



WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Memorial Hall Annexe, Woodchurch on Friday 24 April 2015 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mr J West (chair), Miss R Dewar, Mrs G Davies, Mrs J Haynes,
Mrs D Penn, Mr A Faiers, Mr A Hukins, Mr P Spice and Mr R Woods
Miss T O'Sullivan AwCRK and Mrs A Thompson, English Rural

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR: Mrs A Hicks

COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were 5 Members of the Public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for absence was received from, Borough Councillor, Mr P Davison and County Councillor, Mr M Angell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Declarations of Significant Interest

There were no Declarations of Significant Interest.

Updating of Declarations of Interest for the Code of Conduct

Councillors are reminded that they should update their Declarations of Interest with the Monitoring Officer if necessary.

To note the granting of any requests for Dispensations and the decision

No such requests received.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2015 were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Mr West should sign them as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Mrs Haynes

Seconded Mr Hukins

4. MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND RECONVENED

The meeting was opened to the Members of the Public present from 7.33 – 7.35 for questions and comment.



5. PLANNING

Please see attached list.

Proposed Advisory Committee to oversee Housing and Development within Woodchurch

The decision to form this Committee, along with the Terms and Conditions will be ratified at the next Parish Council meeting which is the Annual Parish Council meeting.

6. VILLAGE MATTERS

The Green

The school has written and asked permission to include pony rides among the attractions at their forthcoming fete. The Bye-Laws state no horses to be ridden on The Green but Councillors agreed to this request, providing it is not raining.

The Green has been cut.

Extension of The Green

Councillors were given a copy of the draft agreement to peruse before the next meeting.

Councillors agreed the content of a letter to be sent to the School Council, Woodchurch C of E Primary School asking pupils for suggestions as to ways in which the extension of The Green could be put to good use.

Local Needs Housing

Omitted from the agenda in error.

Following a discussion with Miss O'Sullivan and Mrs Thompson, councillors agreed 8:1 abstention not to support the proposed development of Local Needs Housing in Front Road, as they believe a development along Susans Hill would balance the housing stock in the village.

Mrs Thompson will report this back to the Planning Department at Ashford Borough Council.

7. MATTERS ARISING

There were no Matters Arising not covered on the agenda.

8. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Bank Reconciliation

Account Balance		Balance at Bank	
Opening Balance	46579.22	Money Manager Account	47253.76
Plus Receipts	27943.67	Less uncleared cheques	1513.59
	74522.89		45740.17
Less Payments	28732.72	Plus Community Account	50.00
	45790.17		45790.17
Less Earmarked Funds	18755.70	Less Earmarked Funds	18755.70
	27034.47		27034.47

Earmarked Funds

	Balance 27.02.15
Election/Standards Committee	5000.00
Contingencies	9040.74
Maintenance on War Memorial	550.52
Play Area	2189.44
Village Trees	310.00
General Reserves	1665.00
	18755.70


Accounts to be Paid

PAYEE	CHQ NO	NET £	VAT £	GROSS £	DETAILS
Mrs J Batt	896	530.73 66.83		597.56	Salary Expenses
Cash (Mr R Harris)	897	208.00		208.00	Litter Picking
Cancelled Cheque	898				
KALC	899	555.04	111.01	666.05	Subscription
Mr K Funnell	900	70.00		70.00	Audit Fee
Dewar Green	901	48.00	9.60	57.60	Domain Name Renewal
Mr J West	902	35.86	5.33	41.19	Thank you Gift
D Grabham	903	240.00		240.00	Green Maintenance

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to pay the above accounts.

Proposed Mr Spice

Seconded Mr Hukins

Website

We have had 296 visits and 246 users this month.

Miss Dewar is standing down from the council. She has offered to keep the website updated, but would like to hand it over to someone else when they are ready.

Insurance

Nothing to report.

Risk Assessment

Mr West will arrange for the benches to be repaired.

Provision of Allotments in Woodchurch

Nothing to report.

Response from Southern Water

Nothing to report.

Updating of Financial Regulations

On agenda in error.

Back up of Computer Records

On agenda in error.

Proposed Purchase of a Defibrillator

Mr West will contact Mr Rivers to discuss this.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr and Mrs Davis
Kent Community Foundation
Came & Co
ABC re Kent Governance Review of Ashford Borough

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Received from PCSO Gary Carr

Since the last parish council there have been two reported crimes in the Woodchurch Ward. Gas Canisters were stolen from farm buildings and a wallet was taken from an insecure vehicle parked on Front Road.

I shall be conducting speed checks in the areas over the next few months and will be able to supply results at further meetings. There have been no reported anti social behaviour in the village this month.

10. HIGHWAY ISSUES

The Clerk was asked to report the following:-

The potholes developing near the garage in Front Road
The potholes by Keepers End and Forty Acres
The loose gravel along Bethersden Road

11. FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNCILLORS

The Annual Parish Council meeting is due to be held on Friday 15 May at 7.00 pm.

Mrs Haynes is not standing for re-election after 36 years on the council and Miss Dewar after 8 years.

Mr West thanked them both for their help and support during their time on the council and presented them with a thank you gift from the Parish Council.

Mr West also thanked other members of the council for their help and support over the past 4 years.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.07 pm.

Signed ..

..... Dated 15/5/15

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PLANNING APPLICATION RECORD

2015

APRIL 2015

15/00375/AS 120 Front Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, TN26 3SF

Proposed two storey side extension; single storey rear extension and roof extension to garage from flat to pitched roof

Parish Council: Support

The following decision notices have been received from ABC:-

15/00007/AS Great Engeham Manor, Bethersden Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent, TN26 3PU

LBC Removal of one internal wall to first floor and creation of en-suite bathroom.

Borough Council: Grant Consent