

Minutes of a meeting of Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.35pm at the Eco Centre, Goldwell Lane, Aldington.

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

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Parish Clerk.

Also present 2 members of the public.

**497. Ashford Borough Councillor's Report:**

No report submitted.

**498. PCSO Report:**

Attached to the end of these minutes.

**499. To receive and accept apologies for absence:**

Councillor R Boulding (Personal matter), Councillor S Thornby (Personal matter)

**500. To receive any declarations of interest from Members:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**501. Public Participation Session:**

A resident reported that the junction of Roman Road at the top of Knoll Hill is dangerous as cars frequently approach the junction and ignore the keep left sign, consequently approaching traffic on the wrong side of the road.

The matter will be brought to the attention of Kent Highways as it is primarily their responsibility.

**502. Minutes:**

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

**503. Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman drew attention to the forthcoming Parish Council elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and that posters are on the noticeboards and will be changed on a regular basis to attract attention.

A full and robust response has been submitted to Folkestone and Hythe District Council for their Core Strategy Review, in particular with regard to the garden town proposals which border onto the Parish.

Replacement 5 a-side goals have been ordered for use on the MUGA as the football club are now a regular user of the facility.

There is ongoing dialogue with Network Power with regard to the installation of the new substation by the village hall and their requirement to route the cable through the length of the car park. Progress on this is slow as Network Power are ignoring the Parish Council's requests.

**504. Finance Quarter 3 review:**

**REPORT ABPC/18/16** brings to the Parish Council an update on its financial standing against its budget at the end of the third quarter of the financial year.

**Resolved:**

1. To receive and note Report ABPC/18/16.
2. To receive and note the financial position at the end of the third quarter of the financial year.

**505. Finance:**

Schedule of payments:

Chq No	Payee	Detail	Amount
1379	PMF Products Ltd	5 a-side goals	£469.95
1380	Action Storage Systems	Litter bins	£991.20
1381	Kent Assoc. Local Councils	Training	£72.00
1382	Harmer & Sons	Grounds maintenance	£966.00
1383 & 1384	Staff Costs		£1,242.32
1385	Aldington Mission Evangelical	Electricity & Telephone	£430.55
1386	N Corfield	Allotment rent	£25.00

**Resolved:**

1. To receive and note the items of expenditure and approve payment.
2. To authorise the transfer of £7,000.00 from deposit account to current account.

**506. Aldington Meadows Recreation area:**

**REPORT ABPC/18/17** has been compiled to follow on from the consultation of residents in the Aldington Meadows area as to how they perceive the recreation area and suggestions for improvements to the area.

During the debate the condition of the play equipment located on the Reynolds Playing Field was also discussed as one item has been removed due to its failure.

**Resolved:**

1. To receive and note Report ABPC/18/17.
2. To receive and note the feedback from the residents of Aldington Meadows.
3. To request the Parish Clerk to obtain quotations and designs for suitable play equipment for further consultation and consideration.
4. To request the Parish Clerk to obtain quotations and designs for suitable play equipment to update the area at Reynolds Playing Field and for an area of equipment for older children.

**507. New Road Hill / Forge Hill:**

The Parish Clerk has been in regular contact with the County Council Ward Member with regard to the speed limit on Forge Hill and New Road Hill, currently the 30mph limit extends from the village to the Mission Hall then the National Speed Limit of 60mph applies.

A speed survey has been commissioned and undertaken which shows a justification for a speed limit of 40mph to be applied, a 30mph limit will only be considered together with some form of traffic calming.

The costs involved in providing a 40mph limit are: Traffic Regulation Order, £2,500; New traffic signage £4,843.20; Design fees £1,101.48 making a total project cost of £8,444.68.

The County Council Ward Member, Clair Bell, has advised the Parish Clerk that she is prepared to give a 50% contribution from her Members Grant Fund to enable this to proceed.

