

SELLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Thursday 17th September at 19:00 hours by video conference

Present: Cllr Andrew Bowles (Chair), Cllr Kevin Hobson, Cllr Sue Henderson, Cllr Andrew Day, Cllr Amanda Saunders, Cllr David Woollett and Wendy Gregory (Clerk)
Ward Cllr Gould **plus 4 members of the public.**

09.20.01 Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ward Cllr Valentine due to a Planning Management Meeting

09.20.02 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllrs had no interests to declare.

09.20.03 Items to be taken in a private session

No items were required to be taken in private session

09.20.04 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 20th August 2020 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Day and seconded by Cllr Woollett and approved by all.

09.20.05 Clerk's Report

The Clerk attended a free NALC event and heard from The Woodland Trust about 'Putting trees at the heart of your community'. The Tree Charter day, which is on the last Saturday of November is a day for the whole of the UK to celebrate the value and importance of trees and woods to the people. This would be an appropriate day for the planting of the rowan tree.

Cllr Day has been booked onto the KALC course, 'Dynamic Councillor'

The new poster for Perry Wood has been uploaded to the website

Resolved: The Clerk's report was received.

Matters of interest arising (for information only)

None

09.20.06 Open Forum

Ward Cllr Gould has been looking at two proposals coming from the Government regarding changes to the planning system; the changes to the calculations for the housing targets for Swale which have gone up from 1,038 on the current model to 1,483 per annum. As a result of this, Councillors are trying to accelerate completion of the Local Plan to get it approved before these numbers are applied, and the broader changes to the planning system. Cllr Bowles gave his County Council report and advised that the budget meeting was successful and despite the reductions of income, the budget works without any major cost cuts, apart from the planned increase in

Resolved: No Objection

Action: The Clerk to update the planning portal

Application ref: 20/503682/Full

Application for a new timber framed gazebo at Puddledock, Grove Road

Resolved: No Objection as long as there is no infringement of the Public Right of Way

Action: The Clerk to update the planning portal

Application ref: 20/503977/Full

Listed Building consent for an outbuilding and installation of a swimming pool with a pool house at Brookes Croft, Vicarage Lane

Resolved: To request an extension to allow the matter to be discussed at the next meeting

Action: The Clerk to make that request to the Planning Officer

09.20.11 Local Planning Policy

A discussion took place about the problems with the current Planning Policy and alarm expressed about the new proposals and in particular that the existing infrastructure is inadequate to support these plans.

09.20.12 Law and Order

Cllr Day reported PCSOs were still making checks in Perry Wood. A discussion took place about the response received to the question of the differences between the reports provided by the PCSOs and the Kent Crime Mapping website. Cllr Hobson, advised that it looked like changes had been made to the crime mapping information, breaking down the types of crime and antisocial behaviour.

Resolved: To review the statistics for August.

09.20.13 Section 106 monies

Cllr Henderson emailed details of the proposed works and equipment that had been agreed to be purchased by the working group for the children's play area and advised the meeting that the next step was for the preferred supplier to do a site visit.

Resolved: Following the site visit, the Village Hall Committee will forward the quotations to The Clerk to request the invoice from the supplier and send to Swale Borough Council with a request to release the same amount from the Section 106 monies.

09.20.14 Highways

Cllr Hobson gave the background to the adopted Kent Wildlife Trust 'Action for Insects Plan' and advised the meeting that the Parish Council had adequate insurance cover for the Cultivation Licence which would allow designated roadside areas to be left or to have fewer maintenance cuts. Next steps are to publicise this initiative and invite members of the

community to become involved and to invite members of the Kent Wildlife Trust to speak at a meeting. Ward Cllr Gould advised that this initiative is a good fit with the bio-diversity agenda of Swale Borough Council and wished to be kept informed.

Action: Cllr Hobson to invite members of the Kent Wildlife Trust to speak and help launch the scheme

Action: Cllr Hobson to publicise the scheme and invite residents to take part

Action: Cllr Bowles, to send contact details of the KCC Pollinator Group to The Clerk

09.20.15 Request for a rubbish bin in the layby at Winding Hill

A discussion took place about the proposal to install a rubbish bin at the layby on Winding Hill in view of the fact that the cost of emptying the bin would be charged to the Parish Council because Swale Borough Council do not regard it as a necessary site. The matter was put to a vote. 1 vote was given to implement the proposal and 5 votes against.

Resolved: The proposal is abandoned.

09.20.16 A call for sites to be submitted as proposed under the Local Green Spaces Local Plan Review

Resolved: No sites will be submitted

09.20.17 Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Bowles advised that there is uncertainty about what type of service can be held.

Resolved: A payment of £40 will be donated towards the cost of a Poppy Wreath. Cllr Bowles has volunteered to lay the Wreath.

Action: The Clerk to raise a cheque payment for £40.00

09.20.18 Tree planting

Resolved: Subject to the land owner's consent, to plant a rowan tree on Tree Charter day which is the last Saturday in November, 28th November.

Action: Cllr Bowles to contact the land owner to check that they are still happy for the Parish Council to replace the tree that fell over earlier this year.

Action: The Clerk to place the order for the tree.

09.20.19 Selling School Report

A teacher at the school attended the meeting and reported that the children had a positive return back to school with a high percentage attending. Pupil are organised into two-year bubbles and parents and staff are glad to have the children back in class.

09.20.20 Councillor Reports

Reports are to be emailed.

09.20.21 Correspondence

Cllr Saunders volunteered to attend the Swale Green Grid meeting.

09.20.22 Items to be placed on the next Agenda

- i) The co-option of a new councillor
- ii) The new model Code of Conduct
- iii) Highways
- iv) Section 106 monies
- v) Law and order
- vi) Tree Planting

Any further items to be considered should be emailed to:
clerk@sellingparishcouncil.gov.uk by Tuesday 1st October 2020

09.20.23 The next meeting will be held by video conference on Thursday 15th October at 18:00

The meeting closed at 20:04 hours

Signed.....

Date