

POSTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Postling Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 29 November 2017 starting at 6.30 pm at Postling Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr Frank Hobbs (Chair), Cllr Christine Hobbs, Cllr John Elphick, Cllr John Patrick, Cllr Helen Calderbank, Cllr Charlie Wilkins, Cllr Jane Reynolds, Cllr Susan Carey, Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee
Parish Clerk: Jo Maher

1. Apologies: Mr Wayne O'Gilvie
2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Patrick declares a voluntary interest in item 5, Orchard Cottage. Cllr Reynolds declared a voluntary interest in item 8, noise of Pent airfield.
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 September 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
4. Matters arising from Minutes
 - Parish Website: Progress report is postponed till next meeting
 - Otterpool Garden
 - A. Meeting with Landowner Team on 9 Nov 2017. Chairman attended and gave a report
 - B. Bid for government funding. Master plan will be published early next year.
 - Defibrillator. The cost is approximately £1,000. Cllr Frank Hobbs will check with KALC what promotions are on. Cllr Carey advised that funding could be available from April 2018 to support this project.
 - Postling Church response regarding parking issues. Email from PCC Secretary dated 11 October 2017 was read out at the meeting.

5. Planning Applications:

"To confirm the 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."

Y17/0798/SH, White Lodge Loughborough Lane, Lyminge, Erection of a first floor extension to existing garage. This has been refused.

Y17/0125/SH, Storage Yard, Wents Cottage, Sandling Road, Postling, Erection of a detached dwelling and associated car parking following demolition of existing buildings. This has been refused

Y17/1201/SH, Land adjoining Orchard Cottage, The Street, Postling, Construction of a single dwelling house with associated access and landscaping. It was proposed by Cllr Christine Hobbs to support this application and agreed unanimously.

Y17/1346/SH, Fox Meadow, The Street, Postling, Erection of a single storey rear extension (Oak framed garden room). No objections were raised to this applications.

Y17/1425/SH, The Beeches, Sandling Road, Lyminge. Replacement of existing timber cladding with facing brickwork to all elevations and the erection of single story extensions to front and rear elevations. It was proposed by Cllr Calderbank to have no objection this application and agreed unanimously.

Y17/0881/SH, Court Lodge Farm, Loughborough Lane, Change of use and conversion from barn to 4 dwellings with garage block extension. It was proposed by Cllr Christine Hobbs to

object to this planning. This was unanimously agreed. Postling's comment is that this development is overly ambitious. It would make it very difficult for the adjacent farm to continue to operate normally.

6. Finance:

- Precept 2018-2019 to submit latest by 31 Jan 2018. The precept was agreed for £2000, same as the year before. This was agreed by Cllr Christine Hobbs and unanimously agreed. Clerk is to write to Mr David Christie.
- Budget for 2018- 2019. See attached. It was proposed by Cllr Reynolds to accept the proposed budget. This was unanimously agreed. Please see item 8 for training costs next year.

7. Letters from Parishioners

Dog Fouling in Postling. A concerned parishioner reported dog fouling all throughout the village. This issue has been reported in neighbouring villages. It was agreed that a mail drop be circulated in the village.

- Loughborough Lane Development. Postling Parish Council was not invited to comment on this application, we will write to Shepway and demand to be included in the consultation.
- Parking and noise New Barn.

A concerned parishioner reported noise from industrial garden equipment being used in private gardens. Action: A letter from the Council

A complaint has been received of high pitched noise is coming from a suspected faulty alarm system from the local farm at Loughborough Lane. Action: A letter from the Council

A complaint has been received regarding a boat being parking since August 2017 on the verge of New Barn. Action: A letter from the Council.

8. Any Other Business:

- Workshop "General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)" is organised by KALC at a cost of £30 plus VAT per person. Cllr Elphick and Cllr Wilkins volunteered for the 14 December 2017 session. Clerk is to book this course online.
- Pent Airstrip – complaint from parishioner and response from Chris Reynolds
- Kent Mineral Waste Plan: Sand extraction at Shrine Farm is not required anymore
- Broadband: Cllr Carey advised that Postling is unlikely to get an improvement for the foreseeable future.

9. Date of next meeting Wed 31st January 2018.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 pm