

## SELLING PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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



**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 strim 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 strim 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

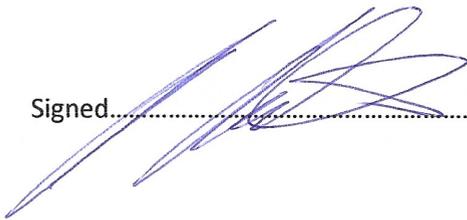
#### 06.21.19 Items to be placed on the next agenda

TBA. Any other items to be considered, should be emailed to:  
[clerk@sellingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sellingparishcouncil.gov.uk) no later than Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July.

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

The meeting closed at 21:13 hours.

Signed.....



Date.....

15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021.....