

**HIGH HALDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council**  
**held on the 8 November 2021 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall**

**111/21 Present and Apologies**

**Present:** Cllr Robinson (Chairman), Cllrs Ms. Dawes, Mr. Drury, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Pickering, Mr. Sargent and Mrs. Wheeler

**In Attendance:** Mrs L Goldsmith (Clerk), Cllr. Pickering (Ward Member)  
5 members of the public

**Apologies:**

An apology was received from Cllr. Harris and the reason of holiday was accepted.

**112/21 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Mrs Pickering: Voluntary Declaration as the spouse of the ward member.

**113/21 Minutes of the meeting of the 11 October 2021**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11 October 2021 be approved and confirmed as a true record subject to two corrections, item 102/21 should read 'to the side of the stream' and item 103/21 should read 'to the upkeep of the church generally'.

**114/21 Matters Arising**

**114/21-1 – Update on progress with a Speedwatch Scheme**

The Clerk reported that unfortunately two speedwatch sessions were cancelled in October due to road works on the A28 affecting the flow of traffic. Sessions are booked in for November. Unusually low speeds were recorded at the last session.

**114/21-2 – Update on progress with finding land for allotments in the village**

The Clerk has written to the Church to see if there is any possibility that the orchard could be used for allotments and is waiting for the PCC to discuss this request at their meeting due to be held on the 11 November 2021.

**114/21-3 – Security signage for the sports pavilion**

Members noted that the Clerk has obtained a quote of £78.00 for the production of a security sign at the pavilion.

**Resolved:** To ratify a decision between meetings to purchase 2 security signs for the sports pavilion

**114/21-4 – Jubilee Park remedial works**

Members noted that Aspire has supplied and fitted a new latch to the double access gate to the play area and have replaced the broken post in the car park. Six new wooden pales are on order to replace the damaged ones on the playground boundary fence. The cost for all these works is £235.00 (excluding VAT). The Clerk has also reminded Aspire to remove the rubbish from the ditches.

**115/21 Open Session**

1] A member of the public commented on the speed of vehicles travelling along the A28 and in particular lorries in the early hours of the morning. This resident is experiencing issues with movement/subsidence in his property. Cllr. Pickering suggested that the member of public writes to a contact to be provided by him at KCC to discuss their concerns.

2] In response to a question regarding the poor quality of the road surface on the A28 Cllr. Robinson explained that the road is due to be resurfaced next year and that it is unlikely that budgets would allow KCC to complete this works any earlier.

3] A member of the public raised questions regarding the sale of land on the corner of Tilden Close by ABC and the re-appropriating of the land. The member of public questioned the conduct of ABC in their actions. Cllr. Pickering suggested that the member of public forwards all his correspondence with ABC to him so that he can raise this issue with the CEO.

4] A member of the public raised questions regarding the access into the Precinct 13 site stating it is unclear which planning permission now applies and requesting a suspension of any further work until all breaches have been addressed. Cllr. Robinson advised that the Parish Council has raised similar concerns and waiting for a response from ABC. Cllr. Pickering is also involved in trying to get a response from ABC.

5] A member of the public discussed their concerns about the planning proposal 21/01882/AS for the land between Monarch house and Bourne Farm. Concern was expressed about the size of the proposed dwelling, the height of the roof line which is not in keeping with the surrounding properties and the access. Questions

were also raised about the accuracy of the block plan which does not show the bus stop nor take into all the roads and driveways coming out on to this stretch of road. It is also unclear whether the site is within the village confines.

6] Planning Proposal 21/00973/AS - Greenluck Farm, Harris Lane - The applicant gave members an update on the history and proposed future use of the land. The applicant was encouraged to contact ABC for an update on their planning proposal.

19:47hrs 4 members of the public left the meeting

#### **116/21/1 PCSO's report**

The Clerk has circulated the PCSO's monthly newsletter. PSCO Langridge has been making herself known by patrolling the village and engaging with parishioners. Members asked the Clerk to pass on their gratitude for both the regular updates and work within the village.

**115/21/2 Community Warden report:** There was no report.

#### **117/21 – To consider progressing a request for a crossing guard for the A28 zebra crossing**

Cllr. Dury reported that a local resident had contacted him following a recent incident in which they were nearly hit by a vehicle travelling at speed whilst using the zebra crossing to take their child to school. Members agreed that this is a regular occurrence. Members discussed the request for a crossing guard at school drop off and collection times and agreed that the Clerk should speak to KCC to progress this further.

