

STANFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING of 17 OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT: Cllrs: Geoff Colledge; Peter Bebbington; Peter Maddox; Graham Horner; Clerk Mrs Dorothy Bultitude, 8 parishioners

1 APOLOGIES Cllr David Keating; Terry Lees

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillors should declare any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any item(s) on this Agenda.
- The Clerk will give notice of any applications for dispensation to be considered by the Council.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 29 AUGUST having been circulated previously, were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

There were none.

5 PARISH QUESTIONS

- Lighting on the railway bridge: visibility is poor for residents alighting from trains at night at Westenhanger Station and returning to their homes in Stanford South. The Clerk was requested to write to Railtrack.
- The streetlight at the entrance to Kennett Lane from Stone Street was not working. The Clerk said she would report it. Cllr Horner agreed to provide her with the number of the lamp post.
- Concrete blocks had been removed on the entrance to the proposed Hotel site spur road at the mini-roundabout on A20. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee for her assistance in getting them replaced to prevent lorries parking on the road.

6 PLANNING

6.1 Update on FHDC decisions

Y18/0830/FH Connaught Lodge, Stone Street, Westenhanger: Erection of detached double garage with storage above. (approved)

Y18/0965/FH Kilrush, Stone Street, Westenhanger: Erection of 2-storey rear extension and other external alterations. (no decision to date)

6.2 Applications received since last meeting:

Y18/0020/PA Hayton Manor Farm, The Farmyard, Hayton Road, Stanford: Determination as to whether the prior approval of the LPA is required under Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use and conversion from agricultural to 5 residential dwellings(Class C3) (Councillors had submitted an objection to the application) (Prior Approval Refused 15 October 2018)

6.3 LORRY PARK and OTTERPOOL GARDEN TOWN – update

- The Chair reported that he had very recently spoken with John Kerner from Highways England. Mr Kerner had promised to meet with Councillors to give any information he could with regard to the Stanford West site prior to a public announcement by HE who were currently in the process of selecting future sites. Cllr Colledge confidently expected this to be announced by the end of 2018. The meeting was assured that HE would not be able to build over the eleclink cables.
- Cllr Colledge said monthly meetings with FHDC and Stanford Councillors were still being held. Cllr Maddox had pushed for land to be ceded to the Village. The next meeting will be with FHDC, Kent Highways and other local Parish Councils who are affected by the development, particularly the proposed re-siting of the A20. The Chair said he was encouraged that the talks were positive in our favour.

7 FINANCE

Village Hall Insurance premium paid: £220 - cheque 000450

Budget 2019/2020: After full discussion, Councillors voted to accept the financial document presented by the Clerk and to request a Precept of £7000 for 2019/2020

JR FUNDS A proposal to transfer the residue of funds raised for the Judicial Review (Lorry Park) to a Nat West Deposit account was carried 3:1. The Clerk agreed to make the necessary arrangements.

8 KCC'S HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE CONSULTATION

After discussion, it was decided not to participate in the consultation as a Parish Council, but would urge all residents to respond if they had an opinion on the matter.

9 KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME

The Chair introduced the scheme to those present and asked for nominations for the presentation of Awards.

10 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Mrs Hollingsbee was not present

11 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Ms Susan Carey was not present

The Chair expressed his disappointment that neither Councillor had sent an apology or a report.

12 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- Fence panels and other items had been placed over the fence on the farmers' bridge path. The Clerk said she would report the matter to FHDC if the exact location was advised to her for action.
- Payback Team: Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee had previously advised that Giles Barnard at Kent Highways was the liaison for Community Payback teams in the area. Cllr Bebbington said he would make contact with him as soon as possible.
- The Clerk advised that she had sought two quotations from local tree surgeons with regard to crown reduction of the tree. She would also ask for expert advice on whether the tree was sound. The quotes would be presented to Councillors at the next Meeting for approval.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- BATTLE'S OVER - A Nation's Tribute: WW1 Commemoration Sunday 11 November: arrangements were well in hand and it was hoped to have a large number of villagers participating in the event. Details had been circulated to all residents, along with the Newsletter. A sound system had been promised and a bugler was to be present.
- Mrs Bultitude was requested to contact Holiday Extras to remind their employees who walked to Westenhanger Station in the dark that their safety was at risk unless Hi Vis jackets were worn.

14 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 December at 6.30pm

Signed.....Chair
Cllr Geoffrey Colledge
5 December 2018