

Minutes of a meeting of Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council held on Monday 8th April 2019 at 7.45pm at the Eco Centre, Goldwell Lane, Aldington.

Present: Councillors; S Garrard (Chairman), M Boulden, R Boulding, C Fowler, P Kemp, T Ransley and T Wright.

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Parish Clerk

Also present 6 members of the public.

513. Ashford Borough Councillor's Report:

Attached to the end of the minutes.

514. PCSO's Report:

Attached to the end of the minutes.

515. To receive and accept apologies for absence:

Councillor S Thornby (holiday)

516. To receive any declarations of interest from Members:

There were no declarations of interest.

517. Public Participation Session:

A resident expressed concern about the confusing nature of the number of planning applications that had been submitted for Little Park Farm, raising the issue of the mobile home which is on the site without planning permission, the apparent use of one of the fields as a builders yard. It was also reported that there appears to be discharge of domestic waste water into the road side ditch as evidenced by bubbles and aroma. This will be reported to Kent Highways.

It was reported that the footpath surface from Walnut Ridge towards Badgers Close is in poor condition. This will be reported to Kent Highways.

518. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th March 2019 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

519. Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Application Y19/0257/FH – Otterpool Park:

The Parish Council has been notified on the consultation for land bounded by; the M20 and Channel Tunnel Railway Link (CTRL) to the North; the A20/Stone Street and Sandling Park to the East; Harringe Lane to the West, and; Aldington Road to the South.

This is an outline application, with all matters reserved, for a comprehensive residential led mixed use development comprising:

- Up to 8,500 residential homes including market and affordable homes; age restricted homes; assisted living homes, extra care facilities, care homes, sheltered housing and care villages;
- Demolition of identified existing buildings;

- A range of community uses including primary and secondary schools, health centres and nursery facilities;
- Retail and related uses;
- Open space and public realm;
- New planting and landscaping, and ecological enhancement works;
- Sustainable urban drainage systems;
- Utility and energy facilities and infrastructure;
- Waste and waste water infrastructure and management facilities;
- Vehicular bridge links;
- Undercroft, surface and multi-storey car parking;
- Creation of new vehicular and pedestrian accesses into the site, and creation of a new vehicular, pedestrian and cycle network within the site;
- Improvements to the existing highway and local road network;
- Lighting;
- Engineering works, infrastructure and associated facilities;
- Together with interim works or temporary structures required by the development and other associated works including temporary meanwhile uses.

As this is a large and complex planning application the Local Planning Authority has agreed an extended consultation period until 27th May 2019 which is beyond the statutory requirement for such an application.

It should be noted that this application has been received for consideration when both the Parish Council and the Borough Council are scheduled for election on 2nd May. As a consequence of this there is a need for the Parish Council to consider its views on the application prior to the election and then the Parish Council post election to submit a response to the planning authority.

The application is contained within 42 different documents covering some 111,470 pages. The Parish Council is asked to consider how in depth it wishes to consider the application, either in full or in the key areas that are likely to have a direct impact on the Parish such as Transport, Health and Education. In addition to these areas consideration needs to be given to the Design and Access Statement, the Planning and Delivery statement and the Statement of Community Involvement.

Resolved: a draft response based on the submission to the consultation of Folkestone and Hythe District Council's Core Strategy review, in particular the policies relating to Otterpool Park, and any relevant points from the documents mentioned above will be circulated prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council for approval at that meeting.

520. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman reported that a letter had been prepared for despatch to the leader of Ashford Borough Council as agreed at the last meeting on the subject of the Village Confines. However, before it was posted the Borough Council responded to the Parish Council's comments which rendered the letter of no value therefore it was not sent.

The Parish Clerk's letters to the Members of Parliament has received a response, the member for Ashford, whilst sympathising couldn't intervene in matters relating to another constituency. The Member for Folkestone has responded advising that he has written to the District Council asking that they engage fully with the Parish Council, he will be in touch when they respond. The responses will be posted onto the website.

521. Defining Village Confines:

Ashford Borough Council have responded to the Parish Council's submission regarding the proposed Village Confines Map and the proposals put forward. The response was attached to the agenda for information which advises that the revised map will be placed before Cabinet for approval on 11th April 2019.

522. Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE):

Established in 1926, CPRE is a registered charity with about 60,000 members and supporters. The charity operates as a network with over 200 district groups, a branch in every County, a group in every region and a national office. Over 2,000 Parish Councils and 800 amenity societies belong to CPRE. This makes CPRE a powerful combination of effective local action and strong national campaigning.