#### **118/21 To receive an update on the Highways Improvement Plan**

The Clerk has asked KCC for a quote for replacing the village sign near to the school and for adding a white timber effect gate with the aim of creating more of a village gateway. KCC is also preparing a quote for rationalising the signage (school warning, bend warning, junction warning, zebra warning) on the A28. The Clerk has also reminded KCC of ABC's commitment to making zones around schools 20mph. Members discussed the ongoing problem with speeding traffic on the A28 and the Clerk was asked to find out if purchasing a speed camera was an option and the costs involved.

#### **119/21 To agree a location and position for the siting of the replacement village sign**

The Clerk and Cllr. Sargent were due to meet with Tenterden PC last week to discuss the possible location of a replacement village sign at this end of the village but reported that the meeting has been postponed to this week.

#### **120/21 To receive an update on the application for Jubilee Park to Fields in Trust**

The Clerk has been chasing Fields in Trust for several months for an update on the Parish Council's application to designate Jubilee Park as a public playing field and recreation ground for perpetuity. A draft Deed of Dedication has finally been received today from the solicitors acting for the Fields in Trust. It was suggested and agreed that Members review the document and forward any comments to the Clerk and for this to be discussed further at the next meeting.

#### **121/21 Planning**

Cllr Mrs Pickering assumed the Chair as Planning Portfolio holder.

##### **Planning applications**

##### **21/01598/AS – Summer Farm, Biddenden Road, Tenterden**

Works on conversion and extension to, agricultural and domestic outbuildings to gym/spa, part demolition of former piggery and construction of new build holiday let.

**Resolved: No comment**

##### **21/01854/AS – St Michaels Court, St Michaels, Tenterden**

Erection of 4 bay garage with room above.

**Resolved: No comment**

##### **21/01882/AS – Land between Monarch House and Bourne Farm, High Halden**

Outline planning application to consider, access, landscaping, and layout for the erection of a single detached dwelling, garage and carport and associated landscaping.

**Resolved: That the Clerk should apply for an extension for the Parish Council to respond to allow more time for comments from other consultees to be published and considered.**

**21/00682/AS – Land to the South of Sicklefield House, Ashford Road, St Michaels**

Reserved matters application to consider appearance, landscaping, layout, scale and associated works pursuant to outline planning permission 18/00759/AS.

**Resolved: No comment**

**18/00759/CONB/AS - Land to the South of Sicklefield House, Ashford Road, St Michaels**

Discharge of conditions 9 (Construction Management Plan) & 12 (Arboricultural impact Assessment/Tree Protection).

**Resolved: No comment**

**17/00952/CONB/AS – Land East of Hope House, Ashford Road, High Halden**

Discharge condition 5 (highway layout).

**Resolved: No comment.**

**21/01858/AS – Rosehurst, Ashford Road, High Halden**

Replacement front porch.

**Resolved: No comment.**

**21/01732/AS – Hallmark Farm, Ashford Road, St Michaels**

Erection of two storey single side extensions.

**Resolved: No comment.**

**Planning applications received after the distribution of the agenda:**

**21/01921/AS-62 Hopes Grove, High Halden**

Proposed single storey front extension and new canopy to front door.

**Resolved: No comment.**

**Approvals:**

**18/00569/CONA/AS – Little Hookstead Farm, Hookstead, High Halden**

Discharge of conditions 1 (materials), 4 (fences) and 5 (landscape)

**21/01601/AS – Little Mead, St Michaels, Tenterden**

Proposed single storey infill extension and extension to detached garage building to provide studio/home office.

**21/01530/AS – Stowbury, Ashford Road, High Halden**

Two storey side extension, entrance porch, alterations to fenestration; additions and alterations to existing dormers

**21/01531/AS – Stowbury, Ashford Road, High Halden**

Replace existing garage with new garage and store and office on first floor

**Refusal:** None to consider.

**Withdrawn:**

**21/00508/CONA - Land rear of Stephendale, Ashford Road, St Michaels**

Discharge of condition 7 (landscaping scheme)

**Other Planning Matters:**

**CO/21/00196 – Meadow View, Ashford Road, High Halden** – The Building Inspector advised the owners that the hedge needed to be removed and so this is no longer an enforcement case.

