

POSTLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Postling Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27 November 2019 at 6.30pm in Postling Village Hall

1. Attending: Cllr Frank Hobbs in the chair, Cllrs Helen Calderbank, John Elphick, Christine Hobbs, Yvonne Mumford, Charlie Wilkins, Parish Clerk Clare Hamilton, County Cllr Susan Carey.
Apologies: Cllr John Patrick, District Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee.
2. An interest was declared on item 5b by Cllr John Elphick.
3. **It was resolved** to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September which were signed by the Chairman.
4. There were no matters arising from Minutes of the previous meeting.
5. 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. Received 27.11.19:
Y/19/1258 Postling Lodge, Farthing Common
Retrospective planning permission for a grounds maintenance building and entrance gate accessed from Loughborough Lane at Postling Lodge.
Comments to F&HDC by 18 December.
 - b. **Y19/0970 1 Court House, The Street**
Erection of a single storey conservatory at the rear of the property, and
Y19/0971 1 Court House, The Street
Listed building consent for the erection of a single storey conservatory at the rear of the property together with removal of rear window.
Three Councillors Approve, One Councillor Objects (as Court House is a Listed building and feels the outside appearance and character of this historic converted barn should not be altered further).
 - c. **Y19/1052/FH Fox Cottage, 2 The Terrace, The Street, Postling**
Rear single storey extension to first floor
PPC Object: the proposed extension appears out of proportion with neighbouring properties; there is the potential to block light to, and overlook, neighbouring properties; there is no direct site access (access via rear of neighbouring properties).
F&HDC Refused
 - d. **Y19/0257/FH Otterpool Park development, Ashford Road, Sellindge**
Responses from F&HDC Planning Officer are available on the F&HDC website.
 - e. **Y18/1300/FH Pent Farm, Pilgrims Way, Postling CT21 4EY**
Reserved matters application for the erection of a permanent agricultural dwelling being details pursuant to outline application Y17/0650/SH (details relating to landscaping, scale, appearance and layout) and Y17/1621/SH Pent Farm, Pilgrims Way, Postling CT21 4EY
Erection of a dwelling being details pursuant to outline planning permission Y17/0650/SH (details relating to layout, scale, appearance, means of access, and landscaping), together with discharging planning conditions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.
PPC No objection. Awaiting decision from F&HDC.
 - f. **Y17/1417/SH** Tree clearing to access onto Loughborough Lane: Senior Planning Enforcement Officer informed that the owner of the land where the trees have been felled (with the consent of the Council) has agreed to replant appropriate replacement trees. Replanting is expected to take place a few months into the new year. Should the replanting not take place, the Council can take formal enforcement action against the owner.

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- g. The Parish Council was not informed directly of F&HDC of the following Non-Material Amendments to planning applications:
- 19/0035/NMA Barndale, Sandling Road Lyminge CT18 8DX
Amendment for an additional window.
Awaiting decision from F&HDC.
- 19/0051/NMA Stop 24 Services and Port Early Arrivals Stanford Intersection CT21 4BL
Non material amendment for the movement of the LV Switchboard to beside the 12 power cabinets, to be enclosed by a 1.8m fence, and the removal of the fence around the remaining transformer and RMU, which will be individually enclosed for planning application Y18/1423/FH.
F&HDC Approved.
6. Finance:
- a. Balance of account at 27 November 2019: £6,389.20
- b. Payments and Receipts since last meeting:
- Payments:
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| C Hamilton travel exp. | Sept | £ 7.20 |
| C Hamilton salary | Aug & Sept | £ 342.31 |
| GibGeeks annual website hosting & domain | | £ 33.20 |
- Receipts since last meeting: None
- c. **It was resolved** to approve the following expenditure:
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| Clerk's travel expenses | Nov meeting | £ 7.20 |
| Clerk's salary | Oct & Nov | £ 345.28 |
- Proposed by Cllr Helen Calderbank, seconded by Cllr John Elphick, all in favour:
- d. **It was resolved** to approve Budget 2020/21, and Precept request 2020/21 of £3,200 (to remain as 2019/20 with any extra budget items to come from reserves). Proposed by Cllr Helen Calderbank, seconded by Cllr John Elphick, all in favour. Deadline for Precept request to F&HDC is 31 January 2020.
7. District Councillor's and County Councillor's reports: see Appendix.
Chairman's report from KCC Highways Parish Seminar 2019: see Appendix.
8. **Compliance with the Public Sector Bodies (websites and mobile applications) (no.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018:** Deadline for compliance is 23 September 2020. Information with costs has been received from KALC and Clerk will attend a KALC meeting on 12 December for further information on this matter and GDPR. Clerk is waiting for log-in details to current website.
It was resolved that, in order to fully meet the Accessibility Regulations and permit the Clerk full access and control of website, to adopt the Hugo Fox free, fully compliant website template in April 2020. The annual domain name fee will remain payable to GibGeeks, Hugo Fox to host. For Clerk to build new website on the fully compliant Hugo Fox template, an overtime payment would be required.
9. Community Resilience and Emergency Plan: Chairman and Clerk to complete the Kent Resilience Forum template Community Resilience and Emergency Plan for discussion at next meeting.
10. Signpost: Supply of a replacement Postling sign at the junction of Cuckoo Lane and Sandling Road is being considered by Highways.

