

PARISH COUNCIL OF BENENDEN

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th September 2017 Iden Green Pavilion, 7:30pm

Before main agenda the Parish Council received a presentation from Tim Duncan, Lambert and Foster, regarding proposals being developed for new housing in Iden Green, on the south western corner of the large orchard in Iden Green. A total of 8 new detached houses are being proposed, being a mix of 5, 4 and 3 bedroom properties with garages, with access from Standen Street between Field House and The Manse.

It was stressed that no planning application had yet been made but that one was expected soon. This will be an outline application only. In questions it was confirmed that the site was outside the Limits to Built Development and the Iden Green conservation area, although adjacent to both. It is all within the High Weald AONB.

Concerns were expressed by Parish Councillors and local residents regarding the mass and bulk of the development; the mix of dwellings to be erected; and the need for such housing in Iden Green.

The next stage will be the submission of a valid planning application, at which point the Parish Council will hold a public meeting in Iden Green to develop a recommendation on the application to TWBC.

Local residents were informed that the North Farm tip will closed for 10 weeks. Kerbside collections are scheduled to continue as normal although timing may be difficult, and bins may be collected later the following morning. No collections will be missed.

Present	Cllrs Barker, Cruse, Davies, Lewis, Kemp, Reynolds, Skeet and Thomas
In Attendance	Cllrs Dawlings and Holden; 30 members of the public were in attendance for the item before the main agenda commenced.

Item		Action Responsibility
1. APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from Cllr Henning and Cllr Hall and Caroline Levett, Clerk.	
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	No declarations of interest.	
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	The Parish Council minutes from the meeting held on 17th July 2017 were unanimously approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.	
4. MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING ITEMS	<p>(i) Bonfire Night 4th November. Particular concerns were raised about roadside parking and the maintenance of easy access for vehicles through the village, including emergency vehicles, throughout the event. Cllrs Davies and Thomas to speak to Grant Matthews.</p> <p>(ii) Village Clean Up. It was agreed that this will take place on Saturday 18th November. The Clerk to contact TWBC.</p> <p>(iii) Committee meetings timetable. The Resourcing Committee will meet on Monday 25th September. The Community Affairs and Local Environment Committee will meet on 18th October ??? It was agreed that the new planning timetable should continue for the rest of the year, with meetings starting at 7pm.</p>	<p>PD/NT</p> <p>CL</p>

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These minutes are not a verbatim record of the meeting, but a summary of discussion and decisions taken at the meeting.

5. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS	<p>Cllr Holden reported the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current regime regarding local school transport is bureaucratic and unsatisfactory. Cllr Holden is attempting to solve local issues. • Work continues with Highways regarding the issue of HGVs using rural lanes unnecessarily • Funding for the new primary school has now finally been agreed and dates are currently being set for the commencement of work. <p>Cllr Dawlings reported the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TWBC held a Councillors Convention on 15th September. Points of interest included the presentation on proposals being developed for the new civic centre in TW. The meeting was also addressed by Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for Business, on economic prospects for Tunbridge Wells. 	
6. PARISH WORKS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE	<p>It was noted that the gate to the children’s play area in Iden Green still required repair. Several footpaths, eg to The Woodcock, require attention.</p> <p>Cllr Davies reported that, in addition to work by the Lengthsman, it is hoped that a local group could assist in carrying out some maintenance, eg cutting back hedges, brambles.</p>	
7. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN	<p>Cllr Davies advised that there will be a series of public meetings to comment, listen and, as workshops, to develop the Neighbourhood Development Plan. All in the village are invited to take part. The first, an inaugural process meeting, will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 30th September at 1:30pm. Followed by meetings at the hall on Saturday 28th October, at 9.30am, Saturday afternoon 11th November from 1.30pm and Saturday 9th December, from 1.30pm.</p>	
8. REPORTS CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES	<p>(i) KALC Area: next meeting 4th October.</p> <p>(ii) Parish Chairmen’s Group: the last meeting was moved from 19th to 5th September and no representative from Benenden was able to attend. Papers will be circulated when received. Copies of a presentation that had been given on planning policy in the local plan had been circulated to members.</p> <p>(iii) Public Transport Forum : next meeting 9th November.</p>	
9. PLANNING & HIGHWAYS MATTERS	<p>(i) Planning Applications</p> <p>The recommendations regarding current applications from the Planning and Highways Committee were approved.</p> <p>Other planning matters were covered elsewhere on the agenda and in discussion.</p> <p>(ii) Highways</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
10. FINANCIAL	<p>(i) Monthly Finance</p> <p>The Parish Council ratified and approved the September 2017 payments list, and agreed the bank reconciliation and bank statements for July and August 2017.</p> <p>Concern was expressed regarding costs associated with payments regarding the StreetCruiser. It had previously been agreed to run with the project throughout the summer and thereafter the future of the service reviewed. Cllrs Davies and Thomas to speak to Grant Matthews.</p> <p><u>Agreed September payments :</u></p>	PD/NT

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12. CORRESPONDENCE	No items.																						
13. PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS	None.																						
14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION	A presentation to the Parish Council by Kent Fire and Rescue Services on local provisions in rural areas was suggested and this was agreed for November meeting	LK																					
15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council Monday 16 th October 2017, 7:30pm, at Benenden Memorial Hall.																						
	The meeting closed at 9.05 pm																						