

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TROTTISCLIFFE
ON THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2011

PRESENT: Mrs Ann Kemp (Chairman) (AK)
Mr Richard Wallis (Vice Chairman) (RW)
Mr Martin Collins (MC)
Mr Peter Laite (PL)
Mr Trevor Ledamun (TL)
Mr Mike Merryfield Day (MD)
Mr John Wickham (JW)
Mrs Frances Merryfield Day (Clerk)
PCSO Kim Hockey
Distribution: Those present SH, MB & File

107/11 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Sarah Hohler and Mr Matthew Balfour.

108/11 Report from PCSO Kim Hockey

PCSO Kim Hockey said that the Village Hall and the front door of a house near the church had been broken into. MD said that about the same time a shed in Church Lane had been broken into. Hay had been stolen from a trailer overnight.

AK said that a new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator was needed and Kim said she would advise of the work involved.

109/11 Minutes of the meetings held on 7th July 2011

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th July 2011 were signed as a true record.

110/11 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

111/11 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

112/11 County Councillor's Report.

No report

113/11 Borough Councillor's Report

AK reported that the Local Government boundary Commission was looking at re-aligning boundaries and there would be a consultation in due course.

114/11 Members of the public

Please see separate sheet.

115/11 Delegates' Reports

115.1 TL had attended a KCC Highways meeting and the minutes had been circulated with new contacts.

115.2 MC reported that a new alarm system had been fitted to the Village Hall.

116/11 Highways, Footways and Footpaths

116.1 TL offered to take over the reporting of problems to Highways, from the Clerk, and this was agreed. FD/TL

116.2 TL to chase up the posts for the village green. TL

116.3 Nothing had been done to tidy up the verge, hedge, etc. in The Street where the notice board and salt bin were situated, this to be chased up. TL

116.4 Overgrown hedge was covering the sign as you enter the village by Wrotham Water Road. To be reported. TL

116.5 Potholes under the motorway bridge needed repairing. To be reported. TL

116.6 Details of the slight re-routing of footpath MR183 had been circulated and AK reported that this had now been carried out in consultation with David Goodworth.

116.7 Although it had been previously reported the overgrown hedge on footpath MR184 had not been cut. The Clerk to chase up. FD

117/11 Recreation Ground and Allotments

117.1 MD reported that the see-saw had been repaired.

117.2 Considerable damage had been caused to the base of some play equipment and to the fence in the car park by contractors strimming too close to the base. MD to ask them to use weed killer in future and not trim. MD to paint around posts with wood preservative as advised in RoSPA report. Other comments in the report to be dealt with. MD

117.3 The grant had been approved for the self-closing gate to the play area and MD to action. MD

117.4 MC reported that there were two vacant allotments at present, although interest had been shown in one of them.

117.5 The Clerk reported that she had written to Mr Ian Murray regarding the rent for grazing and MC to chase. MC

118/11 Planning

Application TM/11/01273/FL - Wyngate, Ford Lane, Trottiscliffe - front dormer and rear facing roof lights. No objections. Granted.

Application TM/11/01428/FL - Clarion Cottage, Church Lane, Trottiscliffe - installation of photovoltaic system. No objections. Granted.

Application TM/11/01482/FL - Robin Hill, Pilgrims Way, Trottiscliffe - demolish garage, convert loft, etc. No objections. Granted.

Application TM/11/01455/FL - Trottiscliffe House, Green Lane, Trottiscliffe - removal of garden wall and store, erection of orangery. No objections. Granted.

Application TM/11/01587/FL - Mount Mead, Ford Lane, Trottiscliffe - demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of detached garage. Granted.

Application TM/11/01102/AGA - Wrotham Water Farm, Wrotham Water Road - details of agricultural unit. No objections. Granted.

Application TM/11/00658/FL – The Nursery, Taylors Lane, Trottiscliffe – Appeal against refusal of retrospective application for the retention of a residential caravan ancillary to the Nursery Business and retention of 2 No. dog kennels and pens. Object.

118.1 The Enforcement Officer had reported that the decking had been removed from Trosley Farm.

118.2 A query was raised regarding the Lawful Development Certificate at Beaumont, Taylors Lane. AK to look into this.

AK

119/11 Finance

The July and August 2011 statement of receipts and monies outstanding was accepted as below:-

Payments received

None

Payments made

SE Water – allotments.....£33.03

Payments outstanding

Lappset Playworld – new rubber bases for see-saw.....£282.48

Playsafety Limited – RoSPA report.....£108.00

119.1 It was agreed to give a donation of £50 to T&M Citizens Advice Bureau.

119.2 Details of the Community Enhancement Fund were circulated.

119.3 A protocol for future expenditure was discussed and it was agreed that it would not be necessary to obtain three quotations for work to be carried out by village residents, or work by a specialist supplier, if the amount in question did not exceed £500. If the cost exceeded £500 it would normally be a requirement to obtain three estimates.

It was further agreed that any expenditure which did not exceed £500 could be authorised by one Parish Councillor and the Chairman, or Vice Chairman if Chairman not available.

FD

120/11 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated:-

Rural Services Network New Digest 11, 18 & 25 July, 1, 8,15,& 22 Aug, 5 Sep

KOS newsletter

Public Service Efficiency Update

KALC – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee & Sport England

KCC – Minerals & Waste Consultations

Kent Highways – Parish Seminar

Public Service News 21 July, 29 July, 4, 11,18 Aug

T&MBC Area 2 Planning Committee

Rural Services Communities Survey

Charity Commission News

KCPFA Summer Newsletter

Fields in Trust

Open Public Services White Paper Consultation

Kent Youth Service Summer Newsletter

Scrutiny Review Panel – Planning Enforcement

KALC – Conference, etc.

KALC Government Consultation on Local Planning Regulations

Mark Thompson – Sustainable Options

Action with Communities in Rural Kent

Liberty Kent Public Arts Awards

KAL – Courses

Steve Shaw – Proposal to empower local councils

David Campbell-Lenaghan – Love Where You Live

HOSC Notes
Rural Services Roundup September
Sustainable Government – What Big Society?
Managing land for horses
English Rural Housing Assoc. – newsletter
KCC – Footpath MR183
Kent Housing Group
TMBC Area 2 Planning Committee
Kent Wildlife Trust
CPRE – Fieldwork
Countryside Voice
KCC – Consultation on KAIP
TMBC – Sexual entertainment venues
RHS Britain in Bloom
Age Concern Malling – Wheelchair Accessible Transport

120.1 A Risk Assessment for Bonfire Night had been received from the School PTA.
120.2 A letter had been received from TMBC regarding The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons. It was agreed that one should be erected in Trottiscliffe and RW agreed to ask for peoples’ ideas for a site and co-ordinate arrangements. Ideas for other events to mark this occasion to be considered at the next meeting.

RW

121/11 Any other business

121.1 Following a query raised by a member of public, it was agreed that no direct charge should be made to enter the recreation ground which is a public space. AK to speak to the PTA.

121.2 RW was asked to arrange for a Christmas tree for the village green.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 6th October 6 pm in the Village Hall. (Please note earlier time to avoid clash with Pantomime rehearsals).

Chairman Date.....

114/11 Members of Public

The new owners of The Cottage in Green Lane were concerned that vehicles going over the speed ramp in Taylors Lane were causing structural damage to their house. They understood that the road had recently been re-surfaced and that the speed ramp had been moved, or re-built, and this was causing the problem. They were advised to speak direct to the District Manager for the Tonbridge & Malling Team at KCC Highway Services.