

BIDDENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

APPROVED Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Biddenden Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Biddenden

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

Mrs A Swannick (Parish Clerk)

1 parishioner attended

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr T Bizley due to work commitments.

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

Car Park, Toilets and Post Office: The toilets are fixed and in working order.

Millennium Field and Jubilee Meadow: Tree surgeons have been contacted regarding trimming back the trees around the lower dipping pond and cutting back the trees within the squash club embankment area. They have been out to the site and a quotation is awaited.

Traffic, Pedestrians and Footpaths: A meeting will take place with Cllr Hill and two representatives of Kent Highways on 30 January. The subject is currently unknown but the chairman has been advised that it may be to the council's advantage.

Lychgate: The church has approached Cllr Hill regarding help funding the drainage issues affecting the area around the lychgate

Gordon Jones Playing Field and Play Area: The quotation to extend the fencing has been accepted and the work will be carried out shortly.

The clerk is liaising with the squash club regarding access to the CCTV system.

Planning and Local Housing: Nothing to report.

S27, S43 and Gladman development Working Group: Nothing to report.

Police Liaison and Neighbourhood Watch: Fifteen crimes were reported in November 2017:

Anti-Social Behaviour	2
Burglary	1
Criminal damage and arson	1
Public Order	2
Vehicle Crime	2
Violence and sexual offences	7

Neighbourhood Watch: It was reported that Neighbourhood Watch is advised of very few crimes by the police.

KALC: Cllr Lidgett attended the Crime and Safety Conference. The information given was virtually the same as that given at the meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner.

There have been several big crimes in Biddenden and nothing has been done by the police. The CSU Inspector is being asked what has happened on these cases and it will be reported back to Commissioner.

The CSU sergeant has been asked to get the PCSO to speak to a young person who is causing problems in the village.

Tenterden Forum: Cllr Friend will not be able to attend the next meeting on 28/2 and asked Cllr Tydeman if he was able to attend in his place.

Community Project Fund: Only one application has been received from the Horticultural Society in the sum of £100 for the purchase of plants for the display for Summer 2018. Cllr Friend is to ring members of the working group.

Village Hall Management Committee: A meeting to discuss future development plans will be held on 24/1. The Chairman or Cllr Bizley to attend.

Health and Safety: An inspection report was circulated.

Allotments: Notice has been given on one of the allotment plots. It will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

John Mayne School: The latest newsletter was circulated.

3. Approval of payments

A list of payments were presented for approval. Proposed by: Cllr D Boulding
Seconded by: Cllr E Stevenson-Rouse. **Unanimous**

4. Budget 2018/19

The draft budget was discussed item by item. The precept was discussed and **it was agreed** to increase it by 2% rather than 3%. This figure would be notified to Ashford Borough Council. Proposed by: Cllr P Harris Seconded by: Cllr E Stevenson-Rouse. **Unanimous.**

Amendments were made to the budget and **it was agreed** to agree the budget with the amendments discussed. Proposed by: Cllr D Boulding Seconded by: Cllr P Harris. **Unanimous.**

5. Planning – to note decisions and any plans tabled

Case No	Parish	Location and Description	Decision
17/01753/AS	Biddenden	2 and 3 Worsenden, Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8EH Demolition of existing garage and shared drive with no. 3 Worsenden and erection of new garage and shared drive with no. 3 Worsenden, erection of gate and alteration to access	Support
17/01789/AS	Biddenden	Agricultural buildings at Weeks Land Farm, Weeks Lane, Biddenden, Kent Prior approval for associated operational development in accordance with prior approval 16/01388/AS (revision to the operational development approved under application 17/00913/AS)	Support
17/01818/AS	Biddenden	Sports Pavilion, Tenterden Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8BB Prior approval for the erection of a 15m telecommunications pole	Support
17/01797/AS	Biddenden	Hilton Caravan at, Goldwell Farm, Tenterden Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8BP Stationing of a Mobile Home for an Agricultural Worker (retrospective)	Support
17/01654/AS	Biddenden	Bloomsburys Biddenden, Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8DQ Mixed Change of use to incorporate leisure use (D2) and retail (A1) for wedding use, craft shop, bicycle sale/hire within that granted permission under 10/01335/AS. Erection of 2 no Tepees , 4 no yurts, 2 no log cabins, 2 No Safari huts , Sauna steam room. Positioning of 1 no. caravan, storage container, open roof structure for weddings and extension to toilet block and associated landscaping (retrospective)	Object
17/01794/AS	Biddenden	Gorse Farm, Pook Lane, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8JJ Retrospective application for the erection three dog kennel buildings, one storage building, one portal frame barn building and one shed on site and siting of mobile home during construction of the Old Dairy.	Object
17/01854/AS	Biddenden	Agricultural Building at townland Farm, High Halden Road, Biddenden, Kent. Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building and land within it curtilage to dwellinghouse and associated operational development.	Support
17/01896/AS	Biddenden	Garage blocks between 16 and 17 and Grass area in front of 7 and 8, The Weavers, Biddenden, Kent Construction of two chalet bungalows with associated parking: amendment to planning permission 15/01073/AS	Support subject to bin and waste storage being moved
17/01901/AS	Biddenden	Kialamia, 64 Headcorn Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8JN Single storey side extension to, and change a window to a door.	Support
17/01927/AS	Biddenden	Ellison Court, Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8DT Proposed change of use and conversion of existing building and land to form two residential dwellings with stabling. Along with landscape and ecological enhancements.	Support

Case No	Parish	Location and Description	Decision
17/01897/AS	Biddenden	Dullens Farmhouse, High Halden road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8BF Internal alteration to existing bedroom to allow for new en-suite and 1 no. external soil vent pipe.	Support

A vote was taken by show of hands on planning application [17/01818/AS](#). It was agreed to support the application by 6 votes in favour, 1 against.

6. Information Items

Document Repository
GDPR Regulations

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

Alison Swannick
Parish Clerk