

HARBLEDOWN AND ROUGH COMMON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at St Mary's Hall, Upper Harbledown.
On Monday 25th February 2019.

Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Present Councillors : A Blunt, A Cain, John Cotterill, Jacqui Cotterill, , J Edis S Docherty, J Larkinson, , B Shire, Canterbury City Councillors Robert Thomas, George Metclafe, Clerk D Frost (and 4 members of the public present)

119/18 Confirmation of Summons

All Councillors had received their summons to attend this meeting and the public notices had been served correctly.

120/18 Alterations to the Register of Councillors' Interests and Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda

There were no alterations to the Register of Councillors' Interests.

Apologies for Absence.

121/18 Councillors R. Beattie, R Perham, T Richards, Canterbury City Councillors Ben Fitter-Harding and Amy Baker.

122/18 Approval of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Edis and seconded by Councillor Larkinson that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2019 be signed as correct.

123/18 Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

At this point the Chairman asked whether any resident of the Parish wished to address the Council or ask any question about any agenda item.

124/18 Planning applications.

CA/19/00052/FUL. 1 Churchwood Close, Rough Common.

Proposed first floor and single-storey side extension.

CA/19/00244/FUL. 3 Chaucer Mews, Harbledown.

Proposed single-storey rear extension.

CA/19/00211/FUL. Havisham House, Palmars Cross Hill, Rough Common.

Proposed 40no. Solar panels to rear of property.

CA/18/02421/FUL. 11 Summer Hill, Harbledown.

Application for listed building consent for external/internal alterations to proposed ancillary accommodation including conservation roof-light, external door and timber-framed windows.

CA/19/00323/FUL. Mindora Heights, Mill Lane, Harbledown.

Proposed use of existing two-storey outbuilding as home office.

It was resolved by the committee that no objection be raised to these applications.

Decisions. Granted.

CA/18/02421/FUL. 11 Summer Hill, Harbledown.

Application for listed building consent for external/internal alterations to proposed ancillary accommodation including conservation roof-light, external door and timber-framed windows.

CA/02420/FUL. 11 Summer Hill, Harbledown.

Proposed use of garage as ancillary accommodation and roof light.

CA/18/01331/FUL. Whitehall Farm, Whitehall Road, Harbledown.

Proposed replacement garage/workshop and stable block following demolition of existing garage and stable block.

Councillor Shire brought a cutting from a local newspaper about the proposed extension of the Wincheap Park and Ride, which contained a quote from the City Council Press Officer, stating that the agreed alternative would be at Faulkner's Lane, Harbledown, which in fact is not in the Canterbury Plan.

A member of the public, Mr Jeremy Baker suggested that the Parish Council should write to the City Council supporting the 4th Park and Ride at Wincheap. Councillor Larkinson said that she would write in support of the Wincheap Park and Ride extension plan.

125/18 Committee Reports

Finance

There was no report.

Open Spaces and Allotments

Open Spaces

Councillor Docherty gave his report:

The mole problem at Cheyney Field is getting worse, Councillor Docherty said that he would remove the soil but we need to resort to some help.

The problem with motor cycles in Jubilee Field is still with us, making a bit of a mess where it has been wet.

A problem with the bench on the green in Rough Common has been reported –one of the slats had come loose, which has been rectified.

The gate and fence at Cheyney Field also needs looking at with a view to carry out repairs.

Allotments:

There was no report.

126/18 Reports of Councillors with Portfolios

Footpaths:

Councillor Blunt gave his report:

Councillor Blunt has managed to check all of the footpaths at the southern end of the Parish, particularly the paths numbered CB452 and CB513 that run from Chartham Hatch through to Kent College Junior School and apart from a small trim in certain areas these are passable and in fair condition. There was another case of a small amount of fly tipping where footpath CB508 joins Faulkners Lane, This has been cleared up and swept.

The on-going messages into what seems to be a battle with the City Council to re-instate the dog bins and fouling signs on the footpath between Ross Gardens and Fir Tree Close is no further on. Just as a follow up to my earlier requests that date back to last October Councillor Blunt chased the City Council by an email to Sarah Randall who handles these sorts of requests on the 17th January. Unfortunately, a reply has not been received and it is felt that the Parish Council may have to use its own funds to purchase place and arrange the emptying of the two bins that have been endlessly discussed.

It was proposed by Councillor John Cotterill that Councillor Blunt should enquire on costs and report back to the next meeting of the council.

Tree Matters:

Councillor Shire reported that there had not been any proposed planning applications to Canterbury City Council for tree work in the Parish since the last meeting. Councillor Shire went on to make general remarks about trees in the Parish, and also in surrounding areas.

