

**MINUTES OF RYARSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 8.00PM  
RYARSH VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllrs McKinlay (Chairman), Emson (Vice Chairman), Barton, Butler, Storey and Sutton, County Councillor Hohler, 1 member of public, Clerk

ITEM	MINUTES	ACTION
1.	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES RECORDED, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST MADE AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS:</u></b> Apologies were received from Cllr Martin, Borough Councillors Kemp and Montague. There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>APPROVAL &amp; SIGNING OF MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019:</u></b> The Minutes arising from the Parish Council Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October were agreed by all Councillors and signed by Cllr McKinlay</p>	<b>MM</b>
3.	<p><b><u>REPORTS:</u></b> <b>Police –</b> The monthly police report has been circulated, and the Rural Police Report will be included on the website.</p> <p><b>County Councillor – :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She receives letters about vehicles travelling too fast on the A20 and about problems with parking. She has spent time with the Director of Kent Highways for the area about this.</li> <li>• There has been concern about the bus stop for secondary school children near The Vineyard at Wrotham Heath. Children have to cross the road as there is no bus stop on The Vineyard side. There are also 11-13 light bulbs not working on road signs and the central reservation has been damaged</li> <li>• There have been a lot of complaints about the entrance to Hawley Drive which is not lit at night. She is working with Tom Tugendhat MP to arrange for money to be put aside for a safety scheme for that junction, although there is no decision what sort of scheme that will be. There will not be a pedestrian crossing. There is a crossing place already 15-20 yards to the right, with bollards, where sight lines are better. A safety audit was completed which decided those needing to cross would use this established crossing point.</li> <li>• There have been many problems with the waste collections which are run by TMBC. Once the waste is collected it is dealt with by KCC. Old School Lane has not had the black bins collected for four weeks.</li> <li>• Cllr Roger Gough has been elected as the new leader of KCC.</li> <li>• Highways no longer covers Waste and the Environment. The split of departments means there is an extra cabinet member.</li> <li>• There is a consultation about the Allington Incinerator site including provision for recycling as well.</li> </ul> <p><b>Borough Councillor –</b> There were no reports.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
4.	<p><b><u>PLANNING:</u></b> (a) <b>Plans Received for Comment:</b> There were no plans received for comment.</p> <p>(b) <b>Decision Notices:</b></p> <p>i. <b>TM/19/02175/FL - 4 Vale Cottages, Chapel Street</b> - Hip to gable enlargement to the roof of the dwelling and a two storey side extension to facilitate a loft conversion. <b>APPROVED</b></p> <p>ii. <b>TM/19/01987/FL - The Hollies, London Road</b> - Demolition of existing single storey rear and side extensions and double garage. Erection of single storey rear and side extensions and first floor rear extension and double garage resited. <b>APPROVED</b></p>	

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	(c) <b>Any other planning matters:</b> There were no other planning matters.	
5.	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>(a) Actions from last meeting: The Clerk reported that the following actions have been taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A contractor has been found to paint the slide and repair the Notice Boards and Cllr Storey has met with him. We are waiting for a quote.</li> </ul> <p>(b) To consider request to reduce speed limit on Sandy Lane A resident on Sandy Lane has noted that this is marked as a Quiet Lane and requested a 20mph limit. It was noted that this is a hazardous road, but it is too difficult to get a 20mph limit. Better signage might help.</p> <p>(c) To consider Accessibility Regulations and new Parish Council website Work is being done to obtain quotes to bring our website up to meet the standard of the regulations and KALC are providing us with information. Our website provider will no longer be offering the same site to us.</p> <p>(d) To receive updates and reports:</p> <p>i. Wrotham Quarry Cllr McKinlay and the Clerk visited the Quarry which is run by Ferns who are worried that they are being blamed for the proposed quarry on Woodgate Road in Ryarsh, so it is important to make it clear that proposed quarry is nothing to do with them. Details of the meeting have been circulated. Ferns welcome further visits from Councillors.</p> <p>ii. Minerals &amp; Waste Sites Plan Examination Hearings - 08.10.19 It seems unlikely that we will hear from the Examiner until about half way through next year. This is a long process and is unfair to keep people waiting for so long when they are very worried about the situation and there is so much at stake. It is positive that KCC support the site at Lenham. Lotto tickets are available for sale from the Ryarsh Protection Group at The Duke of Wellington, The Spar garage and online.</p> <p>iii. Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) and T&amp;M KALC The AGM is at end of November. KALC run interesting training sessions which are recommended for Councillors to attend, particularly the planning workshop.</p> <p>i. West Malling Bus Feeder Pilot meeting 16.10.19 Cllr Barton was unable to attend but Minutes have been circulated. The service is being well received.</p> <p>(a) To consider future Parish Council projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drinking Water Fountain</li> <li>• Adult play equipment. The Clerk will contact Leybourne Parish Council about this.</li> </ul> <p>There was a discussion about updating the disclaimer sign on the fence of the play area.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>MM All</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
6.	<b><u>OPEN FORUM:</u></b> Public Participation Session There were no questions raised.	
7.	<b><u>PARISH NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE:</u></b> Leybourne Grange Riding School Nativity Invitation – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December. Replies are due by 27 November.	
8.	<b><u>HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY MATTERS:</u></b> (a) To report any highways problems – <a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-">www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-</a>	