The Parish Council is asked to consider becoming a member, annual subscription rate being £36.00, as they do look at planning issues in depth and have already started working on Otterpool Park.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council unanimously agreed to the proposed membership of CPRE. The Parish Clerk to undertake the necessary actions to complete.

523. Finance:

Schedule of payments:

Chq No	Payee	Detail	Amount
1388	Action with Communities in Rural Kent	Annual subscription	£75.00
1389	Kent Assoc Local Councils	Annual subscription	£525.79
1390	Harmer & Sons	Grounds maintenance	£966.00
1391	X2 Connect	Phone box repairs	£490.68
1392 & 1393	Staff costs		£1,236.16
1394	P Kemp	Reimbursement	£41.31
1395	Aldington Post Office	Allowance defibrillator	£50.00
1396	Aldington Village Hall	Allowance defibrillator	£50.00

Resolved:

- 1. To receive and note the items of expenditure and approve payment.**
- 2. To authorise the transfer of £5,000.00 from deposit account to current account.**

524. Risk Assessment:
REPORT ABPC/18/18 brings to the Parish Council the outcome of the completion of the Risk Assessment on the Parish Council.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To receive and note Report ABPC/18/18.**
- 2. To receive and adopt the Risk Assessment.**

525. Village Hall:
Councillor Boulding reported that another organisation had not renewed their regular booking and that they were now down from 16 to 12 organisations that use the facilities on a regular basis. As a result income for the year is down by some £1,500 resulting in any planned new projects are on hold due to the costs of essential maintenance.

I was also reported that the number of weekend bookings since Christmas has decreased.

526. Allotments:
Nothing to report.

527. Speed Indicator Device:
A review of the statistics to date has been undertaken to ascertain the peak time for traffic at each location and the time period for the highest average speed.

The peak time for traffic was as expected:

Roman Road from Goldwell Lane towards Calleywell Lane 3 – 4pm

Roman Road from Calleywell Lane towards Goldwell Lane 8 – 9am

Calleywell Lane 5 – 6pm

Goldwell Lane 5 – 6pm

The highest average speeds being recorded between 5 – 6am

This information will be passed on to the PCSO to see if any monitoring or enforcement action can be taken.

528. Correspondence:

- 1. Rural Network Services – The Rural Bulletin 5th March 2019**
- 2. Rural Network Services – The Rural Bulletin 12th March 2019**
- 3. Rural Network Services – The Rural Bulletin 19th March 2019**
- 4. Rural Network Services – The Rural Bulletin 26th March 2019**
- 5. Rural Network Services – The Rural Bulletin 2nd April 2019**
- 6. Information Commissioner’s Office newsletter March 2019**

529. Any Other Business:
The trees overhanging the children’s play area on Reynolds Playing field are encroaching too far into the play area and need cutting back. The Grounds maintenance contractor is to be asked to do this.

The hedge by the village sign at Calleywell Lane junction has grown to a size that is reducing the visibility of the sign. It was agreed that the grounds maintenance contractor should cut this back.

The new litter bins have been installed and the replacement lids placed on the bins where they were missing. However, it has been noticed that the contractors when emptying the bins are placing the plastic liners over the lock which prevents the lid staying secure, as a result two have already been removed. The Parish Clerk is to write to the Borough Council to deal with.

It has been noted that a van is being parked on the path leading towards Quarry House on Calleywell Lane. This will be reported to the PCSO.

There have been further reports of bad language from footballers during matches and evidence of increased litter following games, this will be taken up with the football club.

The bins next to the pond have not been emptied recently, the contractor was asked but it would appear that they are not on the schedule, this will be taken up with the Borough Council to correct.

Councillor Boulding proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Garrard as Chairman of the Council for the last two years.

Councillor Kemp proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Boulding as Vice-Chairman and to the Parish Clerk for all of their work.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Borough Councillor Report

Jane M.A.Martin

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Residents of Aldington & Bonnington

CC: Aldington & Bonnington Parish Council

08.04.19

April 2019 Borough Council report to Parish Residents

Update to Folkestone & Hythe Core Strategy

I have made representations on behalf of Saxon Shore into the policies surrounding the Otterpool Park proposed development and I will be speaking at the Inspectorate hearings, in order to ensure, Saxon Shore is well represented.

At a recent briefing at ABC from Folkestone and Hythe DC, I raised concerns about the strategy included in the Core Strategy covering traffic flows and use of the rural road network around Saxon Shore. Both Officers at ABC, and myself consider these flawed and inaccurate, and I will be speaking about this in detail when the hearings commence.

