

POSTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Postling Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 31st January 2018 starting at 6.30 pm at Postling Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr Frank Hobbs (Chair), Cllr Christine Hobbs, Cllr Helen Calderbank, Cllr Charlie Wilkins, Cllr Jane Reynolds, Cllr Susan Carey

Parish Clerk: Jo Maher

1. Apologies: Mr Wayne O'Gilvie, Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee, Cllr John Elphick, Cllr John Patrick
2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Reynolds declared an interest in item 5 regarding Pent Farm's applications.
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29th November 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
4. Matters arising from Minutes
 - Parish Website: Progress report is postponed till next meeting
 - Defibrillator: It has been reported that KALC is doing a new promotion on defibrillators next month. The cost will be approximately £1600 including the cabinet. Cllr Carey agreed in principle to partly fund this item with a grant for next financial year.
 - GDPR -General Data Protection Regulation update report: Following a workshop on the 14th of December, Cllr Wilkins reported that there is a change in European Data Protection Law that will be enforced in the UK by May 2018. Practically it means that the Parish Council needs to agree on a policy, publicise it and appoint an inspector. This could cost £150/annum. More details to follow.

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."

Y17/1201/SH, Land adjoining Orchard Cottage, The Street, Postling, Construction of a single dwelling house with associated access and landscaping – Withdrawn by Applicant

Y17/1346/SH, Fox Meadow, The Street, Postling, Erection of a single storey rear extension (Oak framed garden room) – Approved by SDC

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. – Approved by SDC

Y17/0881/SH, Court Lodge Farm, Loughborough Lane, Change of use and conversion from barn to 4 dwellings with garage block extension. – Withdrawn by Applicant

Y17/1305/SH, Pent Farm Pilgrims Way Postling Hythe, Retrospective application for change of use of the land to the stationing of 2 polytunnels for use as aircraft hangars for a period of 10 years. – Temporary permission granted by SDC

Y17/1302/SH, Pent Farm Pilgrims Way Postling Hythe, Retrospective application for the erection of a general purpose storage building for part agricultural use and part storage of aircraft - Approved by SDC

Y17/1417/SH, Postling Lodge Farthing Common Lyminge, Erection of a two-storey side and rear extension, together with installation of new entrance gates. – Approved by SDC

Y17/1544/SH, Farngate Sandling Road, Lyminge, Erection of a two-storey rear extension together with a side facing dormer window – Support by PPC, with understanding that the side dormer windows will be removed from the plans.

Y18/0031/SH, White Lodge, Loughborough Lane, Lyminge, Erection of first floor side extension above existing garage (re-submission of Y17/0789/SH) – Support by PPC

Y17/1621/SH, Pent Farm Pilgrims Way, Postling, Hythe, Erection of a dwelling being details pursuant to outline planning permission Y17/0650/SH – No objection by PPC

Y17/1632/SH, Junior Lodge, Farthing Common Lyminge, Certificate of lawful development (existing) for the change of use of the land to residential use including the stationing of a residential mobile home. PPC objects to this planning. The council is not happy for the continued use of caravans used as a permanent settlement

6. Finance:

- Precept 2018-2019 submitted
- Payment donations Church grass cutting (£200, cheque no. 100274) and Age UK (£100, cheque no. 100273). This was proposed by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Christine Hobbs and unanimously agreed.
- Payment KALC GDPR workshop, invoice 6081 (£72, cheque no. 100275) This was proposed by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Christine Hobbs and unanimously agreed.

7. Letters from Parishioners:-

- TV and broadband reception has been discussed. It was agreed that the council should write to our MP Damian Collins for advice.
- Flooding Cuckoo Lane end of The Street has been discussed. Cllr Hobbs has reported this too to KCC and the case number is 43400967. See separate email dated 1st Feb 2018 with response from KCC.

8. Any Other Business:

- Cllr Carey reported that there will be a 4.99% increase in council tax due to loss of grants and increase in demand in social care.
- Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 consultation has been discussed. There are no plans for Postling. It was agreed to write to KCC to say that we were pleased to see that the sand extraction at Shrine Farm has been removed from the plans.
- Name change of Shepway to Folkestone & Hythe. From 1st April, all electronic communication will use the new name. The initial change will cost £10K, all other items will be replaced when required.
- 2018 KALC Community awards scheme. No nominations have been put forward.
- Temporarily closure of part of Public Right of Ways for installation of underground electricity transmission cable has been discussed. Work is underway at Kick Hill.
- Taking Part in Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018. Lighting of the Beacon has been organised. The Council is looking for a team to organise the event and refreshment.

9. Date of next meeting Wed 28th March 2018.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30 pm