

POSTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Postling Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 21 September 2016 starting at 6.30 pm at Postling Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr Frank Hobbs (Chair), Cllr John Pattrick, Cllr Helen Calderbank, Cllr Christine Hobbs, Cllr Jane Reynolds, Cllr Charlie Wilkins, Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee, 4 members of the Public

Parish Clerk: Jo Maher

1. Apologies: Cllr Susan Carey, Cllr John Elphick
2. Declaration of Interest: None declared
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25 July 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
4. Matters arising from Minutes
 - A. Broadband: Nothing to report
 - B. PCSO (Police Community Safety Officer): Nothing to report
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."

It has been reported that NO CD's of any planning applications have been received.

Y16/0296/SH, Postling Lodge, Farthing Common, Lyminge, Section 73 Application to vary condition 3 of planning Permission Y15/0948/SH to enable alterations to the design. Planning application was withdrawn.

Y16/0844/SH, Land adjoining Orchard Cottage, The Street, Postling, Felling of 2 Western Red Cedars (T7 and T9); 1 Leyland Cypress (T8) and 1 unidentified tree (Roaceae Species) (T6), All subject of tree preservation order no 12 of 1988. Postling Parish Council supports this planning.

Y16/0635/SH, Land adjoining Orchard Cottage, The Street, Postling, Construction of a detached dwelling house and garage. Paper plans were obtained from the applicant and have been discussed. Cllr Reynolds proposed to support this planning application. This was seconded by Cllr Christine Hobbs and unanimously agreed. In addition, the Parish Council wish to comment:-

Based on drawings shown for 1 dwelling
Yew hedge at the front to be reinstated
Parking during construction must be kept within the plot
As much of the front stone wall as possible to be retained

6. Lorry Park Consultation ends on Friday 23 September. Cllr Frank Hobbs read out KALC's response, signed by Cllr John Wilson, Chairman of the Transport Advisory Committee. KALC is calling for alternative solutions. Cllr Hollingsbee read out Shepway's response to the HE Consultation.

Postling's Parish council comment is:-

"South of the M20, where the current Stop 24 is, Postling Parish Council fully supports the expansion of the lorry park to provide overnight facilities. We urge Government to legislate to make it easier for local Authorities to force lorries to use the park instead of parking inappropriately.

For the North side, we argue that this is not necessary and will not solve Operation Stack. Highways England must look for alternative smaller sites.

Part of the site, adjoining Stanford Village, and the area close to Gibbons Brook Farm should not be used for parking but included in the mitigation measures. Should the lorry park go ahead, Junction 11 of the M20 must remain fully open at all times. If the off-slip road is closed it will cause significant disruption to local traffic and villages.”

Cllr Frank Hobbs read out Dr Priest’s email calling out for a Community Forum. We agreed it was a good idea and would support such meetings. He also read out an email from the Chairman of Stanford PC calling for a juridical Review, which needs funding. It was agreed that Postling PC was not able to donate any funds.

7. Otterpool Garden Town:

- A. Chairman reports on meeting with Dr Priest at SDC offices
- B. Email from Lympne Parish Council calls for meeting.
- C. Report by Chairman and Cllr Hollingsbee of Study Tour of other Garden Towns

Open Communication is a must. Postling Parish Council will attend any meeting called by Lympne PC.

8. Finance:

- A. A reclaim for VAT for the value of £120.73 has been received
- B. Annual Audit for the Year ended 31.03.2016: This has been signed and approved by the External auditors. A Notice of Conclusion will be prepared and publicised as required.

9. Any other business for information only:-

- A. Cllr Frank Hobbs reported on Pothole Blitz and current road repairs
- B. Cllr Hollingsbee reported on Better Health and Care in East Kent. See website www.Eastkent.nhs.uk

10. Date of next meeting Wednesday 30 November 2016

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 PM