

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TROTTISCLIFFE
ON THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2009

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

139/09 Apologies for absence

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

140/09 Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th November were signed as a true record.

141/09 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

142/09 Matters arising

There were no matters arising that would not be dealt with under agenda items.

143/09 Report from PCSO Kim Hockey

PCSO Kim Hockey reported that during the last month some electricity power cables had been stolen in Ford Lane.

144/09 County Councillor's Report.

No report.

145/09 Borough Councillor's Report

No report.

146/09 Members of public

Please see attached sheet.

147/09 Delegates' Reports

147.1 Kent Association of Local Councils. Mr Trevor Ledamun had attended the Annual General Meeting and one of the items he reported was that the Head of Planning for Transport Strategy said that KCC was in favour of rail transport but not KIG.

147.2 Parish Seminar. Mr Ledamun reported on the Parish Seminar.

147.3 Crime Prevention Panel. Mr Ledamun had also attended this meeting and reported to the Parish Council.

148/09 Highways, Footways and Footpaths

The Clerk had spoken to Highways regarding the speed hump by the crossroads of Church Lane, Taylors Lane and Wrotham Water Road which seemed to have disappeared when the road was resurfaced. It was hoped to improve this speed hump using money allocated by Mrs Sarah Hohler for highways matters and it was agreed to wait and see what transpired.

149/09 Recreation Ground and Allotments

Recreation Ground. Mr Mike Day advised that he was still waiting for confirmation of the grant for treating the wood in the play area.

150/09 Planning

Application TM/09/02773/FL – Bonavista, Pinesfield Lane – re-submission - demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new detached cottage and garage. Concerns expressed about the lack of outside storage facilities and also the close proximity to adjacent property. Await decision.

Application TM/09/02353/FL – Chidlands, Pilgrims Way – formation of new rear patio to existing property. Withdrawn.

Application TM/09/02633/FL – Roundhay, Pinesfield Lane – proposed ground floor extension. No objections. Await decision.

Application TM/09/02813 – Great Reeds, Ford Lane – remove 2 Sycamores and thinning Ash. No objections. Await decision.

Application TM/09/02790 – 1 Cedar Cottages, Taylors Lane. Rear conservatory. No objections. Await decision.

Application TM/09/02238/FL – Herrag Cottage, 3 & 4 School Lane. Single storey timber outbuilding to replace existing. No objections. Await decision.

151/09 Finance

The November 2009 statement of receipts and monies outstanding was accepted as below.

Payments received

TMBC - 2nd instalment Financial Arrangement Grant.....£1,868.50

Payments made

M Kirby – Mowing, hedge cutting, etc. to 31st October.....£850.00

Victim Support – Donation..... £25.00

KALC – Lunch for representative at AGM..... £8.50

£883.50

Payments outstanding

None

151.1 A letter of thanks had been received from Victim Support.

151.2 It was agreed to pay the subscription to Kent Wildlife Trust.

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151.3 A request for a donation had been received from Citizens Rights for Older People but this had not been budgeted for and it was agreed not to donate at this time.

152/09 Trottiscliffe Society

Mr Terry Hoban attended from the Trottiscliffe Society and explained that the bridge over Vigo Hill had been purchased by the Society from KCC several years previously in order to maintain it as the entrance to the village. The Trottiscliffe Society, a registered charity, was no longer active and Mr Hoban requested that the Parish Council consider taking on responsibility for the bridge. The Chairman, Mrs Ann Kemp, said that this matter required careful consideration, including the legal and financial implications and that it should be put on the agenda for the next meeting in February.

153/09 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated:-

TMBC – Standards Committee
Protect Kent – AGM
KCC – Subsidised Local Bus Services
TMBC – Parish Partnership Panel
TMBC – Area 2 Planning Committee
KALC – Parish News & Annual Report
Kent Fire & rescue Services Report & questionnaire
Kent Highways Services – survey
CPRE – Voice
S E Water – Water quality improvement scheme
TMBC – Street Monitor Scheme
TMBC – Standards Committee
Clerks & Councils Direct
TMBC – Joint Transportation Board
Sustainable Communities Act
Climate Change Communities Networking Event
Kent Highways – Permit Scheme

153.1 The invitation to the Lord Lieutenant’s Civic Service would be discussed at the next meeting.

154/09 Any other business

Mrs Ann Kemp and the Clerk would meet to finalise the arrangements for the party for Mr Ray Watson, the retiring postman.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 4th February in the Village Hall at 7.45pm

Chairman Date.....

146/09 Members of public

Concern was expressed about the speed of traffic coming down Vigo Hill into Taylors Lane and the fact that the speed limit went from 20 mph to de-restricted. However, it was pointed out that the police were only able to base any recommendations on statistics, i.e. if there had been a number of accidents in the area in question. It was pointed out that Kent County Council was looking at all speed limits in the county at the moment.