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Minutes of Postling Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 31 July 2019 in Postling Village Hall.

The Chairman opened the meeting with reference to the plane crash that occurred in the parish on 21 July. A parishioner contacted the council expressing concern about safety aspects of the airfield at Pent Farm and aircraft noise, especially at weekends. The Air Accident Investigation Branch are carrying out investigations into the incident and safety issues, if any, will be raised as part of their report. As Postling parish is on the flight path for planes crossing the Channel, for Lydd airport for the Air/Sea Rescue helicopter and Spitfire flights from Biggin Hill (not coming from Pent Farm) light aircraft noise is to be expected, particularly at weekends.

1. Present: Cllr Frank Hobbs in the chair, Cllrs Helen Calderbank, John Elphick, Christine Hobbs, John Pattrick, Charlie Wilkins, Parish Clerk Clare Hamilton, District Cllrs Jenny Hollingsbee and Susan Carey, and one parishioner.
2. There were no declarations of interest on Agenda items.
3. **It was resolved** to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 May and the Extraordinary meeting held on 5 June 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. Y19/0605/FH The Outlook, Pilgrims Way, Postling

Application for discharge of condition 3 (Water Efficiency), 4 Materials, 10 (Biodiversity) & 13 (Drainage) for planning permission Y16/0063/SH (erection of a replacement dwelling with garage and hard and soft landscaping, following demolition of the existing dwelling).

PPC No Objection (although the notification letter from F&HDC states "Comments by 5 August", the web page states "This notifies the Council of proposed work or development not needing its permission. The Council will not be approving or refusing the proposal, so comments are not invited.")

b. Y19/0564/FH The Manor House, The Street, Postling

Listed building consent to repair subsidence damage caused to bay window using traditional building methods. To include internal and external works.

PPC Support. Awaiting F&HDC decision.

c. Y19/0257/FH Otterpool Park development, Ashford Road, Sellindge

Following the Extraordinary Meeting held on 5 June, Councillors' comments on this proposal were submitted to F&HDC on 12.6.19. Responses from F&HDC Planning Officer are now available on the F&HDC website.

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. F&HDC Approved with conditions.

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. F&HDC Approved with Conditions.

Clerk queried new position of stable as council was not informed of change. F&HDC planning department informed that parish councils are not consulted on Conditions. The parish council's concerns about the stable now abutting a neighbour's land will be brought to the planning officer's attention.

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f. **Y18/1300/FH Pent Farm**, Pilgrims Way, Postling, Hythe, Kent CT21 4EY

Reserved matters application for the erection of a permanent agricultural dwelling being details pursuant to outline application Y17/0650/SH (details relating to landscaping, scale, appearance and layout).

and **Y17/1621/SH Pent Farm**, Pilgrims Way, Postling, Hythe, Kent CT21 4EY

Erection of a dwelling being details pursuant to outline planning permission Y17/0650/SH (details relating to layout, scale, appearance, means of access, and landscaping), together with discharging planning conditions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

PPC No objection. A letter in support of this application was sent to the applicant. Application is ongoing.

g. **Y17/1417/SH** A parishioner queried the relevance of tree clearing to access onto Loughborough Lane as part of this application. The Senior Planning Enforcement Officer informs that tree removal was with permission of the Council's Tree Officer as they had Ash dieback. The owner has agreed to replant in the area once the works are complete. F&HDC will invite an application for the access road and a building which does not appear to have planning permission. To be followed up by the clerk.

6. Finance:

a. Balance of account at 31 July 2019: £ 7,410.82

b. Online Banking: Confirmation of new signatories was confirmed in branch on 30.5.19 and Business Internet Banking (BIB) was then applied for with Parish Clerk as Primary User. Business Internet Banking (BIB) was approved, and activated by the clerk on 26.6.19.

c. Payments and Receipts since last meeting:

Payments:

PNVH hire		£ 48.00	CHQ
Zurich Municipal Insurance		£289.34	CHQ
KALC annual subscription		£152.74	CHQ
C Hamilton salary	April & May	£345.28	CHQ
C Hamilton travel expenses	April & May	£ 14.40	BIB
F&HDC election expenses		£ 56.11	BIB

Receipts:

Postling New Village Hall	£ 50.00	CHQ
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d. **It was resolved** to approve the following expenditure:

Donation to Air Ambulance	£ 250.00	s137
Donation to Age UK Hythe & Lyminge	£ 100.00	s137

Proposed by Cllr Helen Calderbank, seconded by Cllr John Elphick, all in favour.

