associated with barn conversion. Original barn consent reference 16/01048/AS.	Support
18/00259/AS	Biddenden	Land north west of Foxwood Farm, Tenterden Road, Biddenden, Kent Application for prior notification of proposed agricultural development being the erection of a forestry building for the use of a forestry worker.	Support
18/00304/AS	Biddenden	Ferndale, Cranbrook Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8DW Variation of condition 13 to change the design and details on the approved plans on planning permission 16/01081/AS (Erection of a new dwelling and garage following demolition of existing bungalow)	Support

16.

17. Correspondence

The list was circulated.

17. Items for future consideration

WW1 commemoration.

18. Next meeting: **Parish Council Meeting**, Tuesday 3 April 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Annual Parish Meeting, 24 April 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

All Welcome

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Parish Clerk