

POSTLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Postling Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 30 January 2019, at 6.30pm in Postling Village Hall.

1. Present: Cllr Frank Hobbs in the chair, Councillors Helen Calderbank, John Elphick, Christine Hobbs, John Patrick, Charlie Wilkins, Parish Clerk Clare Hamilton, District Councillor Jenny Hollingsbee.
Apologies: Cllr Jane Reynolds, County Councillor Susan Carey (committee meeting).
2. **There were no** declarations of interest on Agenda items.
3. **It was resolved** to accept the minutes of meeting held on 28 November 2018 which were signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting: Lyminge Post Office is due to open in Premier Food Stores, Lyminge, approx. 28 February.
5. Planning Applications: (5a received since publication of Agenda)
 - a. **Y18/1423 Stop 24 services** and port early arrivals, Stanford Intersection
Installation of 6 electric vehicle (EV) charging points, 12 high power cabinets and a transformer substation (TSU) following the demolition of a car wash.
Responses to F&H by 13 February. PPC No objection.
 - b. **Y19/0029 Barndale**, Sandling Road
Erection of a single storey rear extension.
Responses to F&HDC by 6 February. PPC No objection.
 - c. **Y18/1513 Wents Cottage**, Sandling Road, Postling
Change of use of land from scaffold yard to residential curtilage and erection of a detached garage outbuilding, following demolition of existing buildings associated with scaffold yard.
PPC no objection. Awaiting F&HDC decision
 - d. **Y18/0920/FH Westbury House**, Sandling Road, Postling
Erection of steel barn, together with the change of use of land for the additional use as a motorcycle training facility.
PPC No objection. F&HDC Approved.
 - e. **Y18/0913/FH Stour Rise**, Staple Lane, Postling
Change of use of the land for the keeping of horses and erection of a stable building.
PPC No objection. Awaiting F&HDC decision.

Clerk to monitor responses to planning applications on F&HDC planning portal, and to request parishioners who comment on the portal to copy their comments to the parish council. If the parish council holds an opinion which is not in-line with the majority of public comments, a reason for this will be published.
6. Finance:
 - a. Balance of account at 30 January 2019: £6,611.13.
Payment of £600 to British Heart Foundation was approved by councillors by email on 14 January and cheque no.100290 was issued.
 - b. **It was resolved** to approve the following expenditure:

Donation: Age UK, Lyminge	£ 100.00
Donation: Postling Church	£ 200.00
Clerk's salary	£ 330.02 (Dec and Jan)
Clerk's travel expenses	£ 7.20 (16 miles @45p per mile)
Defib cabinet	£ 570.00 vat £95

Proposed by Cllr Helen Calderbank, seconded by Cllr John Elphick, all in favour.
 - c. Letter signed to HSBC requesting they update account addressee name to Clare Hamilton.

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7. **It was resolved to adopt** Health & Safety Policy; Privacy Policy; Public Participation at Council Meetings Policy; Recording of Meetings Policy; Records Management Policy.
8. District and County Councillor's report: see Appendix.
9. Defibrillator for the parish: ZOLL AED Defibrillator and Call Push Rescue training kit now received from British Heart Foundation (BHF grant ref. no. AED_CP3_709).
Cabinet to be ordered: AWC003 Defibrillator Cabinet (unlocked). Outdoor, heated, cabinet. £475 ex vat, £570 incl. vat. Clerk to inform insurers for inclusion in policy.
10. Rural broadband provision: see Appendix for notes on rural broadband.
11. Elections 2019: It was noted that parish council and district council elections will be held on 2 May 2019. Anybody interested in standing as parish councillor is invited to contact the clerk.
12. For information:
 - a. Invitation to the Lord Lieutenant's Annual Civic Service at All Saints Church, Maidstone on Tuesday 12 March 2019
 - b. Correspondence received:
F&HDC Core Strategy Review Submission Draft 2019 (Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012) and Folkestone & Hythe Heritage Strategy public consultation.
To be circulated to parishioners.
 - c. Next meeting 27 March 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

..... Councillor Frank Hobbs *Chairman* 27.3.19

Appendix

8. District Councillor's report

We are pleased to report that national figures on waste show households in the Folkestone & Hythe district reduced the amount of waste they threw away in 2017/18 compared with 2016/17 by a hefty 22kg (3 stone and 6lbs for those of us who still think in 'imperial'). Recycling rates were also up with 45.3% of all waste recycled or composted – a 2.8% improvement on the year before. Thank you to residents for their efforts in reducing waste.

