

WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 206

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 26 January 2023

The meeting started at 7.00pm

Cllr Alastair Hukins' resignation has been noted and the council thanked him for the past ten years.

Cllr Lucy Quinn has been elected to chair the meeting.

In attendance:

Cllr Paul Glasgow (PG) Cllr Nicola Job (NJ) Cllr Richard Job (RJ) Cllr Ciaran Molloy (CM) Cllr Lucy Quinn,
Also in attendance Aniko Szocs (ASZ) Clerk, Cllr David Ledger (ABC) and 7 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE and APPROVAL

Cllr Richard Luker, Cllr Wade Nash and Cllr David Robey (KCC)

Proposer: Cllr Lucy Quinn	Seconder: Cllr Nicola Job	Against:0
Abstain:0	In favour:5	Motion: Carried

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th December have been accepted as a true record.

Proposer: Cllr Nicola Job	Seconder: Cllr Lucy Quinn	Against:0
Abstain:0	In favour:5	Motion: Carried

Agenda Item 12 Lower Road has been brought forward

12. Lower Road

A number of properties have been flooded over the Christmas period. Southern Water has since carried out investigative work to find out what caused the issue and how they can mitigate it, this is an ongoing process, and the final report with the findings will be submitted to the Parish Council. Residents were encouraged to contact Mr Damian Green who will be able to help to arrange a cross-party working group to find a solution. The council agreed to publish another article in the newsletter to help establish the full scale of the problem and the number of residents being affected by it. It appears a large plank entered the sewage system causing the blockage. The overflow emergency pipe did not function causing flooding. Flooding is a problem on Susan's Hill too, where drainage doesn't seem to fully function. Members of the public attending the meeting raised concerns about how the flooding had an impact on their mental and physical well-being. It was noted that several gullies on Front Road are blocked, these have been reported to KCC but have not yet been cleaned. The dykes are not maintained which further exacerbates the issue. It was suggested that everyone affected by the flooding submits a report. It was agreed to set up a group to put pressure on key stakeholders and help to address the issue, including the Environment Agency, Kent County Council and Southern Water.

4. Reports

4.1. Play Area working group

The Working group will arrange a meeting to discuss how to go forward. It was reported that minor repairs have been completed and now all outdoor gym equipment are functioning. The surface in the play area will be repaired once ground temperatures will go above 0 degrees. The repair work will take a day or so.

4.2. IT Infrastructure Group

No further update.

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND RECONVENED Members of the Public will be allocated 3 minutes each to raise their issues with Councillors. The Public Interval will last no longer than 15 minutes.

Members of the public raised their concerns over parking issues around the school. The Parish Council works closely with the school and Kent County Council to find a solution to the problem. This is ongoing. Members also raised concerns over the speeding cars in the village including Susan's Hill. Members have been advised a walk with Kent County Councillor is imminent to assess the issues raised. A resident raised concerns about the narrow nature of the road from Brattle, the road does not allow sufficient space for two cars when turning.

Cllr David Ledger reported that he had several correspondences with residents and Southern Water trying to resolve the flooding issues. The Overview and Scrutiny task group will shortly publish their finding on the recent issues on the switching of the Planning portal. The Ashford Local Plan will be reviewed after the elections in May. Currently, there is a consultation on proposed changes to Planning, and a draft response will be compiled. The deadline to submit comments is the 2nd of March.

5. Planning

5.1. Planning application number PA/2022/2277

37 The Green, Woodchurch, Ashford, TN26 3PF resubmission of 22/00744/AS Proposed new chalet bungalow along with associated works in the front garden of 37 The Green.

The parish council resolved to object to the proposed planning and confirmed the previous objections and comments still apply, with the removal of the reference to the heat pump, which now has been removed and the access.

Proposer: Cllr Ciaran Molloy	Seconder: Cllr Richard Job	Against:0
Abstain:0	In favour:5	Motion: Carried

5.2. Planning application number PA/200/3066

Honeysuckle Cottage, Bethersden Road, Woodchurch, TN26 3PU Demolition of redundant agricultural building and erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated access, parking and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements (alternative scheme to Certificate of Lawful Development 22/01019/AS)

The council resolved to support this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr Ciaran Molloy	Seconder: Cllr Nicola Job	Against:0
Abstain:0	In favour:5	Motion: Carried

5.3. Planning application number NOT/2022/3126

Annexe, Cruttenden Farm, Brook Street, Woodchurch, Ashford, TN26 3SR Prior Approval for the change of use of agricultural building and land within its curtilage to a dwelling house and associated operational development.

The council resolved to support the planning application as the proposal retains its current footprint.