	<p><u>problem</u> There were no problems to report.</p> <p>(b) To receive an update on progress of S106 Monies and Traffic Calming and consider proposals Cllr McKinlay and the Clerk have had another meeting with Birling Parish Council. The list of measures agree by Ryarsh was discussed and we also went back to KCC.</p> <p><u>Four Wents Junction</u> KCC have said they cannot do anything cheaper at this junction. The cost is £34,805.68. There were comments from Cllr Guy Neville and Birling Parish Council about tractors and combine harvesters being able to use the junction, but KCC say they have taken account of this in their designs. Cllr McKinlay felt strongly we should do something about this junction. There was a discussion. The s106 money is not enough to cover all this work and the Parish Council would have to pay the balance.</p> <p><u>Install Priority Signing at the Remaining Three Build Outs £2,815.11</u> This should have been done by KCC when they were installed. The islands are hazardous particularly at night so we do need to do something.</p> <p>The view of Birling Parish Council was that it was important to be seen to be doing something, such as notices on the roads, vehicle activated signs etc.</p> <p>Ryarsh Parish Council must consider whether we should be seen to be doing something, or whether we should approve measures which will have an effect. There was a discussion. Table tops and speed humps were suggested. Cllr Hohler explained that the cost of speed humps can exceed £350,000 and many residents do not like them when they are installed.</p> <p>Speed Activated Signs are about £7,000 and can be solar powered. This is the sort of project Cllr Hohler could fund through her Members Highways Grant.</p> <p>The Parish Council could investigate a Local Government Grant to fund the works.</p> <p>Cllr Hohler liked the idea of changing priorities at the Four Wents Junction and a lot of people have said they would like that.</p> <p>Cllr McKinlay and the Clerk will meet with the headteacher of the Primary School. It was noted that some parents have requested a pedestrian crossing. Cllr Hohler reported that there is a terrible casualty rate around pedestrian crossings and they are extremely expensive.</p> <p>(c) To report any street lights or footpath issues It was reported that a resident regularly parks their car on a footpath near The Church blocking the entire path. This can be reported online. The streetlight outside Godfrey's is covered in vegetation again and it was thought the light was not working either.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><b><u>VILLAGE HALL</u></b></p> <p>(a) Completion of Village Hall Lease It was reported that the Lease has now been completed.</p> <p>(b) To receive updates and information about Ryarsh Village Hall There was a discussion about the pitch markings being requested by the football team and the involvement of the Parish Council in the Recreation Ground grass cutting contract. Next year this contract will be run by Ryarsh Village Hall directly. The Parish Council will pay for the grass cutting but negotiations with the football team and contractor will be managed by the Village Hall.</p>	

9.	<p><b>PARISH MAINTENANCE AND REPORTS:</b>          To receive reports on and report any issues about:          (a) Parish Property (including Ryarsh Resource Room, Defibrillator etc)          The Resource Room continues to be well managed.          Cllr Storey met with a contractor and we wait for a quote to repair Notice Boards and paint the slide.          Cllr Barton will repair the door of the Notice Board on Birling Road</p> <p>Cllr Storey reported that a set of plates depicting scenes in the Village had been left to his wife and these are displayed in the Village Hall.</p> <p>(b) Play Area and pitch marking          This has already been discussed.</p> <p>(c) Recreation Ground          There was nothing to report.</p> <p>(d) Trees          Cllr Emson reported that work to trees on the Recreation Ground could not be carried out without the proper equipment, and there were difficulties due to the ground being so wet.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b>  <b>MB</b></p>																											
10.	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>          (a) To receive bank statements, consider and approve financial statements          The Financial Statement for October was signed by Cllrs McKinlay and Emson.</p> <p>(b) To consider invoices, approve and sign cheques          The following invoices were APPROVED and cheques were signed by Cllrs Emson and Barton. The cheque for Linda Barton was signed by Cllrs Emson and Sutton.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="260 1084 1347 1361"> <tr> <td>KALC</td> <td>Half Share Clerks Conference</td> <td>£36.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commercial Services Trading</td> <td>Grounds Maintenance 2019</td> <td>£809.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Surrey Hills Solicitors</td> <td>Village Hall Lease</td> <td>£210.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSR Lighting</td> <td>Streetlight Maintenance Oct 19</td> <td>£116.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td> <td>Reimbursement Postage Costs</td> <td>£16.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Linda Barton</td> <td>Wreath</td> <td>£25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td> <td>Nov Salary, allowance, expenses</td> <td>£788.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>PAYE &amp; NI November19</td> <td>£124.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black;">£2,126.41</td> </tr> </table> <p>Payment to Eon for electricity for October of £113.31 was approved</p> <p>(c) To receive update about move to a new bank          The Clerk has received further information needed to complete the move.</p> <p>(d) To note complaint made to Financial Ombudsman and Information Commissioners Office          There were no further updates.</p> <p>(e) To consider any other financial matters          Cllr McKinlay thanked Cllr Barton and Linda Barton for organising the wreath which was laid at the Remembrance Service. It looked very good and was much appreciated.</p>	KALC	Half Share Clerks Conference	£36.00	Commercial Services Trading	Grounds Maintenance 2019	£809.68	Surrey Hills Solicitors	Village Hall Lease	£210.00	PSR Lighting	Streetlight Maintenance Oct 19	£116.40	Clerk	Reimbursement Postage Costs	£16.14	Linda Barton	Wreath	£25.00	Clerk	Nov Salary, allowance, expenses	£788.95	HMRC	PAYE & NI November19	£124.24			£2,126.41	
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11.	<p><b>MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING</b>          There were no matters raised.</p>																												

The Meeting concluded at 8.55pm

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Date of the next Parish meeting is **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

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