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Minutes of the meeting held in the Memorial Hall Annexe, Woodchurch on Friday 27 January 2012 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mr J West (chair), Mrs G Davies, Miss R Dewar, Mrs J Haynes,
Mr T Sheridan and ~~Mr J West~~ **MR SPICE**
Mr A Faiers and Mr C Steer following co-option
Mr C Banyard

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS: Mrs A Hicks

COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were 30 Members of the Public present.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Spice nominated Mr West as Chairman, seconded by Miss Dewar. There were no other nominations. Mr West accepted the position of Chairman and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr West nominated Mr Spice as Vice Chairman, seconded by Miss Dewar. There were no other nominations. Mr Spice accepted the position of Vice Chairman.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence was received from Mr Woods (prior engagement).


4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Haynes and Mr Steer declared an interest in Planning Application No 11/01430 as they own properties opposite the proposed development in Front Road.

Mrs Davies declared an interest in Planning Application No 11/1492 as it is owned by a member of her family.

i) 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.



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5 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Two applications were received, by the due date, for the vacant positions of Parish Councillor. Mr Alex Faiers and Mr Colin Steer.

Mr West nominated Mr Faiers and Mr Steer, Seconded by Mr Spice. Unanimous Mr Faiers and Mr Steer signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and took a Register of Members Interest Form to fill in and return to ABC with a copy for the Clerk.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the December meeting were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Mr West should sign them as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Mrs Haynes Seconded Mrs Davies

7. MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND RECONVENED

The meeting was opened to Members of the Public present from 7.07 – 7.45 for questions and comment.

8. PLANNING

Please see attached list.

Tree Applications

Dr Jamie Robinson has agreed to continue as Tree Warden for Woodchurch and Mr Peter Spice will assist as required.

Arrangements for discussing applications received after publication of the agenda

In future any applications that are not published on the agenda will not be discussed at a meeting. If the Clerk is unable to obtain an extension a Planning Committee Meeting will be called.

9. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that were not covered on the agenda.

10. CORRESPONDENCE/EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk and Councils Direct

ABC Consultation for Taxi Licensing Policy

Housing News

KALC Minutes of meeting held on 30.11.11

ABC Sustainable Design and Construction SPD

HSBC

The Bulletin

Mr and Mrs Martin

KALC Agenda for 08.02.11


KCC Landscape Services

ABC Agenda for Parish Forum due to be held 25.01.12

Major Drummond-Brady

Woodchurch Football Club

Woodchurch Wanderers Football Club


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Thom Morris-Kentish Express re website – Miss Dewar to respond
ABC re toilets

Councillors will all now take responsibility for responding to any emails they consider to be of importance.

11. REPORT ON MEETING WITH ABC REGARDING PUBLIC TOILETS

Deferred to the end of the meeting to be discussed in closed session.

12. REPORT ON MEETING WITH FOOTBALL AND CRICKET CLUB

Mr West reported on the meeting that he and Mr Woods attended with the Football and Cricket Club. It was agreed that another meeting will be held in 6 months time.

As a result of this meeting the football club are going to look at realigning the floodlights to avoid them causing problems for drivers.

The Cricket Club will continue to pay 1/3 of the cost of gang mowing The Green although the Football Club's invoice will be cancelled as they have not played since April 2011.

We have received a request from the Football Club asking us to help pay towards the cost of a set of Quick Release Aluminium Goal Posts to replace the steel existing ones. Following discussion the following was agreed:-

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to purchase new goal posts from the Windmill Trust.

13. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Request for Funding towards renovation of War Memorial

It was agreed to discuss this again next month, when it is hoped that a accurate figure for the amount being requested from the Parish Council will be available.

Confirmation of Precept 2012-2013.

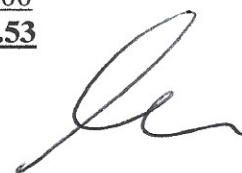
The Clerk confirmed that she had requested £20000 from ABC for the forthcoming year.

She had also applied for the Concurrent Functions Grant of £2530.

The total amount requested from ABC for 2012 – 2013 is £22350.

Account Balance:-

Opening Balance	£27516.66	Money Managers a/c	£43542.75
Plus Receipts	<u>28202.41</u>	Less u/c cheques	<u>550.22</u>
	55719.07		42992.53
Less Payments	<u>12676.54</u>	Plus Community a/c	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>43042.53</u>		<u>43042.53</u>


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Earmarked Funds:-

	Balance
Election/Standards Committee	5000.00
Contingencies Budget 2011/2012	7040.74
TOTAL	12040.74

Accounts to be Paid

PAYEE	NET £	VAT £	GROSS £	DETAILS
Mrs J Batt	484.68			Salary
	78.37	0.79	563.84	Expenses
Mrs J Batt	23.00		23.00	SLCC Subscription
Mr D Fogden	284.38		284.38	Salary
Mr P Shaw	170.00		170.00	War Memorial Grass
Mr D Fogden	1.65	0.33	1.98	Black Bags
Woodchurch Memorial Hall	17.00		17.00	Rent for APM
TOTAL	1059.08	1.12	1060.20	

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to pay the above accounts

Risk Assessment

Mrs Haynes and Mr Faiers will undertake a Risk Assessment in time for the next meeting.

Website

Nothing to report.

Village Youth Forum

Nothing to report.

