

POSTLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Postling Parish Council meeting held online via Zoom on Wednesday 25 November 2020 at 7pm

1. Attending: Cllr Frank Hobbs in the chair, Cllrs Christine Hobbs, John Elphick, John Patrick, Yvonne Mumford, Charlie Wilkins, Helen Calderbank, Parish Clerk Clare Hamilton.
Apologies: District Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee, County Cllr Susan Carey.
2. There were no members' declarations of interest on Agenda items.
3. **It was resolved** unanimously to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2020. Minutes will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.
4. There were no matters arising from Minutes of the previous meeting.
5. **To consider** Planning Applications received since the last meeting, circulated to Councillors for comments, the outcomes of those deliberations, and to consider any further applications received since this agenda was published:
 - a. **20/1211/FH The Manor House, The Street, Postling CT21 4EX**
Listed Building consent to repair and replace 2 timber framed windows to a South-East elevation of the property to match the existing in form, scale, colour and finish using traditional carpentry methods and reusing the glazed lead light panels.
F&HDC Approved. PPC Support
 - b. **20/1454/FH Tupper Cottage, Staple Lane, Postling CT21 4EZ**
Application for the erection of a conservatory
F&HDC Approved. PPC No objection
 - c. **20/1485/FH Pent Farm, Pilgrims Way, Postling, Hythe CT21 4EY**
Creation of a 150m pond for Great Crested Newts as part of Natural England's District Level Licensing scheme.
PPC Support. Awaiting decision from F&HDC
 - d. **19/1258/FH Postling Lodge, Farthing Common**
Retrospective planning permission for a grounds maintenance building and entrance gate accessed from Loughborough Lane at Postling Lodge
PPC Objection. Awaiting decision from F&HDC
In October, FHDC were contacting the Agent to request further information to determine whether the proposal constitutes householder development or minor development. Clerk to contact FHDC for an update on the situation.
Outstanding tree planting also to be followed up.
 - e. **20/1224/FH The Pent, Pilgrims Way, Postling**
Lawful Development Certificate (existing) for use of barn as garage and games/hobby room in conjunction with the residential use of The Pent.
F&HDC: Is Lawful
 - f. Other planning matters:
Waiting for date for holly tree at Village Hall to be inspected by FHDC arboreal specialist. Permission will be sought for work needed.
6. Highways
 - a. Commencing 25 Jan 2021 Staple Lane, Postling Closed for 5 days, BT works to lay ducting
Works being programmed Cuckoo Lane, Postling TBC
 - b. Fault reporting: Parishioners are encouraged to join Councillors in reporting Highways faults at
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

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- c. Chairman attended a recent Joint Transport Board meeting where winter arrangements were reported: 16 snow clearing farmers will cover 20 areas throughout Kent.

7. Finance

- a. To note balance of account at 25 November 2020: £6,190.54

- b. To note Payments and Receipts since last meeting:

Payments: C Hamilton	Salary August & September	£354.98
C Hamilton	Zoom fee Sept meeting	£ 14.39

- c. **To consider** Expenditure due before next meeting:

C Hamilton	Salary Oct & Nov	£ 354.98	
C Hamilton	Zoom fee Nov meeting	£ 14.39	vat £2.40

At the last meeting, expenditure up to £450 (ex.vat) was approved for purchase of a replacement PC laptop. Suitable laptop has been out of stock since September. In order to broaden the spec. available, a budget increase of up to £500 (ex.vat) was approved. Laptop to be ordered as soon as stock is available.

It was resolved to approve expenditure, proposed by Cllr, Christine Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Helen Calderbank, all in favour.

- d. **It was resolved** unanimously to approve the proposed Budget 2021/22.

- e. **It was resolved** to request a Precept 2021/22 from Folkestone & Hythe District Council of £3,280.00.

Proposed by Cllr Charlie Wilkins, seconded by Cllr John Elphick, all in favour.

Deadline for request of Precept is 31 January 2021.

