

Minutes of a meeting of Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council held on Monday 19th July 2021 in Aldington Village Hall, Roman Road, Aldington at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors: L Harman (Chairman) R Boulding, A Bowman, W Parkinson and S Wagstaff.

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Parish Clerk

Also present 2 members of the public.

917. Apologies for absence:

Councillors: A Baldwin, M Boulden, P Kemp, and R Spicer.

918. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

919. Public participation Session:

The members of the public present were the landowners of the plot at Bonnington where the Mobile Home has been placed, as they wished to introduce themselves to the Parish Council. The planning application in respect of this was not discussed.

920. Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th May 2021 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

921. Chairman's Report:

Cllr Harman reported that this was the first "live" meeting that the Parish Council had been able to hold for some considerable time and in a new venue.

The new play equipment installed on Reynolds Playing Field has proved to be very popular, a comment has been received about the apparent lack of accessible equipment this is being looked into.

A new youth football team are currently using the Quarry Field and welcome any local players that are interested.

With regard to the Neighbourhood Plan representatives from AECOM visited last week in connection with the work they are undertaking on design guides. An up to date Housing Needs Survey will be carried out in October which will feed into the plan together with updated statistics from the latest census.

Ashford Borough Council are instigating a tree planting initiative details of which are awaited.

922. Planning:

The next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss planning matters will be on Monday 2nd August 2021.

923. Finance:

Schedule of payments made:

Chq No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
1594	Groundwork UK	Repay unspent grant	£256.15
1595	Harmer & Sons	Grounds maintenance	£1,116.00
1596	H J Hoad	Internal Audit	£190.00
1597,1598 & 1599	Staff costs May		£2,121.94
1600	SLCC Enterprises	Training	£36.00
1601	KALC	Training	£42.00
1602	Brighter Homes (Folkestone) Ltd	Quarry House screening	£2,484.00
1603	R Boulding	Reimbursement	£12.45
1604	Aldington Village Hall	Defibrillator allowance	£50.00
1605	Sutcliffe Play	Reynolds Play Equipment	£16,063.21
1606	Sutcliffe Play	Reynolds Play Equipment	£13,934.84
1607 1608 & 1609	Staff costs June		£3,131.08
1610	Harmer & Sons	Grounds maintenance	£960.00
1611	BWP Creative	NDP Website	£172.80
1612	James Boot	NDP	£400.00
1613	Harmer & Sons	Grounds maintenance	£1,234.80
1614,1615 & 1616	Staff costs July		£2,189.85

Resolved: to receive and approve the payments contained within the schedule

924. Financial Review Quarter 1:

Report ABPC/21/11 brings to the Parish Council an update on its financial standing against its budget at the end of the first quarter of the financial year.

Resolved:

- 1. To receive and note Report ABPC/21/11**
- 2. To receive and note the financial position at the end of the first quarter of the financial year.**

925. Community Garden:

The Chairman recently met with the Chief Executive and Finance Manager from Ashford Borough Council to view areas owned by the Borough and maintained by the Parish. The area behind Goldwell Bungalows has been the subject of a fire and the Environment Team from Ashford Borough Council cleared the debris from the site. The Borough Council have agreed that the Parish Council can arrange for the clearance of the site and to establish a community garden.

The proposal is to provide a patio area and raised beds, the finance for this to come from s106 monies held by Ashford Borough Council. Members of the Garden Society have volunteered to assist with the retention of any appropriate plants on the site and the establishment of the garden.

926. Play equipment:

Further to the Chairman's report on the new playground equipment the company that supplied it have been contacted to ascertain if a suitable roundabout and swing are available. They have confirmed that a suitable roundabout is available and a site visit is to be arranged to enable a quotation to be supplied. Finance for this is available from within the s106 maintenance fund held by Ashford Borough Council.

927. Village Event:

The event date of 28th August is confirmed and will run from 2.30 to 5 pm at the Village Hall where there will be cream teas and entertainment, then transferring across the road to the Walnut Tree for Hog Roast and music.

Posters and social media coverage will provide an activity programme.

Cllr Boulding requested that the Event be give an specific name rather than just Village Event.

928. Any items of information:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm