

## SELLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at 19:00 hours at Selling Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Tony Kitchen, Cllr Amanda Saunders (Chairman), Cllr David Woollett, County Cllr Rich Lehmann, Ward Cllr Gould, Bex Ratchford (Locum Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

**03.22.01 Welcome and apologies for absence** *it was proposed and seconded that*  
Due to the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Cllr Saunders chaired the meeting. The Chairman welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Bowles due to illness, Cllr Kevin Hobson due to Covid-19, Cllr Andy Day due to work commitments and Cllr Sue Henderson due to being on holiday.

**03.22.02 Declarations of interests and dispensations**  
Cllrs had no interests to declare.

**03.22.03 Items to be taken in a private session**  
No items were required to be taken in private session.

**03.22.04 Confirmation of the Ordinary Minutes of the last Meeting**  
It was proposed by Cllr Saunders to add a sentence under item 18: 'Please note that the clerk for this meeting will be Bex Ratchford.' Subject to this amendment, the minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Ordinary Parish Council meeting were agreed as a true record.  
**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were approved.

**03.22.05 Clerk's Report**  
Gravel Master has been advised that a cheque has been raised and is with Sue Smart who will post it to them when she is ready to accept delivery of the bark for the children's play area in early April. The hall and a speaker; Patrick McGrath from the local vineyard working with Taittinger champagne, has been booked for the Annual Parish meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent to local groups asking for an update. Ken Bonner has advised that we are awaiting a formal quote from UKPN for the removal of the concrete street light at Neames Forstal. The Parish Council contract with SSE, to supply electricity to the parish council maintained street lights has expired and a new contract has been requested. A new Minute Book will be required to house the minutes. The expected cost is likely to be around £110.00. A date is to be agreed with the auditor David Buckett to conduct the audit for 2021-22  
**Resolved:** The Clerk's report was received.

**03.22.06 Open Forum**  
A representative from the village hall committee spoke about the proposed jubilee celebrations. County Cllr Lehmann gave an update: the flooding at Fox Lane and Neames Forstal is on the works programme to be done but contractor illness is slowing things down. Sheldwich is progressing a 20mph zone in the village and as part of this will need a Traffic Regulation Order, which is costly. If more than one parish is in need of a TRO, the costs can be shared. It was **agreed** to consider a TRO at the next meeting. KCC is consulting on a reduction in bus services but most of these do not serve Selling. The bus to the hospital will continue to run. It was **agreed** to publicise the consultation on the

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noticeboard. Cllr Lehmann to provide posters to the clerk for the website and to Cllr Saunders, to display on the notice boards.

Ward Cllr Gould gave an update: responses to the Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation are being looked at next week. Although questions have been raised over the target figures the advice from central government is to continue with current figures. Responses so far seem to indicate objections to new houses being built. The next stage is a Regulation 19 consultation which will take place in September. The transport plan and traffic mitigation is being considered and this might be a barrier to the amount of new houses built. Active Travel is an important part of the traffic mitigation plan. The issues regarding water are outside the remit of SBC; it is the responsibility of Southern Water to comply with whatever the Local Plan demands.

#### **03.22.07 Financial matters**

##### **a) Bank Account Balances and Reconciliation**

The bank account balances and reconciliation were carried forward to the next meeting for signing.

##### **b) Accounts for Payment**

i) Clerks salary £597.13 by BACS and expenses for February '22 £102.10

ii) Selling Village Hall (Outreach PO) £150.00

iii) ICO (Data Protection Fee) £40.00

**Resolved:** The above invoices were approved for payment. It was noted that the formal invoice from the village hall had been sent to Cllr Bowles prior to the meeting.

*and will be paid at the next meeting.*

##### **c) To resolve a pay increase for the Clerk in line with the Local Government Pay Review**

The pay increase as a result of the new pay award agreed by the GMB and UNISON was noted.

**Resolved:** The back pay will be paid at the next meeting.

##### **d) A Community Grant application**

This was discussed under agenda item 10.

#### **03.22.08 Planning Applications**

**Winterbourne Fields** Fliers are being put through doors. Cllr Gould reported that the plan might be more likely to be considered if the Local Plan does not go through.

**22/501091/FULL** 1 Suttons Cottages. It was **agreed** to request an extension for comments to be submitted after the next meeting and failing this to have an extraordinary meeting to consider the application if necessary.

**Resolved:** The Clerk will contact the planning office and arrange an extraordinary meeting if necessary.

#### **03.22.09 Matters concerning Highways and/or the Highways Improvement Plan**

This was deferred to the next meeting, although it was noted that Cllr Hobson had provided a brief report.

#### **03.22.10 To commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The Neames Forstal and Selling parts of the parish have had seeds delivered; Hogben's Hill remains to be done. It was **agreed** that Cllr Saunders and Cllr Woollett would do this.

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Other ideas, including the clock, were deferred to the next meeting and more information was requested on the plaque.

**Resolved:** Cllr Saunders and Cllr Woollett will deliver the remaining seeds.

**03.22.11 Defibrillators**

This was deferred to the next meeting although it was noted that Cllr Hobson had provided an update and had been liaising with KALC, as had the Clerk.

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

- i) **Highways** – No further report.
- ii) **Law and Order** – No report.
- iii) **Perry Wood** – No report.
- iv) **Public Rights of Way** – No report.
- v) **Mid-Kent Downs** – No report.
- vi) **Village Hall Committee** – No report.
- vii) **KALC/SAC** – No report.
- viii) **Church Building Trust** – No report.
- ix) **Selling School** – the report provided by Cllr Hobson was read out. The school is collecting items for Ukraine.

**03.22.13 Correspondence**

A letter inviting the council to participate in a 'Celebration of Flowers' at the church in May was read out.

**03.22.14 Items to be placed on the next Agenda**

Clerk's annual salary review, content and format of the Annual Parish Meeting, TRO, planning application **22/501091/FULL**, pay clerk's back pay. Any items to be considered should be emailed to: [clerk@sellingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sellingparishcouncil.gov.uk) no later than Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**03.22.15** The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will take place on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2022** at Selling Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 19.54 hours

Signed.....

Date 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2022