

SELLING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 17th February, 2022 at 19:00 hours at Selling Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Andrew Bowles (Chair), Cllr Kevin Hobson, Cllr Sue Henderson, Cllr Andy Day, Cllr Amanda Saunders, Cllr David Woollett, Wendy Gregory (Clerk).

02.22.01 Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from County Cllr Lehmann, Ward Cllr Valentine due to a meeting and Ward Cllr Gould due to a holiday and Cllr Kitchen due to a previous commitment.

02.22.02 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllrs had no interests to declare.

02.22.03 Items to be taken in a private session

No items were required to be taken in private session.

02.22.04 Confirmation of the Ordinary Minutes of the last Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Hobson and seconded by Cllr Woollett that the Minutes of the 20th January, 2022 Ordinary Parish Council meeting were a true record and agreed by all councillors who were present.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 20th January 2022 were approved.

02.22.05 Clerk's Report

The survey is live on the website and on Facebook and printed copies are at The Sondes and the copies for the School, the Village Hall and the White Lion were brought to the meeting. We've been advised that the position of the parish council street lights means that they can't be adopted by Kent Highways. A confirmed price to replace column 1 at Neames Forstal has been requested. The latest information for the light no longer working at the school, is that the school has been advised to contact KCC properties and their own building maintenance department. Roger Gough has been asked for a progress report on the flooding issues for this meeting. The email has been acknowledged and forwarded to Roger, but no update received. The residents of Sondes Court have agreed to the defibrillator being installed on the side wall of The Sondes, opposite Sondes Court.

Resolved: The Clerk's report was received.

02.22.06 Open Forum

None.

02.22.07 Financial matters

a) Bank Account Balances and Reconciliation

Current Account

Opening Balance as at the last
meeting

£9,068.87

Plus Receipts

516.82

Less Payments	£747.13
Closing Balance	£8,838.56
Reserve Account	
Opening Balance as at the last meeting	£15,218.22
Plus interest payments	.13
Plus transfer from the Current account	£0
Closing Balance	£15,218.35

Less cheques not yet cashed £ 147.60
Total monies as of 31st January 2022 **£23,909.31**

Resolved: The bank account balances and reconciliations were approved and the bank statements signed by Cllr Bowles

b) Accounts for Payment

- i) Clerks salary £597.13 by BACS and expenses for January '22 £37.23
- iii) Selling Village Hall (Hall hire) £260.00
- iv) 3 x KALC training courses @ £35 each plus VAT £126.00
- v) Vision ICT hosted email account £21.60
- vi) Streetlights 4 of 4 £51.00

Resolved: The above invoices were approved for payment.

- ii) Selling Village Hall (Outreach PO) £150.00

Cllr Henderson proposed that the invoice be paid. A vote took place, 2 votes in favour and 4 against. A request will be made for a formal invoice to be presented.

c) Claim for the cost of bark for the play area from s106 ring-fenced funds

A request was made for £726.00 from the s106 ring-fenced funds for bark for the play area. A vote took place with 5 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

Resolved: The payment was approved and a cheque raised for £726.00

02.22.08

Planning Applications

22/500014/FULL Moons of Selling Ltd. The Planning Officer requested that the objection lodged after the January meeting be withdrawn. Councillors considered the request. Cllr Hobson proposed that the objection should not be withdrawn, seconded by Cllr Saunders. A vote took place and it was agreed unanimously.

Resolved: The 'objection' previously submitted will not be withdrawn.

02.22.09

The installation of the third defibrillator

The proposal for the installation of the third defibrillator has been accepted by all parties and Cllr Day will liaise with the owner of The Sondes to carry out the installation.

02.22.10

Matters concerning the Highway's Improvement Plan

i) To receive an update on flooded roads

Cllr Day advised that he had reported another instance of flooding at the first dip in Selling Road, on leaving the village from the station, today. A written update was received from County Councillor Lehmann advising of the cleansing works at the

railway bridge and corner of Selling Road were undertaken as planned on 27th/28th February with all silt and debris removed from the silt traps and soakaways. This should reduce the risk of flooding under the bridge insofar as is possible pending further works that are being investigated. The flood warning boards near Gushmere court were renewed as requested previously. Cllr Saunders advised that there was flooding at Shepherd's Hill due to blocked drains.

ii) To receive an update on the Traffic Regulation Order and Community Speedwatch Scheme.

Cllr Hobson gave an update on the responses received so far from the survey.

02.22.11 To commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Henderson suggested a pack of Jubilee themed wild flower seeds to give to every household in the village. Demonstration packs were shown to councillors with an estimated cost of £200. Cllr Henderson provided a quotation for the purchase of a pair of fans plus installation costs to be considered for a grant to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. Cllr Bowles proposed that the parish council go ahead with the purchase of the seed packs, seconded by Cllr Hobson and agreed by all. Councillors agreed that there wasn't enough information for a decision to be made on the fans.

Resolved: A pack of wild flower seeds will be given to each household, delivered by councillors. The Village Hall Committee will be advised that the parish council would like assurances that the fans will work as described.

02.22.12 Selling Village Fete 2022

Cllrs Hobson and Henderson gave an update on the committee meeting they attended to discuss arrangements for a joint fete for the school and the church to take place on the 25th June. The committee have asked for an indication of whether the parish council might provide financial assistance to hire a van to collect and delivery equipment for the fete. Councillors expressed mixed views.

02.22.13 Annual Parish Meeting

A discussion took place about the format and the date of the meeting.

Resolved: The date of the meeting, subject to the hall being available, will be 12th May at 7:00. Local Groups will be asked for reports and a representative from the winery will be asked to speak.

02.22.14 Councillor's Code of Conduct

Councillors were asked to review the latest version of the Councillor's Code of Conduct as reviewed in 2021 by NALC. It was proposed by Cllr Bowles and seconded by Cllr Hobson that the document is adopted, a vote took place and it was agreed by all.

Resolved: The Councillor's Code of Conduct is adopted.

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

i) **Highways** – No further report.

ii) **Law and Order** – Cllr Day gave a summary of the report provided by PCSO Pashov. Councillors were unsatisfied by the response to the advertising vehicle parked on the bridge over the M2.



- iii) **Perry Wood** – No report.
- iv) **Public Rights of Way** – No report.
- v) **Mid-Kent Downs** – Cllr Woollett reported a further well attended protest meeting organised by 'Farms, Fields and Fresh Air' group and momentum against the large amount of development proposed in the Faversham and District continues to grow.
- vi) **Village Hall Committee** – No report
- vii) **KALC/SAC** – Cllr Saunders attended the Planning Enforcement presentation part of the meeting and has circulated the information provided to all councillors.
- viii) **Church Building Trust** – Cllr Bowles reported that it has been agreed to increase members of the trust by one. The vacancy will be advertised.
- ix) **Selling School** – Cllr Hobson advised that the school are holding an event to celebrate the official 150 anniversary on the 2nd April.

02.22.16 Correspondence

All correspondence has been circulated.

02.22.17 Items to be placed on the next Agenda

Any items to be considered should be emailed to: clerk@sellingparishcouncil.gov.uk no later than Tuesday, 8th March 2022

02.22.18 The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will take place on **Thursday, 17th March, 2022** at Selling Village Hall. *Please note that the clerk for this*
apn meeting will be Baz Rakeford.

The meeting closed at 21:02 hours

Signed *Lemna Giffon*

Date *17/3/2022*