Highways:

Councillor Beattie reported that:

There was a meeting on 12th February to discuss the proposed bus shelter opposite 159a Rough Common Road, Paul Leary-Scheme Project Manager, KCC Public Transport, John Pugh – Head of Infrastructure – Stagecoach, KCC Councillor Robert Thomas, Parish Councillors Perham, Larkinson, Shire and Beattie were present.

The site does not have sufficient clearance for a shelter with the correct disabled access at the current location of the bus stop, unless we make the lay-by narrower or go deep into the woods. This is an expensive and undesirable option. We must have disabled access. That is how the law stands for all new bus shelters.

There is already a path owned by KCC running alongside the road and the proposal is to move the bus stop further along the road. This will free up the lay-by to become an off street-parking zone.

Councillor Robert Thomas, Paul Leary and Councillor Beattie also discussed the verge outside 59a Rough Common Road. The intention to install two bollards to prevent illegal parking on the grass verge is to be investigated further. The bollards are already owned by the Parish Council and in the KCC store.

The tree covering the streetlight in Oaks Park has been cut back. This was requested in June 2018.

The speed sign is working well. We are acquiring data in both directions at Rough Common and Upper Harbledown and would like to find a location in Harbledown and a second one in Rough Common.

Rough Common Road has been closed to allow gas mains work near Ross Gardens. The road should be open this week.

Newsletter:

The spring 2019 newsletter is in its final draft. This newsletter will include a 'flyer' asking for applicants to become a Parish Council, before the 2nd May 2019 Parish Council elections.

127/18 Reports of Councillor representatives

No Mans Orchard.

Councillor Larkinson reported that the next meeting would be held on the 26th February 2019.

Police Liaison:

Councillor Edis reported that she has received an email from the PCSO, saying that there is nothing to report.

Rough Common Village Hall:

Councillor Cain reported that there would be a meeting of the committee in March 2019.

KALC:

There was no report.

128/18 Update status on other items:

Tennis Court at the Old Wyevale Garden Centre, Upper Harbledown. Mr Nick Parker, Chairman of the Upper Harbledown Association addressed the meeting, to give an update on the progress of the Tennis Court. Mr Parker said that a draft lease has been written. The lease with

Persimmon Homes will have a twenty-year duration. The lease will have a clause that Persimmon will have the responsibility to maintain the surface and fencing around the court and that a rent of £1 per annum will be payable to them. The Upper Harbledown Association will oversee the running of the Tennis Court. As the Upper Harbledown Association cannot be legal party to the lease Mr Parker asked the Parish Council if they would be the party to the lease.

A discussion was held and Kent County Councillor Robert Thomas will ask Persimmon Homes to waive the right to request the Section 106 monies paid by them to Canterbury City Council for the Old Wyevale Garden Centre back should it not be fully spent on play equipment at Pine Meadow, but some used towards the Tennis Court.

A vote was taken on the lease, 5 councillors was in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions. The motion was carried that the Parish Council will enter into a lease agreement with Persimmon Homes.

The Clerk reported that there is some £1,000 available from Section 106 monies from Bigbury Gap site, Land at Woodside House and Ancester Cottage Harbledown which can be used on the Tennis Court equipment.

Benches in Oaks Park.

The questionnaire asking for residents if they would like benches on the green area was taken. Twenty residents responded, 13 was in favour and 7 against. Because of the low number of residents responding the council agreed that this proposal should be shelved for the time being and re-visited at a future date.

129/18 Correspondence:

The digest had been circulated and was available for Councillors to read.

130/18 Finance and Accounts for Payment: It was resolved to accept the accounts, proposed by Councillor Blunt and seconded by Councillor Larkinson. **The total of balances held at bank amounted to £110,798**

131/18 Future Issues.

Rough Common Village Sign.

Bus shelter in Rough Common Road

Emergency Plan.

Rough Common Playing Field

Parish Council elections 2nd May 2019.

Tennis Court at Old Wyevale Garden Centre.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 25th March 2019 at St Michael's Church Hall, Harbledown commencing 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Harbledown and Rough Common Parish Council

Schedule of Authorised Payments 25th February 2019.

PAYMENTS		Cheque	
Hugh Williams	Tree work from Unforseen	446	780.00
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		BACS	
D Frost	Salary & expenses Feb 2019		590.04
HMRC	PAYE/NI Feb 2019		180.45
Webmonkey	Website maintenance Feb 2019		72.00
Playdale	Balance play eqpt RC Playing Fields		11984.60
St Michael's PCC	Rent to 31.12.19 St Mary's		250.00
CPRE	Subscription 2019		36.00
C Paveley	Canterbury Bookbinders minutes 1st April 2015 to 31 March 2018		140.00
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	Total Payments		14753.09
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