Report for Parish Magazine

Items for inclusion in the March edition to include up to date details of Parish Councillors.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Mrs Haynes and Mr West updated Councillors on the arrangements.

Mr West asked for permission to turf The Green in order that a beacon can be built and lit during the celebrations. Councillors unanimously agreed with the request.

Litter Bins

Mr Faiers will measure the litter bin liners and pass the details to the Clerk.

Health and Safety Policy

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to adopt the Health and Safety Policy.



14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

The Green

Councillors agreed to the Kent Kite Flyers to fly on The Green on Sunday 5 February. The Clerk was asked to contact them and ask them whether they would be prepared to attend during the Jubilee Celebrations.

Councillors agreed to the School holding their Summer Fete on The Green on 7 July.

KALC

The next meeting is due to be held on 8 February 2012.

15. ITEMS TO BE REPORTED TO THE COUNTY LENGTHSMEN/PROW

Large pothole outside of 19 Cherry Gardens. 37866

16. FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNCILLORS

Mr West proposed that Mrs Haynes should purchase tea and coffee for use at Parish Council meetings and submit the bill to the Clerk.

MEETING CLOSED TO UPDATE COUNCILLORS ON THE FUTURE OF THE PUBLIC TOILETS

Councillors were updated on the meeting with Ashford Borough Council. We are waiting for some information from Ashford Borough Council regarding various issues and will report back when we have received this.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed



..... Dated 24/2/12

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PLANNING APPLICATION RECORD

2012

DECISIONS TAKEN AT MEETING HELD 27 JANUARY 2012

11/01350/AS 132b Front Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, TN26 3SH
Construction of an oak framed porch with glass walls and roof
Parish Council: Support

11/01430/AS Land between 82 -120 Front Road, Woodchurch
Erection of 12 no. dwellings together with access, garages, parking, landscaping and ancillary works
Parish Council: OBJECT
The members of Woodchurch Parish Council are not against development on this site in principle, but are seriously concerned at the size of the proposed development on the following grounds:-

- This site is not suitable for 12 houses and was originally designated as a plot suitable for up to 10 houses. The Regional Strategy has been revoked and consequently, since the village does not have a need for 12 houses of the type proposed, the development should be reduced to six houses in total.
- The proposed development is cramped, particularly within the plot of terraced cottages and the design is unsuitable for a rural area.
- The room sizes on the proposed development do not confirm to SPD standards. If the number of houses on the development is reduced to six they can be redesigned to meet the necessary standards set by Ashford Borough Council.
- The view of Woodchurch from the Tenterden Road will be ruined.
- The houses are to be situated on a ridge and we are unsure as to where the measurements shown have been taken from. The actual height of the development is not clear from the plans.
- We would like more information as to how the foul water will be dealt with, as it states in the planning statement that it will, subject to the comments of Southern Water, be dealt with on site. Residents at the lower end of the village already have a lot of problems with sewerage flow.
- Information as to how surface water is to be dealt with is also required.
- There is a danger of the proposed side access leading to the rear of the development being used inappropriately. Consequently the conservation area will be compromised. Steps must be taken to preserve the conservation area by retaining the existing hedge that runs across the proposed side access.
- As this development is situated on a bend in Front Road where parking is currently allowed, we would request an urgent safety review from Kent Highways
- The proposed position of the terraced cottages and garages/parking barns are beyond the building line.

We would like this application to go before the Planning Committee

- 11/01450/AS Swing Bridge Barn, South of England Rare Breeds Centre, Highlands Farm, Woodchurch, Kent TN26 3RJ
Change of use from B8 (storage and distribution) to A3 (restaurants and cafes) of Swing Bridge Barn, plus associated external alterations
Consultation Date: 19.01.12
Planning Officer: Lucy Holloway
Parish Council: OBJECT The members of Woodchurch Parish Council object to the application on the grounds that the primary function of the Rare Breeds Centre is to look after people with learning disabilities, but it is becoming more of a commercial enterprise.
- 11/01488/AS 28 Front Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 3QE
11/01489/AS Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and removal of existing corrugated iron roof over garage and construction of new single storey rear extension
Consultation Date: 29.01.12
Planning Officer: Stephanie Viney
Parish Council: Support
- 11/01492/AS Beacon Farm, Coldblow, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 3PL
Demolition and rebuilding of rear extension
Consultation Date: 29.01.12
Planning Officer: Alison Cummings
Parish Council: Support

Decision Notices received from ABC

- 11/01255/AS Mr D Blundell, The Wonder, Redbrook Street, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 3QT
Replacement of existing dwelling with a 3 bed chalet bungalow
Borough Council: Refused
- 11/01361/AS Mr J Hobday, Woodchurch Garage, 39-41 Front Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 1HX
Application to extend time for implementation on previously approved application 08/015854 for the replacement of existing garage workshop with new workshop, replacement of existing bungalow with detached house, construction of new office building and the erection of four semi-detached houses
Borough Council: Permit
- 11/01362/AS Mr J Hobday, Woodchurch Garage, 39-41 Front Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 1HX
Application to extend time for implementation on previously approved conservation area consent application 08/01585 for the replacement of existing garage workshop with new workshop, replacement of existing bungalow with detached house, construction of new office building and the erection of four semi-detached houses
Borough Council: Permit

11/01382/AS Messrs D Miller and D Bugden
105 and 107 Lower Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 3SG
Demolish existing rear single storey utility rooms and replace with single storey
extension to No 105 and a two storey extension to No 107
Borough Council: Permit