

SELLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th June 2021 at 19:00 hours at Selling Village Hall

Present: Cllr Kevin Hobson (Chair), Cllr Sue Henderson, Cllr Andy Day, Cllr Anthony Kitchen, Cllr Amanda Saunders, Cllr David Woollett, Wendy Gregory (Clerk) Ward Cllr Valentine and County Councillor Rich Lehman, speaker Town Cllr Julian Saunders **plus 1 member of the public.**

06.21.01 Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr Bowles due to being away on holiday and from Ward Cllr Alastair Gould due to other commitments.

06.21.02 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllrs had no interests to declare.

06.21.03 Items to be taken in a private session

No items were required to be taken in private session

06.21.04 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting

Cllr Saunders requested a number of amendments, those agreed were revised.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 20th May 2021 were approved by all.

06.21.05 Clerk's Report

A regular street clean for the road outside the Sondes has been requested.

The AGAR has been sent to the External Auditors and uploaded to the website.

A request for a formal offer and contract has been made to the Community Partnership Broadband scheme. We've been advised that Kent County Council will be continuing their support which is in addition to the £1,500 for each household, the amount and the broadband speeds are yet to be announced. The offer is expected to be received in 6-weeks.

Resolved: The Clerk's report was received.

06.21.06 Open Forum

Julian Saunders, Town Councillor for St Ann's Ward Faversham, spoke about the Faversham area Local and Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). The aim of the project is to increase the number of people who walk and cycle rather than use a car because it is better for the environment and people's health. Consultants will assess what journeys are being taken and what corridors are useful and what barriers there are in those corridors. These results will go out to consultation and then the final stage is to get approval from Faversham Town Council and Swale Borough Council and Kent County Council. The Parishes to Towns project will look at routes from Parishes such as Selling to Faversham and the

barriers that are preventing people from using them. These are not for leisure but for 20 to 30 minutes cycling or walking. A request was made for Selling Parish Council to formally support the development of the Faversham Area LCWIP and feedback would be welcomed from anyone already cycling into Faversham about the routes used and for ideas for improvements. For the Town and Parishes project, there will be requests for information on favourite walking and cycling routes and suggestions for improvements such as bike racks or storage at Selling Station. The speaker took questions. The Chairman thanked him for coming and speaking on such an interesting subject. For more information the Minutes of the Steering Group are published on Faversham Town Council website.

County Cllr Lehman reported that he chased up the actions on the Parish Council Highways Improvement Plan and can confirm that Highways will install a traffic survey at the Sondes. The Chairman said that this was a huge practical step forward. Ward Cllr Valentine is back to full committee meetings next week and Swale are looking at the traffic order that has closed Faversham Town Centre due to Covid-19 restrictions and are going to consult on whether the closure should be made permanent.

- 06.21.07** **Matters resolved under the scheme of temporary delegation under LGA72s101**
None.
- 06.21.08** **Financial matters included under the scheme of temporary delegation**
None

06.21.09	Financial matters	
	a) Bank Account Balances and Reconciliation	
	Current Account	
	Opening Balance as at the	
	last meeting	£9,800.16
	Plus Receipts	
	Less Payments	£1,828.89
	Closing Balance	£7,971.27
	Reserve Account	
	Opening Balance as at the	
	last meeting	£15,217.21
	Plus interest payments	.12
	Plus transfer from the	
	Current account	£0
	Closing Balance	£15,217.33
	Less payments not yet cashed	£629.00
	Total monies as of 1st June 2021	£22,559.50

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Resolved: The bank account balances and reconciliation were approved.

b) Accounts for Payment

- i) Clerks salary £585.43 by BACS and expenses for May 21 £64.84
- ii) Vision ICT £339.60

Resolved: The above accounts were approved for payment.

06.21.10 Planning Applications

21/502464/FULL Fir Tree Cottage, Perry Wood demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a two storey and first floor rear extension a part first floor side and part two storey rear extension with balcony and erection of a detached outbuilding.

Resolved: To update the portal with a concern about the scale and style of the extension as not in keeping with the AONB and that councillors wished for planners to take into consideration any comments from the AONB consultees.

06.21.11 Defibrillator

The maintenance procedure to be resolved at a future meeting.

06.21.12 Increase in HGV traffic through Selling

The responses received from the both farms in the village were acknowledged and discussed. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council should apply under the KCC scheme, to make changes to local roads to advise KCC that we are unhappy with the roads in Selling. Seconded by Cllr Day and agreed by all.