Clerk's salary	June & July	£ 345.28	
Clerk's travel expenses	July meeting	£ 7.20	
Clerk's expenses	Aug18-July19	£ 54.03	Printer paper, ink cartridges, postage, broadband

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

e. End of financial year 2018/19: The Annual Governance Statement and Exemption Certificate were sent to PKF Littlejohn (external auditor) on 29.5.19, and acknowledgement of Exempt Status was received by email on 14.6.19. The period for the exercise of public rights was set as 17 June - 26 July 2019.

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

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8. **Co-option of a Councillor:** Notice of Vacancy posted on 5 June, deadline for applications was 24 July. **It was resolved** to co-opt Yvonne Mumford of Loughborough Lane as Councillor. Proposed by Cllr Helen Calderbank, seconded by Cllr Christine Hobbs, all in favour.
9. **Website:** Website is back online and statutory financial information has been uploaded. Once all updating work is complete, clerk will be supplied with log-in details.
10. **Compliance with Public Sector Bodies (websites and mobile applications) (no.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018:**
It was resolved to prepare a Disproportionate Burden Assessment to meet the regulations (deadline for compliance 23 September 2020).
11. **It was resolved** to prepare a Community Resilience and Emergency Plan. Chairman and clerk to liaise.
12. **Correspondence received**
 - Notice of Polling District Review
 - Environment Agency Flood and Coastal Risk Management (FCRM) Maintenance Programme 2019/20 (Postling is not on maintenance list as it is not a flood risk area)
 - Otterpool study tour arranged by F&HDC, 21-22 August.
 - Invitation for a representative of the parish Council to attend Citizen's Advice 80th birthday celebration at the Civic Centre in Folkestone on Friday 13 September from 1pm.
 - NALC surveys on the May 2019 Local Elections: one for councillors (to be emailed) and one for clerks. Deadline for response 27 September 2019.
13. **For information**
 - Barrier at Ash Wells: work complete.
 - Queen's Commonwealth Canopy: Orchard Fields Residents Association to be contacted re. tree planting.
 - KALC Community Award: In recognition of her service as parish clerk from 2011 to 2018, a KALC Community Award was presented to Jo Maher, retired parish clerk, at the Church coffee morning on 13.7.19.
 - Broadband: County Cllr Susan Carey informed the council that Postling is now included in the roll-out of broadband in Kent and is included in the plans for providing full fibre-to-the-premise. Plans are expected to move into the detailed planning and project development phase in early August, and the delivery of fibre to Postling is currently proposed for some time in 2020. More detail on the likely timescales involved will be available once the detailed planning and scheduling for the contract (which covers the whole of Kent) has been done.
 - The cast iron sign post at the junction of Cuckoo Lane and Sandling Road has been stolen. Clerk will investigate replacement costs. Cllr Carey indicated funds may be available.
 - Next meeting: 25 September 2019

The meeting closed at 7:40pm.

..... Councillor Frank Hobbs *Chairman* 25.9.19

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Appendix

7a. District Councillor's report

We want to highlight two issues in this month's report. The first is a grant scheme for new boilers, insulation or heating improvements set up under the Government's Energy Company Obligation scheme by the District Council. The grant can cover up to 100% of the cost and if your annual income is under £30,000 a year (after the cost of mortgage or rent) you could be eligible. For more information call Aran Services on 0800 587795 or email info@aranservices.co.uk

The second issue is the welcome news that Folkestone & Hythe and Dover District Councils have won £422,000 Government funding for a joint initiative to help the homeless across both districts. The money will fund eight new posts at the charity Porchlight for specialist staff to work with the homeless to combat addictions, deal with mental health problems and generally address the behaviours that have led to rough sleeping. (This is on top of all the work that already goes on to help people who are homeless).

Since our last report Jenny represented our area at the Local Government Association conference where she met Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England. As our Armed Forces champion, she also attended the 25th birthday party of the Royal Gurkha Rifles on 09 July at Sir John Moore barracks in Folkestone in the presence of HRH Prince Charles.

Jenny Hollingsbee

Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Communities, Lifeline, Area Officers & Street Homeless

District Councillor, North Downs West Ward

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

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