I am also in discussions with Officers regarding considerable 106 and CIL funding for the area.

Quarry House Light Pollution

Funding of £40000 has been agreed at ABC for the increased costs in correcting the pollution, breaching of dark skies policy, and relieving the inconvenience that residents in Wheatfields experience. A test will shortly commence on the new system which will deliver better quality of lighting for QH residents, resolve the nuisance issues experienced by Wheatfields, and reduce general light pollution for the village as a whole. I am delighted that a real win win win is being delivered.

Calleywell Lane DHL Homes proposal for 80 Homes

This has been withdrawn. I have worked closely with Officers to raise concerns over the scale of this development and the harm it would do to the amenity of the area. Given that an adequate Plan has now been adopted, this has little chance of success in its current form- even at appeal. It may come forward as a smaller proposal, at a later stage, and this is where the Landscape Protection Policy will support its rejection.

PCSO Report

Dear All,

I am one of the Police Community Support Officers at Ashford Police station and I cover the following wards, **Finberry, Bridgefield, Mersham, Sevington, Aldington, Brabourne, Brook, Hastingleigh, Bonnington, Bilsington Smeeth and Ruckinge**. I am going to be sending out monthly updates to key members of the community with a general overview and what I have been involved in that month. If you do not wish to continue receiving this email please let me know.

I understand over the next few weeks BREXIT is going to cause all sorts of problems in regard to traffic around your area and we are currently trying to work with partner agencies to cause as less inconvenience as possible. If you have any questions in relation to BREXIT please feel free to drop me an email. We have had immigrants escaping from trucks at Truckstop and fleeing towards the fields in and around Finberry so we will be monitoring this as much as we can. Please if you see anything report it as soon as possible.

I will be patrolling your area soon and will show as much presence as possible. Please if you do see me feel free to stop and have a chat or if you have any questions then by all means stop me in my tracks I would be only too happy to talk with you. Below I have stated a few things I have been involved in recently and would love to share them with you as well as some advice.

Knife Crime:

As you may have seen on Meridian News a few weeks ago we have recently run Op Jump which is to educate children in schools and youths on knife crime. Throughout this operation we have educated 8000 students and it was proven very successful. This also included the Volunteer Police Cadets getting involved and reiterating the legislation on the sales of knives to shops in the town centre.

Bike Theft:

We have recently had a period of bicycle theft's happening in and around Ashford and we are trying to encourage people to register their bikes through the following website <https://www.bikeregister.com/>.

If you have friends or family with bikes please advise them and make them aware of this website to help protect them from theft.

School Visit's

As I am new to the area I will be making it my duty to visit all schools and get a chance to make myself a familiar face to the pupils and teachers and will also be open to any questions or queries you may have. I will also be attending schools in the morning to help control any parking issues you may have in your area and will try to assist the best I can to help keep school runs flowing.

Burglaries and Theft

Due to Spring arriving and Summer just down the road many of you will be planning on going on holiday. Please could you take a moment to read through the below step's on securing your property whilst your away but also whilst you're at home.

At home

- Lock all windows and doors before you go out or go to bed, making sure you know where your keys are in case of an emergency.
- Fit security measures such as intruder alarms, door chains and locks.
- Avoid labelling house keys in case you lose them and they fall into the wrong hands.
- Don't leave keys (including car keys) or valuables on display near doors or windows.
- Make sure fences, hedges and gates are in good condition.
- Consider installing external security lights, but make sure they do not affect your neighbours.
- Avoid leaving side gates open and put away ladders, tools or garden equipment that could be stolen or used to break into your home.
- Keep garages and sheds locked and alarmed where possible.
- Store bins carefully so they cannot be used as climbing aids.
- Never hide spare house keys outside or in a shed.
- Dispose of packaging carefully - empty boxes left outside your home could advertise your valuables to thieves.

If you go away

- Use timer switches on lights and radios to give the impression that someone is home.
- Cancel regular deliveries, such as milk and newspapers.
- Make sure garden furniture is stored away and lock sheds and gates.
- Ask a relative or trusted neighbour to pop in and move any post from inside your door
- Arrange for the curtains to be opened and closed while you are away.
- Offer your neighbours the use of your driveway.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

We would like to promote Neighbourhood Watch in your area and if you are interested please go to <https://www.kent.police.uk/advice/community-support/neighbourhood-watch/>

It's been a pleasure sharing this information with you and I hope we will meet one another soon.

Kind Regards,

PCSO MATTHEW MORGAN