The Parish Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council has sufficient funds in its General Reserve to fund the remaining cost. This was one of the top priorities on the wish list survey carried out in 2017.

**Resolved: To authorise the Parish Clerk to take forward the proposal for a 40mph speed limit on Forge Hill / New Road Hill.**

**508. Village Hall:**

Councillor Fowler reported that bookings are steady and that at the end of May the hall is booked for the whole week to accommodate the annual Brownie Camp.

High speed broadband has now been installed at the hall which benefits users as well as enhancing the CCTV capability.

The Car Park continues to be an issue and quotations for resurfacing will be obtained.

**509. Allotments:**

Councillor Kemp reported that all plots are allocated and rent paid for the season.

**510. Speed Indicator Device:**

Further information has been downloaded from the Device which gives the highest speed together with date and time for each period the device is in position, this is summarised below:

Day	Date	Location	Speed	Time
Monday	17/9/18	Roman Rd from Calleywell	60	19:35
Tuesday	9/10/18	Calleywell Lane	80	03:05
Tuesday	23/10/18	Roman Rd from Goldwell	70	06:05
Friday	9/11/18	Calleywell Lane	70	21:20
Saturday	17/11/18	Goldwell Lane	70	13:35
Monday	3/12/18	Roman Rd from Calleywell	65	00:40

Day	Date	Location	Speed	Time
Sunday	9/12/18	Calleywell Lane	70	22:55
Saturday	22/12/18	Roman Rd from Goldwell	60	07:10
Friday	4/1/19	Goldwell Lane	85	10:10
Sunday	31/1/19	Roman Rd from Calleywell	70	22:40
Friday	1/2/19	Roman Rd from Goldwell	60	21:30
Tuesday	12/2/19	Calleywell Lane	80	23:35
Sunday	24/2/19	Goldwell Lane	70	18:15

This information will be passed on to the PCSO and confirmation that speeds in excess of 40mph are frequently seen on Goldwell Lane and Calleywell Lane especially around the morning school run.

**511. Correspondence:**

1. **Rural Network Services – The Rural Bulletin 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**
2. **Rural Network Services – The Rural Bulletin 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019**
3. **Rural Network Services – The Rural Bulletin 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019**
4. **Rural Network Services – The Rural Bulletin 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019**
5. **Information Commissioner’s Office newsletter February 2019**
6. **Points of light 2019**
7. **State of rural services report.**

**512. Any Other Business.**

The Chairman reported that a resident had contacted her regarding the door on the telephone box which is loose. A replacement is being ordered ready for installation when the weather improves to allow painting. As a quick fix Councillor Parkinson was going to strap it closed with a ratchet strap.

The response has been sent in to the Folkestone and Hythe Core Strategy Review and the Clerk is going to write to the two MP’s regarding the issues that were highlighted, this is being adapted as it has been noted that Ashford Borough Council have submitted a response of their own saying that the policies for the garden town are ineffective and not justified. The Chairman is to write to the leader of the Borough Council on the subject of the Village Confines exercise.

Councillor Boulden raised the subject of the state of the roads in the Parish, Kent County Council have advised that they will be shortly undertaking some road dressing works in the Parish. Pot holes do need to be reported to Highways.

Following the high winds it has been noted that there are some branches down in Quarry Wood and some that look to be in need of attention, no work has been undertaken in this wood since it was planted nearly 50 years ago. The Parish Clerk is arranging for quotes for the necessary works to make the area safe.

Now that the lids have been replaced on the litter bins it was requested that the Borough Council Contractor be asked to ensure that they lock the lids down when they have been emptied. The Parish Clerk will write to Ashford Borough Council.

The state of the football pitches was discussed as they are particularly prone to waterlogging. Councillor Boulden confirmed that the land had proper drains installed when the Parish Council took over the land. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact the grounds maintenance contractor and obtain a quote for the aeration of the pitches and for top dressing to be undertaken when the playing season had ended.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm