

SELLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Thursday 22nd April 2021 at 18:00 hours by video conference

Present: Cllr Andrew Bowles (Chair), Cllr Kevin Hobson, Cllr Sue Henderson, Cllr Andrew Day, Cllr Anthony Kitchen, Cllr Amanda Saunders, Cllr David Woollett, Wendy Gregory (Clerk) Ward Cllr Valentine **plus 2 members of the public.**

04.21.01 Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Ward Cllr Gould.

04.21.02 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllrs had no interests to declare.

04.21.03 Items to be taken in a private session

No items were required to be taken in private session

04.21.04 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Parish Council Meetings

Resolved: The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 18th March 2021 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 25th March 2021 were approved by all.

04.21.05 Clerk's Report

Zurich insurance confirmed that the defibrillators are covered under the current insurance policy. The Internal Audit is booked for the 18th May. The third defibrillator has been ordered with a locking case with the same code as the other two units. Playdale has issued a credit of £169 to reduce the cost of removal of the spoil and Sovereign who are providing the climbing board have taken away the existing board as they need to use it as a template. Highways installed the white gates and are seeking retrospective permission to install on privately owned land. The signs for the gates were the wrong size and new signs have been requested. The word 'SLOW' will be painted in the road at the bend entering the village just before the white gates. The grass verge which is now protected by the cultivation licence has been cut. Investigations are ongoing as to who carried out this work. The community fibre partnership application with 141 households is with the planning team to produce an initial ball park figure and then we'll be put in touch with the engagement manager for our area.

Resolved: The Clerk's report was received.

04.21.06 Open Forum

A member of the public commented that the newly installed 'White Gates' were small, Cllr Bowles advised that they were a standard size.

04.21.07 Matters resolved under the scheme of temporary delegation under LGA72s101

That the business of the agenda for the 15th April is moved to Thursday 22nd. The meeting will start at 18:00 and stop at 19:00 for the Annual Parish Meeting and will recommence at the end of the Annual Parish Meeting. A new agenda will be published.

To allow for the consultation that was resolved at the Extraordinary Meeting in February 021.21.03, a community consultation drop-in session will commence as soon as possible. Councillors will be present at a table outside the Sondes to answer questions that residents may have about the Local Plan. Councillors who would like to participate should liaise directly with Cllr Hobson.

An A5 leaflet will be printed and distributed by councillors to all households in Selling to remind residents of the closing date and how they can respond to the Local Plan Consultation.

04.21.08 Financial matters included under the scheme of temporary delegation

The cost of the printing 350 x A5 leaflets (£70)

04.21.09 Financial matters

a) Bank Account Balances and Reconciliation

Current Account

Opening Balance as at the last meeting	£23,341.11
Plus Receipts	238.80
Less Payments	£18,091.60
Closing Balance	£5,488.31

Reserve Account

Opening Balance as at the last meeting	£5,217.00
Plus interest payments	.09
Plus transfer from the Current account	£10,000
Closing Balance	£15,217.09

Less payments not yet cashed £2,347.56

Total monies as of 31st March 2 £18,357.84

Resolved: The bank account balances and reconciliation were approved.

b) Accounts for Payment

- i) Clerks salary £585.43 by BACS and expenses for Mar 21 £271.45
- ii) Visionict £78 incl VAT for .gov.uk domain renewal
- iii) KALC and NALC annual membership £386.88 incl VAT
- vi) Employer's PAYE Contributions £199.23
- iv) DM Payroll Services £120

Resolved: The above accounts were approved for payment.

04.21.10 Planning Applications

Application 21/501686/FULL proposed two storey side and rear extension at 31 Neames Forstal

Resolved: There were no objections or comments.

Application 21/501719/FULL and 21/501720/LBC erection of a single storey front porch, insertion of a new side window and insertion of a front sun tunnel to roof. Conversion of outbuilding to home office, ancillary to main dwelling with external alterations to outbuilding including the increase of thickness to walls and roof, demolition of conservatory and creation of canopy over veranda.

Resolved: There were no objections subject to comments from statutory officers to be complied with.

04.21.11 Selling Parish Council's response to the Local Plan

This item was taken immediately after the suspension of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting for the Annual Parish Meeting. The change in order of business was proposed by the Chairman and agreed by all.

Cllr Hobson explained that there were two more public consultations to take place outside the Sondes and therefore the draft of the submission wasn't finished.

Resolved: An Extraordinary meeting to be called to take place on Wednesday, 28th April 2021 at 18:00.

04.21.12 Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman praised the work of the members of Boughton Parish Council and Dunkirk Parish Council for the completed Neighbourhood Plan and proposed that Selling Parish Council write to both Parish Councils advising them of the support of Selling Parish Council to their Neighbourhood Plan. A vote took place and it was agreed, unanimously.

Resolved: To support the Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan

Action: The Clerk to write to both Parish Councils to advise of this and congratulate them on an excellent document.

04.21.13 Adopting the two existing defibrillators

Cllr Hobson spoke in favour of adopting the two existing defibrillators. Cllr Saunders proposed that the Parish Council look into how ownership can be transferred. Cllr Henderson said that this should also include ongoing costs of replacement batteries and pads.

Resolved: To defer the decision until the May meeting or when the additional documents are available.

Action: The Clerk to contact KALC for advice and to contact the resident who purchased the defibrillators.

The meeting was suspended whilst the Annual Parish Meeting took place.

04.21.14 Matters raised for information purposes only from portfolio holders and adopted schemes.

- i) **Highways** Cllr Bowles reported that the closure of the A251 at the junction of A2 is causing problems for all local areas. A discussion took place about the increase in

HGV traffic and a request made that this matter be put on the next Ordinary Parish Council Agenda.

- ii) **Law and Order** Cllr Day advised that the increase in dog thefts in the county has not affected areas within Selling but that residents should remain vigilant
- iii) **Selling's response to Covid-19** Cllr Hobson advised that the relevant links are on the website.
- iv) **Perry Wood** Cllr Henderson reported that a Perry Wood management meeting took place a couple of weeks ago. Grounds maintenance are going to take down some cycle runs from the Earth Works and checks are being made by Covid monitors in the area.
- v) **Public Rights of Way.** A request to move a public right is still under review
- vi) **Mid-Kent Downs** Cllr Woollett reported a number of minor typing errors on last month's report: Brabourne, Kent Downs, page 53 policy st10
- vii) **Village Hall Committee**
No report
- viii) **KALC/SAC**
No report
- ix) **Church Building Trust**
No report
- x) **Action for Insects**
Cllr Hobson said that we are waiting for a response from the Housing Trust to the enquiry about the cutting of the verge protected by the cultivation licence.
- xi) **Selling School**
No further report

04.21.15 Correspondence
None

04.21.16 Items to be placed on the next agenda
Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and distribution of workloads and portfolios of councillors
What action can the Parish Council take to stop the increase in HGV traffic
Defibrillators, ownership and the siting of the third unit

04.21.17 The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 20th May at 19:00 at Selling Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20:41 hours.

Signed.....

Date