

BIDDENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

APPROVED Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18 August 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Biddenden

Present: Cllr C Friend (Chair) Cllr P Harris
Cllr T Bizley Cllr S Parks
Cllr E Cansdale Cllr A Lidgett
Mrs A Swannick – Clerk Cllr E Stevenson-Rouse

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1. Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman explained that the reason for the meeting was primarily to form a Working Group to deal with the Proposed Developments, S27 and S43. Ashford Borough Council's recommendation in their Draft Local Plan to 2030 is for 40-45 houses. The Parish Council has written back that there should be no more than 20-25 houses built and an acknowledgement to this letter has been received.

The Chairman stated that he would be bringing up the issue of the Phone Box later in the meeting if councillors were in agreement. **Agreed.**

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Boulding due to business commitments
Cllr J Tydeman due to personal commitments

3. Any Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

4. Any changes to Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

None.

5. To consider the creation of a Working Group to look into Policy S27 of the Ashford Borough Council Draft Local Plan to 2030

- To consider the creation of the working group in line with the Council's Working Groups Policy

Councillors considered the creation of a Working Group. The aim of the Working Group is to to examine policies S27 and S43 of the Ashford Local Plan in detail, read reports and related materials, examine options, and obtain specialist advice for the Council.

It was agreed that the Working Group should be created. Its membership will consist of four parish councilors with the option to bring on two non-councillors who may have skills to help the group.

Members of the Working Group will be: Cllr E Stevenson-Rouse (Lead), Cllr P Harris, Cllr A Lidgett, Cllr S Parks.

Proposed by: Cllr T Bizley Seconded by: Cllr E Cansdale. **Unanimous**

- Terms of Reference

Draft Terms of Reference for the Working Group were put forward for consideration. Following some amendments **it was agreed** to adopt them.

Proposed by: Cllr E Stevenson-Rouse Seconded by: Cllr A Lidgett. **Unanimous**

A meeting with Ashford Borough Council is due to take place at 4.30 pm on 23 August. **It was agreed** that Cllr Stevenson-Rouse, Cllr Harris and Cllr Lidgett would attend.

6. Planning - to consider planning applications tabled

Case No	Parish	Location and Description	Decision
16/01205/AS	Biddenden	Hare Plain Farm, Hareplain Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8LJ Repair and replacement of 4 windows to front elevation; replacement of cement blocks and render on front elevation; repair to existing outbuilding including repair to frame, reinstatement of floor and dwarf wall, repair to toilet and opening up of window	Support
16/01225/AS	Biddenden	Agricultural Buildings at, Vane Court, Smarden Road, Biddenden Prior approval for change of use of two agricultural barn to two dwelling houses	Support
16/01241/AS	Biddenden	Heron Cottage, Ongley Lane, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8HH Erection of a garden room to side elevation	Support

7. Play Area

The play area is open and proving very popular. There is some snagging work to be undertaken. One item requires an additional support put up. The contractor, Lars Laj UK, has been extremely helpful.

It was agreed that the No Ball Games, Dogs and Football Boots sign should also have No Smoking or alcohol in the Play Area added.

The official opening will take place on Saturday 27th August and **it was agreed** that Cllr Michael Hill OBE should open it. A ribbon and refreshments would be purchased.

8. Finance

The Payment Schedule was presented and **agreed**. There was only one cheque.

It was noted that a discussion had been taking place on the Biddenden Community Facebook Page regarding adopting the phone box at Worsenden. The cost of doing this is £1 but the Parish Council would be liable for its upkeep.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the group and state that if this group wished the Parish Council to adopt the phone box, then they needed to prove that there was a formal group willing to fundraise to pay for maintenance and run the phone box as the Parish Council would not maintain it. The intention was to use it as a book exchange. If this was the case then the Parish Council would be prepared to adopt the phone box.

Proposed by: Cllr S Parks

Seconded by: Cllr A Lidgett

Unanimous

9. Items for future reference

Neighbourhood Plan

10. Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 13 September 2016
at 7.30 pm in the village hall

The meeting closed at 20.55

Alison Swannick
Parish Clerk