Proposer: Cllr Ciaran Molloy	Seconder: Cllr Lucy Quinn	Against:0
Abstain:0	In favour:5	Motion: Carried

5.4. Planning application number PA/2022/3013

Land south of Orange Farm, Brook Street, Woodchurch, Kent Proposed hatchery building, Additional Documentation Submitted, Amendment to address point

The parish council resolved to support the barn only and not more temporary buildings or lights. The Parish Council have questions regarding the compliance of the planning approval conditions as set out in the decision letter dated 24 July 2017, Application number 17/00641/AS with respect to:

- Treatment of Temporary structures “as approved” outside the months of March and September.
- Management of external lighting within the a dark sky area.
- Potential obstructions (temporary or otherwise) to the route of PROW AT196.
- Environmental management.

Proposer: Cllr Ciaran Molloy	Seconder: Cllr Paul Glasgow	Against:0
Abstain:1	In favour:4	Motion: Carried

6. Planning Decisions

The list of planning decisions has been noted (see Appendix 1)

7. Finance

7.1. Items for payment

The parish council resolved to approve the list of items on the payment list.

Payment Method	Items for Approval	Description	Total payable	VAT
Bacs	Salaries	Employee salaries January	£809.87	
Bacs	HMRC	Employer contribution	£404.36	
Bacs	Commercial Services	Grass cutting 13/072022	£51.00	£8.50
Bacs	Commercial Services	Grass cutting 10/10/2022 and 25/10/2022	£102.00	£17.00
Bacs	Woodchurch Memorial Hall	Electric cards x 5	£30.00	
Bacs	Memorial Hall	2023 - Hire for PC meetings	£120.00	
		Total	£1,517.23	£ -

Proposer: Cllr Nicola Job	Seconder: Cllr Paul Glasgow	Against:0
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Abstain:0	In favour:5	Motion: Carried
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7.2. Pavilion

In the absence of the quote, the parish council agreed to defer this item.

7.3. Connecting Woodchurch

The Parish Council agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

8. Local Council Award

The council agreed to register for the Local Council Award Foundation Level award.

Proposer: Cllr Ciaran Molloy	Seconder: Cllr Paul Glasgow	Against:0
Abstain:0	In favour:5	Motion: Carried

9. KALC Community Award

The Parish Council agreed on a nominee for the KALC Community Award.

Proposer: Cllr Lucy Quinn	Seconder: Cllr Nicola Job	Against:0
Abstain:0	In favour:5	Motion: Carried

10. Coronation

The parish council agreed to liaise with groups in the village to ensure events to celebrate the coronation are coordinated. The Clerk to contact one of the residents regarding the lighting of the beacon.

11. Woodchurch in Bloom

Woodchurch in Bloom has asked permission to use The Green for various events planned throughout the year. The Parish Council agreed to allow permission as long as the events don't clash with existing users activities.

Proposer: Cllr Lucy Quinn	Seconder: Cllr Ciaran Molloy	Against:0
Abstain:0	In favour:5	Motion: Carried

13 Correspondence/Email Correspondence

- Emails received from residents affected by the flooding.

14. Items to be included on the next agenda

- Woodchurch Connect
- Pavilion

15. Date and venue of next meeting

The next scheduled council meeting will be held on **Thursday 23rd February 2023** starting at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.35 pm

Signed _____ Dated _____
Chair

Appendix One

Planning application decision notice

PA/2022/2504

The Cider Press, Coldblow, Woodchurch, TN26 3PH

Proposed single storey rear extension, porch and detached garage; and change of use of agricultural land to residential

Amended Description - includes a change of use to the land

The request to extend the deadline to submit comments was declined, however, supporting comments made are taken into consideration.

PA/2022/2345

Extension to existing workshop

Counter Farm, Unit 3, Brook Street, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 3SP

ABC Approve with Conditions- PC Support

PA/2022/2880

Proposed single storey side extension, porch and erection of timber framed veranda surrounding the south and east elevation

Bourne House, Brook Street, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 3SZ

Approve with Conditions

PA/2022/2504

Proposed single storey rear extension, porch and detached garage; and change of use of agricultural land to residential

The Cider Press, Coldblow, Woodchurch, TN26 3PH

ABC Approve with Conditions- PC Support

PA/2022/2485

Change of use of former stable block to holiday let

Hornbrook Oast, Appledore Road, Woodchurch, TN26 3TJ

ABC Refuse- PC Support

PA/2022/2377

Proposed indoor swimming pool building, associated terracing, landscaping and change of use of land.

Sunny Mead Farm, Bethersden Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent, TN26 3QW

ABC: Approve with conditions PC: Support