**21/00973/AS – Greenluck Farm, Harris Lane, High Halden/ 1700538/AS Precinct** – Cllr. Pickering has raised some concerns regarding both these proposals with ABC on behalf of the Parish Council and is waiting for a full response.

**21/00927/AS – Land between Bourne House and Summerhill Cottages, Ashford Road** - It was noted that this proposal is likely to be considered by the Planning Committee. The officer report has not been published yet.

Cllr. Sargent took over as Planning Portfolio

**19/00228/AS Herwish, Martens Lane, High Halden**

Lawful Development Certificate: use of wooden shed as dwelling – It was noted that the hearing due to take place on the 30 November 2021 has been postponed. A new date has not yet been set.

*Cllr. Robinson resumed the Chair*

## 122/21 Financial Report

### 122/21-1 To agree payments in accordance with the Budget and note receipts

Resolved: That the following payments be made online by Cllrs. Robinson and Dawes in accordance with the Budget and receipts noted:

#### Payments

Cheque/Transfer	Details	£
Transfer	L Goldsmith (September Expenses)	147.83
Transfer	L Goldsmith (September Salary)	461.40
Transfer	HMRC (August L Goldsmith)	115.40
Transfer	Parochial Church High Halden	500.00
Transfer	Mr B R Croucher (August & September services)	113.36
Transfer	Npower (Electricity for pavilion)	181.26
Cheque	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	25.00

#### Receipts

Details	£
Transfer from Natwest Reserve Account	30,129
VAT refund for payments 01/04/20-31/03/21	2820.45
Interest (Reserve Account)	0.22

### Balances as at 8 November 2021

Unity Trust Account: £81,572.39

### 122/21-2 Closure of the NatWest Reserve Account

It was noted that the NatWest Reserve Account has now been closed and that the balancing fund of £30,129 was paid into the Unity Trust Account on the 27 October 2021 in line with the instructions of a letter to NatWest signed by Cllrs. Robinson and Harris.

## 123/21 Reports

### 123/21-1 Ward member

Cllr. Pickering advised that staff are slowly returning to ABC officers and that accommodation on the first two floors of the building is being made into zones. Salary negotiations for all staff commence next week. Cllr. Pickering advised that ABC has recruited around 80 of the 120 staff needed as it prepares to provide a port health service at the Sevington Inland Border Facility. The site will provide the customs and transit checks required for hauliers following Brexit.

### 123/21-2 Highways

The Clerk has reported the overgrown hedge between Halden Close and Hookstead. Members were pleased to note that a number of hedges that were protruding on to pavements and roads in the village have recently been cut back.

### 123/21-3 Marketing/projects

Cllr. Dawes in conjunction with the Clerk will start to prepare the next edition of the newsletter with aim of circulating this before Christmas.

### 123/21-4 KALC

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3 November 2021 are to be circulated and it was noted that the AGM is to be held on Saturday 13 November.

## 124/21 Information item:

### 124/21-1 HHVEC update

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30 September 2021 have been circulated. The Race Night due to be held on the 13 November 2021 has been cancelled due to a lack of interest but the film night due to be held on the 5 December is going ahead in the village hall. Carol singing is also to take place on the 16 December

between 7pm and 9pm outside The Chequers Inn. An 18 foot Christmas tree has been ordered for the village green. A sub-committee has been formed and is looking at ways to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Finance Officer is now a signatory on the account and has access to online banking. It is hoped to bring residents together between Christmas and New Year to hold an event centred on lighting the Beacon and for Rev. Rose to speak some uplifting words after yet another difficult year.

**124/21-3 Consultations**

- i) Police & Crime Plan Survey
- ii) Community Warden Survey
- iii) Survey on the impact of in-person meetings

**125/21 Any other Business:** Nothing additional.

**126/21 Items for the next Parish Council meeting**

Fields in Trust Deed of Dedication.

The Queen's Green Canopy – to consider trees for Jubilee Park.

To consider the installation of solar panels on the sports pavilion.

**127/21 Date of the next meeting**

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 13 December 2021 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall**

The meeting closed at 8.42pm