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Biddenden Parish Council

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2020 AT 7.30 PM VIA ZOOM

Present: Cllr J Tydeman (Chair) Cllr J Montgomery
Cllr C Friend (Vice Chair) Cllr J Wright
Cllr T Bizley
Cllr M Clixby

Mrs A Swannick
Cllr N Bell, ABC

2 parishioners attended.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr G Latter due to technical difficulties
Cllr E Cansdale due to lack of technology
Cllr R Hunt due to technical problems
Cllr D Boulding due to work commitments

Apologies accepted.

2. Any declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

Cllr J Wright – Planning Application 20/00895/AS

3. Any alterations to Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

None.

4. Report by Cllr Bell, ABC

Cllr Bell reported that the window in which businesses can apply for grants is closing. Approximately £28 million has been distributed. The Covid-19 website will be closing shortly.

Cllr Bell addressed the issue of play equipment being removed from the Cheeselands play area. It had been moved due to metal fatigue. Cllr Bell stated that he was willing to make contribution from his Ward Member's grant

5. Parishioners' Questions

A question was asked about opening up the old railway track as a cycle route. Cllr Bell replied that this had come up a few years ago. There is an issue with some of the land being in private ownership and the cost to do this would be extremely high if the railway track was followed but may be an alternative could be found. It was unlikely that the government will have the cash and KCC is close to becoming bankrupt due to the effects of covid-19. ABC has also taken a hit. It is possible that such a project could be part financed by S106 money from housing development.

A question was asked about speed limits being lowered to 30 mph and 20mph in the High Street. Discussion took place. The Council had requested a reduction in speed on North Street but the parish council was ignored by Kent Highways. The Interactive speed signs were removed by Kent Highways. The parishioner asking the question was asked if they would like to join the Traffic, Pedestrians and Footpaths working group.

A parishioner spoke about planning application 19/00505/AS. The planning officer had notified him that the planning application would be heard at the ABC Planning Committee on 19 August. Both the Borough Councillor and the Parish Council objected to the application. Discussion also took place on how the public could participate in the meeting. The Clerk was asked to contact ABC to find out how MS Teams worked and whether it had to be downloaded by those wishing to participate.

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6. Approval of the unapproved minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2020

The minutes were deemed to be a true and proper record of the meeting. Proposed by: Cllr T Bizley
Seconded to: Cllr M Clixby.

7. Any matters for information not on the agenda

KCC has announced £8 million funding for Walking and Cycling Schemes. Councillors had been circulated with the information

The Chairman and Clerk met with a parishioner regarding the council's fence bordering his property on the Jubilee Meadow. After discussion and understanding exactly what was required, it was agreed that once the cattle are out in October, the hedge will be cut back and a new fence installed due to work being required. The parish council will pay for the fencing as it is its responsibility but will receive a contribution from the parishioner as horse fencing will be required. There are cattle currently in the field but it could equally accommodate horses.

The Biddenden Walking Booklet was discussed. **It was agreed** that the parish council would pay for printing in the sum of £200 directly with the printer. Cllr Wright stated that the cost may be covered by sponsorship.

The Village Green was discussed at length. The issue will be discussed at the Traffic, Pedestrians and Footpaths Working Group meeting. It will go on the next agenda as a separate item.

The fencing at the Gordon Jones Playing Fields was discussed. It was suggested that green fencing identical to that around the play area was used. Another suggestion was post and rail fencing. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

8. Youth

A paper had been produced by Cllr Wright. Discussion took place regarding the paper and **it was agreed** that the parish council needed to do something promptly and Tom Swain is to be asked to come up with the best projects to go with.

It was suggested there be a Youth tab on the parish council's website.

Cllr Bizley stated that he and a colleague who were qualified and DBS checked cycle coaches at Bedgebury might be prepared to run something in the village for up to 12 children. They would check their insurance. This was **agreed**.

It was agreed that Cllr Wright should produce a schedule of recommendations for getting youth activities running. Proposed by: Cllr J Tydeman. Seconded by: Cllr T Bizley. **Unanimous.**

9. Finance

a) **Payment List:** The payment list was presented and approved. Proposed by: Cllr J Montgomery
Seconded by: Cllr T Bizley. **Unanimous.**

b) **Note accounts to 31 July 2020:** The accounts have just been returned by the Internal Auditor and are now being input into the system.

c) **Annual Return:** Councillors are asked to go through Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement. This was done. Councillors were asked to agree that the Clerk and Chairman could sign the Annual Return on the Parish Council's behalf in two places (a copy of the document had been circulated). Proposed by: Cllr J Tydeman. Seconded by: Cllr C Friend. **Unanimous.**

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10. Planning – to note decisions and any plans tabled

**BIDDENDEN PARISH COUNCIL
4 August 2020
PLANNING SCHEDULE
NEW APPLICATIONS TO ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2020**

Case No	Parish	Location and Description	Decision
20/00871/AS	Biddenden	Bush Farm House, High Halden Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN26 3HR Change of use of agricultural land to residential	Support
20/00895/AS	Biddenden	Field Cottage, Tenterden Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8BB Removal of C20 French doors and the insertion of replacement glazed French doors to the rear of the property.	Support
20/00897/AS	Biddenden	Orchardene, Frittenden Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8LF Proposed outbuilding to provide double garage, store, shed, loggia, games room and guest accommodation	Support
20/00925/AS	Biddenden	Ashenden Farm, Bell Lane, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8LD Erection of replacement stables	Support
20/00936/AS	Biddenden	40 Glebelands, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8EA Proposed replacement garage.	Support
17/01654/CONB/AS	Biddenden	Bloomsburys Biddenden, Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8DQ Discharge of condition 17 <i>Condition 17: No additional external lighting shall be installed until details have been submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of the development. This submission shall include a layout plan with beam orientation and a schedule of light equipment proposed (luminaire type; mounting height; aiming angles and luminaire profiles). The approved scheme shall be installed, maintained and operated in accordance with the approved details unless the Local Planning Authority gives its written consent to the variation. Reason: To protect the appearance of the area/the environment and wildlife/local residents from light pollution.</i>	Object
20/00958/AS COU-Agricultural Bldg to Flexible Comm https://planning.ashford.gov.uk/Planning/details.aspx?systemkey=116081	Biddenden	Agricultural buildings named DG Grinding, Gribble Bridge Lane, Biddenden, Kent Prior notification of change of use of a building and land within its curtilage from an agricultural use to commercial storage purposes	Object
20/00965/AS	Biddenden	Cackle Hill Lakes, Headcorn Road, Biddenden, Kent, TN27 8JW Proposed Use of the land for the Stationing of 5no. Residential Park Mobile Homes	Object

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11. Correspondence

There were no comments on the list presented

12. Next meeting: **Parish Council meeting**, Tuesday 1 September 2020 – ***All Welcome***

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