

Minutes of a meeting of Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council held on Monday 11th February 2019 at 7.45pm at the Eco Centre, Goldwell Lane, Aldington.

Present: Councillors; R Boulding (Vice-Chairman), M Boulden, P Kemp, W Parkinson, S Thornby and T Wright.

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Parish Clerk.

Also present 11 members of the public.

484. Ashford Borough Councillor's Report:

The Borough Councillor did not attend or submit a report.

485. To receive and accept apologies for absence:

Councillors: C Fowler (Personal matter), S Garrard (Holiday) and T Ransley (Holiday).

486. To receive any declarations of interest from Members:

There were no declarations of interest.

487. Public participation session:

A resident raised the matter of the missing street name from Giggers Green Road, the Parish Clerk responded that the Borough Council have this on their schedule to replace.

There are concerns regarding the woodland on Knoll Hill as some of the trees are in poor condition and as a result are leaning, some on to the telephone cables.

It was agreed that although not a Parish Council matter an attempt to trace and contact the owner would be made.

488. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

489. Chairman's Report:

Submitted by email as not present:

Having consulted with residents in December on the proposed Village Confines put forward for Aldington by Ashford Borough Council planners, the Parish Council has submitted its response to the Borough Council, calling for the confines to be drawn much tighter against the natural, road boundaries of the village, and for the line drawn actually to respect the Borough Council's own definition, in terms of not including gardens. Since the Planning Department did not appear from its instructions on the exercise to be open to accepting significant alterations to its proposals, the Parish Council awaits the outcome of its submission with interest.

Given the time devoted to this important exercise, analysis of the responses to the Parish Council's survey of Aldington Meadows residents in respect of ideas for enhancing the surroundings to the play area has necessarily been deferred until after this meeting. The way forward on this matter will now be discussed at the March meeting.

490. Finance:

Schedule of payments

Chq No	Payee	Detail	Amount
1371	S Thornby	Reimbursement Carol concert	£34.34
1372	Jati Ltd	Ground anchors	£450.00
1373	Enter Digital	CCTV	£1,278.00
1374	Harmer & Sons	Grounds maintenance	£966.00
1375 & 1376	Staff costs		£1,262.27
1377	Petty Cash		£200.00
1378	R J Gibbs & Sons	Village hall	£687.48

RESOLVED:

1. To receive and note the items of expenditure and approve payment.
2. To authorise the transfer of £5,000 from deposit account to current account.
3. To nominate Councillor Fowler to undertake the cashbook reconciliation with the Parish Clerk.

491. Folkestone & Hythe District Core Strategy Review:

The Parish Council are being consulted on the long term development strategy for Folkestone & Hythe District to 2037 which includes proposals for a new garden settlement at Otterpool Park and further developments at Sellindge.

Policies SS6 to SS9 inclusive deal with the proposed Garden Settlement and there are aspects in each of these policies which could potentially affect the residents of Aldington. The Parish Council is asked to consider if it wishes to make a representation on these issues in particular the following:

- Policy SS6 4(b) “a health centre should be provided in the early phases of the development” the nearest existing being at Sellindge which also covers part of Aldington, is there sufficient capacity available taking into account expansion at Sellindge.
- Policy SS7 6(c) the capacity at junction 11 and other key junctions to be upgraded, no mention is made about the roads in between or when the upgrades should take place.
- Policy SS7 6(h) the existing bus network that serves the surrounding villages will be upgraded and new services provided, no timescale or the extent they consider a surrounding village to be.
- Policy SS8 2(iv) cross references to Policy SS7 6
- Policy SS9 1 (c) mentions the nearby communities and for them to have appropriate access and benefit from the infrastructure provided. The only communities listed are within the Folkestone and Hythe District, no mention of any in Ashford Borough which border on to the development.

Policy CSD9 is entitled Sellindge Strategy and deals with the proposed growth in two phases, phase one is already under construction and has seen traffic calming measures introduced on the A20 which had a major impact on the traffic flows when

the M20 was closed over two weekends for the installation of bridge works at Junction 10a. Phase two is for a further 350 dwellings which requires the upgrading of local medical facilities to meet the needs of the development as well as further highway improvements to the A20. The policy also requires that occupation of the development is phased to align with the delivery of sewerage infrastructure.

The Parish Council is asked if it wishes to make representation on this policy as there appears to be no correlation to the Otterpool Park policies or indication as to any preventative measures to protect the rural roads where the apparent capacity of the A20 is reduced and locals seek alternative routes to avoid the inevitable traffic chaos.

Resolved: to request the Parish Clerk to draw up a comprehensive response to the aforementioned policies and to review the transportation policies to ensure they are inline with other proposed policies.

492. Village Hall:

Councillor Boulding reported that the CCTV is now fully functional and that motion sensors have been installed on all of the outside lights. Maintenance is still an ongoing issue and there is some spare capacity within the bookings.

493. Allotments:

Councillor Kemp advised that the renewal letters had been sent out and that the one allotment holder who had fallen below standard last year had been written to and had promised to rectify the situation.

494. Speed Indicator Device:

The data from the Speed Indicator Device has been analysed in particular to when the M20 was recently closed for the bridge installation and also when there was an incident on 22nd January requiring a 3 hour closure.

On each of these occasions the Device was located on Roman Road, the peak flows were seen between 8am and 6pm for the two Saturday closures on 12th January the Device was capturing vehicles approaching from Goldwell Lane at an average of 1 vehicle every 20 seconds. For the 22nd January the device was in the same position and for the duration of the closure the average was 1 vehicle every 15 seconds. On 26th January the Device was capturing the flow from Calleywell Lane direction and during the peak time the average was 1 vehicle every 15 seconds.

A request has been made to Kent Highways for an additional post to be placed on Roman Road on the Court at Street side of the school. This has been declined as there is no verge on the near side approaching the Village and the verge on the opposite side is used for parking which prevents use.

495. Correspondence:

- a. Rural Network Services – The Rural Bulletin 8th January 2019
- b. Rural Network Services – The Rural Bulletin 15th January 2019
- c. Rural Network Services – The Rural Bulletin 22nd January 2019
- d. Rural Network Services – The Rural Bulletin 29th January 2019
- e. Information Commissioner’s Office Newsletter January 2019
- f. Kent police – Rural matters

g. ACRK – Oast to Coast Winter 18

496. Any Other Business:

Councillor Boulden reported the poor surface on Roman Road from Knoll Hill to Ruffyns. This will reported to Highways.

Councilor Thornby enquired about the possible installation of double yellow lines at the top of Goldwell Lane to ease some of the traffic issues. Also the drains at the lower end of Calleywell Lane appeared to be blocked. This will be reported to Highways.

Councillor Parkinson reported that the Santa Sleigh was very successful in raising £780 which was divided equally between the Firefighters Charity and the Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Councillor Wright reported that there are a number of trees which have died and a number of broken branches within Quarry Wood. A tree survey is required to work out what needs to be done.

Councillor Kemp reported that the bollards on the side of the road adjacent to Starndhurst on Giggers Green Road appear to be too close to the carriageway which could lead to damage for passing vehicles.

Councillor Boulding reported that the proposed noticeboards at the front of the Village hall and further along Roman Road are being progressed. The derelict bungalow at the Corner has again been brought to the attention of the Parish Council who have contacted the Borough Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.