With regular kerbside collections and a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) in Folkestone open seven days a week, there's no excuse for anyone to flytip in our countryside. Unlike littering, flytipping is a criminal offence. The fines for this environmental crime can be unlimited with prison sentences of up to five years also available as penalties to the court. Householders should be aware that it is not just those who do the flytipping who are liable. Your District Council has taken several cases of flytipping to court and has had success in tracking down the originators of waste dumped in our country lanes. The most recent fly tipping at Stanford and Monks Horton are currently under investigation. Please keep an eye out for such activity and note number plates of vehicles involved.

Our Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the District Council (of which Susan is a member) is inviting suggestions for its annual programme. Previous topics have included parking and controlled parking zones, developers' financial contributions and the policy around replacement bins. (Please note we can't examine planning applications, licensing, housing appeals or disciplinary issues.) To put forward your idea, email committee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk for a form. The deadline for submissions of completed forms is Friday, 22 March.

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As you may know the Travellers' at the spur off the small roundabout at J11 are on private land and F&HDC are in contact with the Landowner who lives in London and it is the landowners responsibility to take the necessary legal action to move them on and as I understand it, he will visit the site next week and consider his options. However, the Council (with support from the Police) will be taking action on littering, antisocial behaviour and any criminal offence but need evidence to pursue this. We are being kept informed of progress.

We are pleased to report that Veolia have carried out a deep clean of the Otterpool Lay-by and we expect the Area Officers to monitor the situation.

On Otterpool Park, representatives from Parish Councils adjacent to the redline boundary attended a Stewardship Workshop at Westenhamer Castle and further sessions will follow. Other specialist topic seminars are also planned.

We would like to welcome any new residents to the Village and we, are, as always, willing to meet with local residents to discuss any issues or concerns.

Jenny Hollingsbee *Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Communities*

District Councillor, North Downs West Ward, Folkestone & Hythe District Council

County Councillor's report

Your County Council debated a Brexit preparedness paper at its meeting on 13 December. This set out the contingency arrangements to deal with different levels of disruption to Cross Channel traffic agreed with the Department for Transport, Highways England, Kent Police and Kent Highways. Since this meeting the Government has agreed to meet KCC's request for extra funding of around £29m for road strengthening, extra CCTV, Automatic Number Plate Recognition and staff. These works are of benefit to Kent whatever might or might not happen with Brexit.

Other good news. Steadline (and Ashford based firm) have been reappointed to do repair work in our area and are already carrying out work when weather conditions allow. Please report potholes either by phone or online.

Susan Carey *Member for Elham Valley, Kent County Council*

District Councillor, North Downs West, Folkestone & Hythe District Council

10. Rural Broadband *for information*

a. KCC Making Kent Quicker programme

Kent County Council is working with the Government's broadband agency, Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) to improve access to superfast broadband services. To date, this work has already brought superfast broadband to over 134,000 homes and businesses, who would otherwise have been left with no, or slow broadband. This means that 95% of properties across Kent and Medway can now access a superfast broadband service of at least 24mbps.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/broadband/making-kent-quicker>

b. The Government's Better Broadband Scheme

We are also administering the Government's Better Broadband Scheme in Kent. The Government's scheme provides subsidised installation of fixed wireless and satellite broadband connectivity to

properties that cannot currently access a broadband speed of at least 2mbps. There are a range of packages on offer, including options that provide speeds significantly greater than 2mbps.

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c. The Sunday Times published an article on 27.1.19 offering advice to readers on how to access superfast broadband in remote areas of the UK:

Three options were listed: a universal service obligation (USO), a community fibre partnership (CFP) or using a 5G mobile network. The universal service obligation was introduced by the Government during 2018 which gives all households in the UK a legal right to a minimum speed of 10Mbps. It will, however, not come into force until 2020 so some communities may prefer a CFP.

Many villages are choosing to form a community fibre partnership with Openreach which has to be funded privately. Finally, the UK mobile network is being upgraded to 5G which promises speeds of 1.4Gbps for everyone.

Service providers have hailed 5G as the answer to connectivity issues for remote areas of the UK: 'The way we have planned our 5G rollout means users won't need to wait for fibre to reach their village – and they won't need the pavements and roads dug up in order to install it in their homes, no matter how rural,' says Shadi Halliwell, chief marketing officer at Three.

No launch date for UK-wide 5G has been announced, however trials have already begun in London, Manchester, Cardiff and Glasgow.

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