

## **SELLING PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Present:** Cllr Kevin Hobson (Chairman), Cllr Sue Henderson, Cllr Andy Day, Cllr Amanda Saunders, Cllr David Woollett, Wendy Gregory (Clerk) County Cllr Rich Lehmann, Ward Cllr Tim Valentine and Ward Cllr Alastair Gould. There were no members of the public.

**11.22.01 Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chairman welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Bowles due to being away on holiday.

**11.22.02 Declarations of interests and dispensations**

Cllrs had no interests to declare.

**11.22.03 Items to be taken in a private session**

No items were taken in private session.

**11.22.04 Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Parish Council Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Hobson and seconded by Cllr Day that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were a true record and agreed by all.

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**11.22.05 Clerk's Report**

The prep kits for the defibrillators have arrived. The Duchy Estate has agreed to the placement of the 30mph signs to be placed on the 'White Gate' on their land closest to the Sondes and they have agreed in principle to the soakaway being installed to help reduce the flooding at the bottom of the first hill as you leave Selling from the station area. The Support Officer to the Leader of the Green and Independents Group has advised that they have asked the street light team to repair the street light outside Selling School as a safety issue. Estimates are being sought for electrical safety certificates for the street lights maintained by parish council.

**Resolved:** The Clerk's report was received.

**11.22.06 Open Forum**

County Councillor Rich Lehmann has been appointed as the Leader of the Green and Independent Group of KCC. County Cllr Lehmann spoke about Kent's Plan Tree scheme and advised that councillors can distribute 5,000 trees within their division. Details will be sent to the Clerk to be circulated to councillors. Ward Cllr Tim Valentine spoke about National Tree Week from 26<sup>th</sup> Nov to 4<sup>th</sup> December. Swale are planting 1,000 trees during the week and are looking for volunteers. Cllr Valentine advised that Swale Borough Council's budget is due to be published next week.

**11.22.07 Financial matters**

**a) Bank Account Balances and Reconciliation**

The bank statement had not been received and this item was deferred to the next meeting.

**b) Accounts for Payment**

- i) Clerk's expenses for October '22 £65.99
- ii) Selling Village Hall for Jul, Aug, Sep Hire for OPO £207.00
- iii) CPRE £50
- iv) Royal British Legion £50

**Resolved:** The above invoices were approved for payment and the cheques signed by Cllr Hobson and Cllr Saunders.

**c) Accounts for Payment for information only**

- i) Clerk's salary £635.70 by Standing Order 12-10-22
- ii) SSE Southern Electric £60.31 by Direct Debit 21-10-22

**d) Approval of the National Salary Award for the Clerk**

It was proposed by Cllr Day and seconded by Cllr Woollett and agreed by all, to approve the National Salary Award of a £1.00 per hour pay increase for the Clerk to be back-dated to the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

**Resolved:** The National Salary Award for the Clerk of a £1 per hour pay increase to be back-dated to the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 was approved.

**11.22.08**

**Planning Applications**

To consider planning policies, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. *Please note that any applications received following the issue of this agenda will be considered.*

**22/504974/FULL 14 Selling Court, Selling.** Erection of a first-floor side extension with 4 roof lights, a single storey rear extension including enlargement of rear dormer, insertion of roof lantern to garden room and changes to fenestration. This application is a resubmission of 22/502460/FULL which was refused due to the scale of the proposal and the effect to the neighbouring property.

**Resolved:** Councillors had "No objections" to this application.

**22/503514/FULL. The Old Exchange, The Street.** A revised plan has been received for consideration. A discussion took place about whether the revisions mitigated the previous objections. Cllr Saunders proposed a response of 'no objection' be made, seconded by Cllr Hobson, a vote took place, 3 votes were in favour and 2 votes against.

**Resolved:** A response of 'No objections' will be made to this application.

**11.22.09**

**Budget approval and to determine the Precept for 2023-2014**

All items in the proposed budget were examined and the changes made were: an increase from £100 to £300 for the maintenance of two benches and an addition of £1,500 for the purchase of a defibrillator. The expected expenditure figure was £20,186. It was proposed by Cllr Day and seconded by Cllr Hobson that the amended budget be approved and was agreed by all. It was proposed by Cllr Day, and seconded by Cllr Hobson and agreed by all councillors that £6,186 should be used from the 'Reserves' to subsidise the Precept which was set at £14,000, a 7% increase on the previous 2-years.

**Resolved:** The budget of £20,186 was approved and the Precept will be £14,000.

*Councillors were asked during item 11.22.09 if they agreed to extend the length of the meeting in order to finish the budget and the Precept request and any other time-sensitive matters. Councillors agreed.*

**11.22.10**

**Village sign**

There was no update.

**11.22.11**

**Tour of the Houses of Parliament in the New Year coupled with an update meeting with MP Helen Whately.**

The Clerk was asked to clarify the terms of the invitation and to add this item to the agenda of the next meeting.

**11.22.12**

**Purchase of a defibrillator and cabinet for Hogben's Hill**

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders and seconded by Cllr Hobson and agreed by all councillors that a fourth defibrillator and cabinet be purchased.

**Resolved:** A defibrillator and cabinet will be purchased for the Hogben's Hill area.

**11.22.13**

**The street light outside of Selling school**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**11.22.14**

**Matters concerning Highways and or the Highways Improvement Plan**

i) An update on flooded roads.

**The Duchy Estate has agreed in principle for a soakaway to be built on their land, at the first dip in Selling Road on leaving the village from the station area, to help alleviate the flooding.**

ii) To receive an update on the Traffic Regulation Order

**The Duchy Estate has agreed that signage can be put on the land they own where the 'White Gates' are, to complete the design. The expected 40 mph buffer zone has been removed and the KCC Officer has invited councillors to speak to her about this.**

iii) To receive an update on the Community Speedwatch Scheme

**No update**

iv) To receive an update on fly-tipping and resolve any actions

**No update**

v) To hear of any other matter concerning highways

**None**

**11.22.15**

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

- i) Law and Order
- ii) Perry Wood
- iii) Public Rights of Way
- iv) Mid-Kent Downs
- v) Village Hall Committee
- vi) KALC/SAC
- vii) Church Building Trust – No report
- viii) Selling School

Councillors were asked to provide written reports to the Clerk for circulation.

**11.22.16 Correspondence**

All correspondence had been circulated.

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

Any other items to be emailed to: [clerk@sellingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sellingparishcouncil.gov.uk) no later than Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

**11.22.18 The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be Thursday, 15 December, 2022**

The meeting closed at 21.27 hours

Signed.....

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