

POSTLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Postling Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 28 November 2018, at 6.30pm in Postling Village Hall.

1. Present: Cllr Frank Hobbs in the chair, Councillors Helen Calderbank, John Elphick, Christine Hobbs, John Patrick, Jane Reynolds, Charlie Wilkins, Parish Clerk Clare Hamilton. Apologies: District Councillor Jenny Hollingsbee and 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 26 September 2018 which were signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting: dog fouling - If there is evidence of an offence, the Dog Warden may be asked to attend.
5. Planning Applications:
 - a. 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
 - b. 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
 - c. Y18/1145/FH Churchfield, Pilgrims Way, Postling
Erection of a single storey rear garden room.
PPC No objection. F&HDC Approved.
6. Finance:
 - a. Balance of account at 28 November 2018: £7,048.35
New HSBC change of address forms were signed.
 - b. **It was resolved** to approve the following expenditure:

Clerk's salary	£ 330.02	(Oct and Nov)
Clerk's travel expenses	£ 7.20	(16 miles @45p per mile)

Proposed by Cllr Christine Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Jane Reynolds, all in favour.
 - c. **It was resolved** to accept the proposed Budget 2019/20, and to submit a Precept request 2019/20 of £3200 to Folkestone & Hythe District Council.
7. **It was resolved** to adopt Communications Policy; Community Engagement Policy; Complaints Procedures; Equality & Diversity Policy; Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Publication Scheme.
8. Reports:
 - a. Chairman's report on the KCC Highways Parish Seminar for Ashford, Canterbury, Folkestone & Hythe on 9 November: Cllrs Frank Hobbs and John Elphick attended the seminar where pothole repairs, streetlights and reporting problems were highlighted. PowerPoint presentation of the seminar is available from the clerk.
 - b. Chairman's report on the KALC AGM on 17 November: Presentations included Dementia awareness and Diabetes UK. Motions included membership subscriptions, '20's plenty' speed limit proposal for rural areas. Benefits of membership of KALC discussed and agreed by councillors.
 - c. District and County Councillor report: see appendix.

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9. Local roadworks recently completed: Beachborough; Etchinghill; Station Road, Lyminge; The Street, Postling (BT).
10. Defibrillator: Grant of £500 approved by Cllrs Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee. Cllrs Frank Hobbs and John Pattrick to complete British Heart Foundation funding form.
11. Rural broadband provision: Parish council to write to BT to query when improvements will be made to rural broadband provision. It is recommended that slow speeds are reported to provider.
12. KALC Community Awards 2019: a parishioner will be nominated for an award.
13. For information:
 - a. Next meeting 30 January 2019.
 - b. 2019 meeting dates - 30 Jan, 27 March, 29 May, 25 Sept, 27 Nov.

Appendix

Report to Postling Parish Council 28.11.18

District

Your District Council is currently consulting on changes to the proposed Public Space Protection Orders to deal with Anti-Social behaviour. Most ASB happens in the urban areas but the churchyard in Postling is listed as one of the areas which should be prohibited from unauthorized camping. Do please look at the proposals for the whole district and make your views known.

Jenny and I are pleased to confirm we have allocated £500 from our ward grant to the defibrillator project here in Postling.

Kent

The Budget on 29 October brought some welcome extra funding for both social care and our roads. This came in the nick of time as we had a budget gap for next year which could only be closed by removing or drastically reducing our discretionary services. Rising demand for social care is our biggest budget challenge and we still need a long term answer as to how we best finance this.

KCC has just launched a consultation on its strategy for libraries. We intend to keep all 99 but with book borrowing continuing to decline their future will increasingly be as a community hub. We are proposing 5 tiers of service for our libraries – Town plus, town, community plus, community and small community. Opening hours will be matched to demand. (Mobile libraries are unaffected as is the e-library and home delivery service for the housebound).

Lyminge is designated a Community Plus library which means it will open 28 hours a week compared to the present 22 hours. Please read the consultation and give your views by 29 January.

The Post Office have advised me that they expect to appoint a new postmaster for Lyminge soon (interviews were held earlier this month) but no dates have yet been announced.

Kind regards and Merry Christmas,

Susan Carey

Member for Elham Valley, Kent County Council

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

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