

# POSTLING PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Postling Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27 March 2019, at 6.30pm in Postling Village Hall.

Councillors welcomed Mr Ian McLintock, chairman of Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council, who is working with parishes in the Otterpool Park development area to help them understand the proposal and how to best represent their views.

1. Present: Cllr Frank Hobbs in the chair, Councillors Helen Calderbank, John Elphick, Christine Hobbs, John Patrick, Charlie Wilkins, Jane Reynolds, Parish Clerk Clare Hamilton.  
Apologies: Cllrs Jenny Hollingsbee and Susan Carey (committee meetings).
2. **There were no** declarations of interest on Agenda items.
3. **It was resolved** to accept the minutes of meeting held on 30 January 2019 which were signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting: none.
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. **Y19/0257/FH Otterpool Park development**, Ashford Road, Sellindge  
A copy of the application and accompanying plans can be viewed online at:  
<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/otterpoolpark/planningapplication>  
Comments to F&HDC by 27 May 2019.  
A parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 April 2019, 6.30pm at Postling Village Hall, where detailed proposal documents will be displayed for parishioners to view and comment on.
  - b. **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.  
PPC No objection. F&HDC Approved.
  - c. **Y19/0029 Barndale**, Sandling Road  
Erection of a single storey rear extension.  
PPC No objection. F&HDC Approved.
  - d. **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.
  - 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.
6. Finance:
  - a. To note balance of accounts at 12 March 2019 (date of bank statement): £6,173.91.  
Projected Year-End balance at 31 March: £5,066.69.  
Clerk/RFO to prepare end of year accounts, arrange meeting with Internal Auditor, and complete Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).
  - b. **It was resolved** to approve the following expenditure:

Clerk's salary	£ 330.02	(Feb and Mar)
Clerk's travel expenses	£ 7.20	(16 miles @45p per mile)
Defibrillator cabinet	£ 570.00	vat £95

  
Proposed by Cllr Christine Hobbs, seconded by Cllr John Elphick, all in favour.

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c. **It was resolved** to apply to HSBC for online banking to be operated by the clerk. Security will be in place, payments will continue to be approved at meetings, clerk will present bank reconciliation at each meeting. **It was resolved** for second signatory to change to Cllr John Elphick. Clerk to supply necessary forms. Proposed by Cllr Charlie Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Helen Calderbank, all in favour.

7. District and County Councillor's report: see Appendix.

8. Defibrillator, cabinet and training:

a. The council's insurance policy provides £5,000 worth of loss and damage cover for Defibrillators and Cabinets automatically within the policy limits.

AWC003 Defibrillator Cabinet (unlocked), outdoor, heated cabinet, £475 ex vat (£570 incl vat) to be ordered from Turtle Engineering Ltd.

A demonstration of the defibrillator will be held at the Annual Meeting on 22 May.

b. Defibrillator installed at Westbury House: Mrs Isherwood contacted clerk re. training; joint training session with PC suggested.

9. Elections 2019: Councillors thanked Cllr Jane Reynolds who is standing down after serving as parish councillor for many years.

a. Notice of Election posted on 18 March.

b. Nomination Papers to be delivered by hand to F&HDC between 19 March-3 April, 10am-4pm.

There will be one vacancy for a parish councillor.

c. To be in line with the elections timetable, date of the Annual Meeting of the Council needs to be brought forward to Wednesday 22 May.

10. For information:

a. Correspondence received:

British Heart Foundation: Acknowledgement of £600 contribution to defibrillator

Age UK, Hythe & Lyminge: Acknowledgement of £100 donation

KALC: Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) Parish Pack - Preparing for Emergencies in Kent; KALC News

ACRK: Invitation to become members of Action with Communities in Rural Kent (PNVH is a member)

F&HDC: A decision by Cabinet Member for the District Economy has been published:

SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND. Decision:

1) Approve the decision for the Council to submit an Expression of Interest to the Government's Future High Street Fund.

2) Agree to approval of the content of the Expression of Interest submission being delegated to the Corporate Director for Place and Commercial.

KCC Highways: Road closure notices circulated

Highways England: Operation Brock information circulated.

b. Swing: condition is regularly monitored by Cllr Christine Hobbs.

c. Barrier at Pilgrims Way: it was reported this will be replaced by KCC Highways.

d. Next meetings:

Wednesday 24 April, 6.30pm - parish meeting to view Otterpool Park planning documents

Wednesday 22 May, 6.30pm - Annual Council Meeting and ordinary meeting, followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.

..... Councillor Frank Hobbs *Chairman* 22.5.19

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## Appendix

### 7a. District Councillor's report

The masterplan for Otterpool Park Garden Town has been submitted and has been validated. The application can be viewed on the new Otterpool Park Website which is now live and is also on the District Council Website with all pdf versions of the accompanying documents. Two public exhibitions are planned for early May, one at Westenhanger Castle and one at the Leas Cliff Hall. The Consultation period is for 10 weeks, until 27 May.

At the recent District Town & Parish joint meeting, presentations were given on Otterpool Park, arrangements for Brexit, the election process and Partnership working and the papers can be viewed on the Council website.

As you are aware the council has a new website - Spotlight - to help local groups advertise their activities and help people find interesting things to do and ways to meet people. All local Clubs/Societies/Charities are encouraged to list their details on the site.

The comments on the draft Core Strategy Review are now being assessed and will be submitted to the Planning Inspector shortly.

The Travellers' at the A20 Spur Road have now moved on and the landowner has put in place a soil bund to try and avoid a repeat visit. The Council is working with the landowner to clear the site of the mess that was left.

The Area Officer team recently introduced by the District Council received 2 awards at the iESE Public Sector Transformation Awards, taking home Silver in two categories: Community Focus - Place, and Transformation in Environmental Services. Since they were appointed in October 2018 they have notched up an impressive list of achievements, tackling more than 4,000 issues around the district including cleaning graffiti, clearing litter, and working with businesses and community groups to improve the appearance of our towns and villages.

The Community Safety Unit had a presentation from the Home Office Border Force, Special Branch who are working in Partnership with the District on a campaign to encourage the public to report unusual or suspicious activity around an airfield, coastline, or waterway. The campaign is called 'Don't ignore it, share it'. The reporting of anything unusual could help to combat crime and terrorism.

**Jenny Hollingsbee** *Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Communities*

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### 7b. County Councillor's report

AT KCC we have been very occupied with preparations for possible disruption to traffic associated with Brexit. KCC was successful last year in a bid for over £28m from the Government to strengthen key roads such as the A20 in advance of Brexit. (The funding was agreed with the work to be done by the end of March - a real challenge but one we are on track to meet). KCC is also part of the Kent Resilience Forum which brings together Highways England, Kent Police and other public bodies to plan for various scenarios of disruption in Kent. Storm Gareth is a reminder that disruption happens Brexit or no and this joint planning puts us in a much better position to cope than we were when we had 35 days of Operation Stack in 2015. KCC is publishing information as it becomes available on the KCC website.

Highways England have published a website detailing Operation Brock. This is the set of measures to keep the M20 open in both directions between junctions 8 and 9 in the event of disruption to services across the English Channel, by using different holding areas. These arrangements were put in place this morning and appear to have worked smoothly. Visit [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/OperationBrock/](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/OperationBrock/) for more information.

I am also pleased to report that KCC has received a £1.3m Government grant to be used with partners on projects to prevent knife crime. Kent has less of this crime than other parts of the country (although we have seen a rise) and it's important to take preventative measures.

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

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