

## POSTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Postling Parish Council meeting held on Friday 8 April 2016 starting at 6.30 pm at Postling Village Hall.

### PRESENT:

Cllr Frank Hobbs (Chair), Cllr Susan Carey, Cllr John Elphick, Cllr Helen Calderbank, Cllr Charlie Wilkins, Cllr John Patrick, Cllr Christine Hobbs, Cllr Jane Reynolds and 3 members of the Public.

Parish Clerk: Jo Maher

1. Apologies: Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee
2. Declaration of Interest: None
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27 January and 11 February 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
4. Matters arising from Minutes:-

A. Kent Mineral & Waste: No news to report

B. Lorry Park, Operation Stack: No news to report.

C. Broadband: Email of Simon Webster regarding Virgin media discussed. Another option is broadband satellite scheme. Please check out "National broadband satellite scheme" on [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) to see if one is eligible for a grant.

D. HM Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration: lighting of the Beacon on 21 April 2016 at 8.30PM. Gates at 7.45pm. Please contact Cllr Reynolds on [info@janescgardendesign.com](mailto:info@janescgardendesign.com) for details.

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."

Y16/0062/SH and Y16/0063/SH, The Outlook Pilgrims Way.

Y16/0265/SH Land adjacent Postling Court Farm, The Street, Postling: Fell 1 elder, 3 leyland cypress, 1 Western red cedar, 1 ash and prune 1 yew hedge, all subject of tree preservation order no. 12 of 1988. Postling Parish Council strongly supports this application. Cllr Christine Hobbs proposed to support this application, this was seconded by Cllr Reynolds and unanimously agreed.

Again, it was noted that CD's of the plans of planning applications are missing. Clerk to chase Shepway planning department again.

6. Finance:
  - A. HSBC signatory: Cllr John Patrick's signature has been added to the Parish Council's account.
  - B. Grant £654 received from KALC for transparency code
  - C. Cheque 100258 for the amount of £520.87 was signed for the purchase of Parish Council's laptop, scanner/printer, Microsoft office and mouse. This was proposed by Cllr Christine Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and unanimously agree.
  - D. Cheque 100259 for the amount of £132.65 was signed for continuation of KALC membership fee. This was proposed by Cllr Elphick, seconded by Cllr Christine Hobbs and unanimously agree.
  - E. Precept and grant from Shepway received of £2,020.50
  - F. Papers for Annual return YE 31.03.2016 received and to be completed by 13 June 2016.

- G. Cllr Elphick proposed a thank-you-gift to Mr Wayne O'Gilvie to help the Council set up the parish website. He proposed a gift to be at a value of £30. This was seconded by Cllr Reynolds and unanimously agreed.
7. Postling Parish has a website [www.PostlingPC.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.PostlingPC.kentparishes.gov.uk) and a new email contact [PostlingPC@aol.co.uk](mailto:PostlingPC@aol.co.uk) set up as required by law. Clerk is responsible for legal requirements and Peter Lefeuve is responsible for social matter and events. Mr Wayne O'Gilvie offered his free services as the webmaster.
8. New external auditor for 2017/2018: Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA). Postling Parish Council opted in, no further action is required.
9. Action with Communities in Rural Kent membership was declined.
10. Any other business for information only:-
- A. Cllr Carey shared a KCC report regarding road safety on Stone Street. Responses and suggestions required for next meeting.
  - B. Streetlights will be switched over to LED lights.
  - C. Drainage 2016-2017 reviewed
  - D. Annual road maintenance reviewed
  - E. Neighbourhood plan workshop is organised by Action with Communities in Rural Kent for Sat 16 April 2016 in Lenham at cost of £25
11. Date of next meeting Wednesday 25 May 2016

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00PM