8. District Councillor's and County Councillor's reports: see Appendix.

9. Chairman to contact a parishioner re. a Community Resilience and Emergency Plan.

10. **It was resolved** to change the day of parish council meetings to the fourth Tuesday of the month, commencing at 6.30pm. This is to accommodate councillors' work commitments.

2021 meeting dates are confirmed as follows: Tuesdays at 6.30pm - 26 January, 30 March, 25 May, 27 July, 28 September, 23 November.

11. Correspondence received

- Media Release 26.10.20: KCC Leader says children will not go hungry during half-term
- NSARDA Kent, The national search and rescue dog association looking for donations
- NHS Kent and Medway CCG Community Bulletin for October 2020
- PCSO report for the North Downs East & West Wards
- FHDC Creating Tomorrow Together - the Council's new draft Corporate Plan consultation
- Census 2021
- Kent Community Foundation - 'Knock & Check' campaign
- Kent Police's Rural Task Force report and Rural Matters newsletter (Autumn 2020)
- Kent County Council Safeguarding Supplementary Planning Document and Statement of Community Involvement
- Hobbs Parker letter marketing exposure for events, community newsletters printing, and help promoting local news through their social media, website, Twitter and Facebook pages.

12. For information

- Chairman is attending the KALC AGM on 28 November
- Councillors were saddened to hear of the passing of Rodney Williamson, former KALC County Secretary
- Website updated with photos and document of 'Postling Villagers enjoying a tour of Pent Farm and a talk on Hedgerows given by Debbie Reynolds'

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- Next KALC Area Committee meeting is on Thursday 17 December at 7pm. Chairman has secured the attendance of the chief planning officer. One other Councillor invited to attend.
- KALC Community Awards 2021 launched. Deadline for nominations is 12 February
- As confirmed in item 10, 2021 meeting dates are as follows: Tuesdays - 26 January, 30 March, 25 May, 27 July, 28 September, 23 November.
- Next meeting - 6.30pm, Tuesday 26 January 2021.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Appendix

We are sorry we cannot be with you this evening but we have a full Council Meeting.

Events can move very quickly so it's best to check on www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk for the latest information on services. The call centre number is 01303 853000 and if you get stuck you can always contact one of us.

During the second lockdown your District Council re-established community hubs to help with shopping, meals, dog walking etc for those who needed help.

The contact details are:

Email covid-19@ageukhl.org.uk

Call 01303 269602 (messages can be left outside opening hours)

Open Monday - Friday 8.45am - 3.45pm

The District Council is dealing with Government grants for businesses forced to close by law or adversely impacted by this second lockdown. To find out more go to folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/local-restrictions-support and complete the application form. We know people have been concerned about the level of reported fraud nationally for such schemes and we'd like to reassure residents that claims are properly checked. It's been heartening to see how quickly the grants have been paid to businesses in need even with the necessary checks.

Our district had one of the lowest Covid infection rates in the country but it was rising sharply in line with other parts of the country so there is a real need for us to continue with social distancing, hand washing and the wearing of masks (unless exempt).

As Covid restrictions will allow shops to open from 02 December, although we will not know what Tier the District falls in until tomorrow, charges in all the District Council's pay and display car parks and on-street parking bays will be waived on Saturday 5 December, Saturday 12 December, and Saturday 19 December.

We know that HGVs have been parking overnight despite the parking restrictions that the District Council has introduced. We continue to raise concerns with the officers about this problem and have been assured that Fixed Penalty Notices continue to be issued (and followed up with debt collection agents where not paid).

Please keep an eye on the KCC website <https://www.kent.gov.uk/> as so much is happening and changing. There's a local test and trace scheme due to launch, we may well soon be assisting with a vaccination programme, we're expecting news of extra powers to deal with HGVs and keep them on the designated routes.

We wish all residents and Councillors a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to those who serve on the parish council, run the church, the committee members of the Village Hall and thanks also to all the volunteers and all the good neighbours among us.

Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee, your district councillors

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