Resolved: An application will be made on the KCC website under; Roads and Travel, making changes to local roads.

Action: The Clerk to apply and say that the matter was discussed at the Parish Council meeting, attended by the Ward Councillor and County Councillor following a presentation from a Town Councillor who came to speak about LCWIP and Parishes to Towns whose aim is to make roads safer and easier for cyclist and pedestrians.

06.21.13 Correspondence Policy

The correspondence policy to be resolved at a future meeting.

06.21.14 The noticeboard at Hogben's Hill

The letter received from the owner of the notice board was acknowledged and the Chairman proposed that the notice board at Hogben's Hill is removed from the list of assets of the Parish Council and seconded by Cllr Kitchen and agreed by all.

Resolved: The noticeboard will be removed from the Parish Council list of Assets.

06.21.15 The removal of the delegated LGA72 s101

The Clerk advised that the previous proposal that failed to remove the delegated powers, superseded the previous resolution which allowed the delegated powers to remain in place until meetings in person were allowed and a vote was now required to remove them. Cllr Woollett proposed that the delegated LGA72 s101 be removed, seconded by Cllr Saunders. 4 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

Resolved: The delegated LGA72 s101 are removed with immediate effect.

06.21.16 Highways Improvement Plan

A discussion took place about the excessive speeds particularly at the station area and the parking at the school and the signage at Winding Hill and the poor state of the land at Hogben's Common and flooding and pot holes at Neames Forstal.

Action: Cllr Kitchen agreed to obtain information on community speed watch.

Action: Cllr Hobson will speak to the school about the vehicle that regularly parks alongside the school

Action: Cllr Saunders will provide photos of Hogben's Common to show the poor state it is in.

Action: The Clerk to remind Highways of their offer of tables and benches

Action: Cllr Day volunteered to trim the grass to keep the white gates clear at Monica Close

Action: The Clerk to check with Highways to see if the Duchy has given permission for the white gate on their land. When this has been agreed, permission will be sought to trim the grass in front of the white gates.

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

- i) **Highways** – no report
- ii) **Law and Order** – The police report was emailed to councillors
- iii) **Perry Wood** – Cllr Henderson reported that the Brownies did a litter-pick at Perry Wood. They were a delightful group of girls and it was suggested and agreed that a letter of thanks will be sent to The Brownie Leader.
- iv) **Public Rights of Way** – Cllr Day advised of the notification of the closure of the footpath from Selling Station to Fox Lane for work to be done on behalf of British Rail to repair the fence. He will contact them about the overhanging trees.
- v) **Mid-Kent Downs** – no report
- vi) **Village Hall Committee** – The climbing board hasn't been installed yet and the basketball hoop has been broken and so it has been removed. Work continues on improvements to the outside of the village hall. The government scheme for installing an electric car charger has been considered but it looks unlikely that an application would be successful at this time.

The Chairman asked councillors if they were happy to exceed the 2 hours for the meeting to complete the business on the Agenda. It was agreed by all to extend the meeting.

- vii) **KALC/SAC** – Cllr Saunders reported that at the meeting on the 8th June, the Head of Planning from Swale Borough Council gave an excellent presentation about material planning rules and Mike Phillips from the Kent Reptile and Amphibian gave an interesting talk.
- viii) **Church Building Trust** – No report
- ix) **Selling School** - Cllr Hobson will circulate the latest newsletter via the Clerk

06.21.18 Correspondence

A discussion took place about the 'Celebration of Flowers' in Selling Church involving groups and individuals to raise money for the church. It was agreed that individual councillors could contribute to the flower display.

Dunkirk Parish Council have sent details of a possible meeting being held by The Winterbourne Project team. It was agreed that Cllrs Saunders and/or Cllr Woollett to attend.

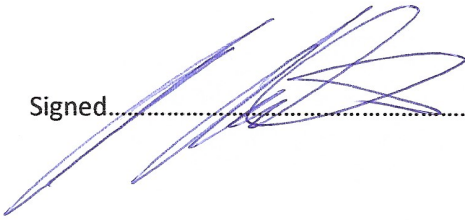
06.21.19 Items to be placed on the next agenda

TBA. Any other items to be considered, should be emailed to:
clerk@sellingparishcouncil.gov.uk no later than Tuesday, 6th July.

06.21.20 **The next meeting will take place on** Thursday, 15th July at 19:00 at Selling Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21:13 hours.

Signed.....



Date

15th JULY 2021