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11. 75th anniversary of VE Day, 8 May 2020: Town/Parish/Community Councils are being encouraged to take part in the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2' and the ringing of church bells as part of the nationwide 'Ringing Out for Peace' at 7pm on the 8th May 2020 - VE Day. Letter from the Pageant master VE Day 75 to be circulated again.
12. Otterpool Park: An information note on 'Ensuring sustainable water supply for the future' for Otterpool Park has been received from F&HDC which states 'There is existing capacity for the first 1,500 units without improvements to infrastructure, then the remainder of the demand will require offsite improvements to the local network to bring water to the site. This includes expansion of Paddlesworth reservoir and a new water main to be constructed between the reservoir and the development'. It is understood the main runs through Postling Parish, location to be confirmed.
Two members of the Otterpool Park team wish to attend a meeting with Councillors to provide an update on Otterpool Park. Suggested meeting dates are 16 or 18 December, 7 January 2020.
13. Correspondence received - as circulated in weekly email update to Councillors, plus:
 - Highways updates: M20 and local roadworks information circulated to parishioners
 - Purdah guidance revision: for circulation to councillors
 - Polling place review & polling station changes
 - Town & Parish Reporting of Planned Events requiring a Police Presence
 - Town & Parish Report form PCSO Nicholas Hazell 46059007
 - KALC AGM: Saturday 30 November
 - Parishioner query of speed limit on Sandling Rd: this was discussed and the conclusion reached that nothing would be done by KCC Highways due to lack of budget and no severe accidents reported. Although the national speed limit of 60mph applies, drivers should drive according to the road conditions, not the speed limit. A SpeedWatch exercise could be carried out if volunteers came forward and equipment could be sourced.
14. For information
 - General Election 12 December: Change to Polling Station for Postling - St Mary and St Radegund Church, The Street, Postling CT21 4EX (replacing Postling Village Hall)
 - KALC Community Awards Scheme 2020: deadline for submissions 31 January, nomination discussed.
 - 2020 meeting dates: 29 January; 25 March; 27 May; 29 July; 30 September; 25 November

Next meeting 29 January 2020.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm

..... Councillor Frank Hobbs *Chairman* 29.1.2020

Appendix

District Councillor's Report

Through the Local Children's Partnership, KCC are offering Early Help Grants to support new and existing organisations and innovative projects which contribute to meeting the local need and priorities for children and young people across the district. The aim of the grant fund is to support local priorities whilst encouraging creativity through projects and services that improve outcomes for children and young people through a community-based offer. To apply www.Kent.gov.uk/community funding

Boxing Fitness sessions have been introduced at info@hawkingecommunitycentre.co.uk
Tuesdays 4-5 pm Age 8-11 and 5-6pm 12-16 - £2 per sessions.

Charges in all District pay and display car parks and on-street parking bays across the district will be waived on the three Saturdays leading up to Christmas day as we look to encourage shoppers into our shopping areas. This means parking will be free on Saturday 7 Dec, Saturday 14 Dec, and Saturday 21 Dec.

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Otterpool Park - Future funding for Otterpool Park, the proposed garden town, has been earmarked by Folkestone & Hythe district councillors at meetings on 20 November.

Residents are reminded to check where their polling station is ahead of the General Election on 12 Dec.

For Lyminge there is one change - 1st Lyminge Scout Hut, Woodland Road, Lyminge CT18 8EW (replacing Lyminge Village Hall, Woodland Road, Lyminge).

For Postling there is one change - St Mary and St Radegund Church, The Street, Postling CT21 4EX (replacing Postling Village Hall, The Street, Postling)

Jenny Hollingsbee *Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Communities, Lifeline, Area Officers & Street Homeless. District Councillor, North Downs West Ward*

County Councillor's report

Cllr Carey reported on her new responsibilities for Environment at KCC. This included the 18 Household Waste Recycling Centres, flooding, archaeology, heritage, AONB, planning (minerals and Waste applications) and our zero-carbon target by 2050 for Kent and Medway.

KCC has a new leader, Roger Gough, who is both very bright and very nice.

The consultation on KCC's budget for 2020/2021 finished on 25 November and we are now in the process of trying to close the budget gap of around £20m caused chiefly by growing demand for services particularly for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. The budget will be set at our meeting in February.

Susan Carey *Member for Elham Valley, Kent County Council
District Councillor, North Downs West, Folkestone & Hythe District Council*

Chairman's report from KCC Highways Parish Seminar

13 November 2019 at Canterbury Cricket Ground. There were 5 attendees from F&H parish councils:

- Kent has third most miles of roads in UK, and most miles of strategic roads with 4,500 miles of rights of way.
- Over 1m vehicles are owned by residents of Kent, a 30% increase in volume over the last 25 years.
- Van use has doubled mainly due to online shopping.
- LED street lights are saving £5.4m a year.
- 80% of lorries leaving the UK go through Kent.
- Road casualties are rising nationally, but dropping in Kent.
- KCC Highways can only object to planning applications if they cause severe problems.