

PARISH COUNCIL OF BENENDEN

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th September 2018, Memorial Hall, 7pm

Present	Cllrs Beveridge, Cruse, Driver, Kemp, Lewis, Manford, Skeet and Thomas
In Attendance	Cllr Dawlings and Holden; C Levett, Clerk; T Baldwin, Parish Lengthsman; 3 parishioners

Item		Action Responsibility
1. APOLOGIES	No apologies were received.	
2. PARISH COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION	Cllrs Driver and Manford were co-opted and welcomed as new Parish Councillors, and Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests forms completed and signed.	
3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	No declarations of interest.	
4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	The Parish Council minutes from the meeting held on 16 th July 2018 were unanimously approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.	
5. MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING ITEMS	<p>a. Tunbridge Wells Mental Health Resource Charity Request for Funding Cllr Cruse advised that Mrs Cruse has asked that the Parish Council reconsiders its decision regarding this request. Mrs Cruse to be asked to email the Clerk.</p> <p>b. Great War Centenary Commemorations Cllr Lewis advised that the Parish Council has been asked to reconsider its decision not to relocate the beacon. The Parish Council again agreed that the beacon is in the most suitable position. Moving it from the highest point defeats the object of lighting it and there are a number of adequate viewing points. Cllr Lewis agreed to speak to the primary school's contractor. It is not envisaged that crowds will be meeting at the beacon, and parishioners will be encouraged to gather at other points.</p> <p>c. Peter Davies Commemoration Cllr Kemp advised that she and Cllr Lewis are co-ordinating, and it was agreed that Cllr Kemp would submit a planning application for a flagpole at Iden Green.</p> <p>d. Parish Councillor Email Addresses It was agreed that Cllr Cruse, the Clerk and Rohan Barnett would meet to discuss further.</p> <p>e. Standing Orders Revised Standing Orders had been circulated and were unanimously approved and adopted.</p> <p>f. Autumn Village Tidy It was agreed that this would take place on Saturday 10th November. The Clerk to organise with TWBC. It was suggested that if this continues to remain as successful as previously then consideration would be given to it being a sponsored event.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>LK</p> <p>CL/RC</p> <p>CL</p>
6. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS	<p>Cllr Dawlings reported the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new refuse contract commences March 2019 and TWBC will be working jointly with Tonbridge and Malling BC. Neither of the current contractors for either Council (Biffa and Veolia) had been successful. The new contract will improve kerbside recycling, and there will be no need for the bottle banks in the village. A charge will be introduced (£52 per year) for those wanting a bin for garden waste. Cllr Dawlings had opposed this charge. • Cllr Hall is to be contested at the end of her term of office for the Conservative party. • The playground at the Recreation Ground is to be dismantled as soon as possible as it is no longer fit for use and Benenden Village Trust is looking at ways to fund raise for a new playground. 	

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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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the recent traveller incursion at the Village Hall, Benenden Village Trust is looking to secure land at the Village Hall car park and at the Iden Green Pavilion car park and tennis club. <p>Cllr Holden reported the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further news regarding the primary school. Concerns remain about the continuing reduction in the budget and the Government aim to reduce the Revenue Support Grant to zero. Discretionary services will be affected. KCC is pressing for a fair funding deal. Chair of the working group to remove lorries from rural roads. Chair of the Pollinator Strategy Action Group, which aims to reach all people of Kent. Chair of the Enterprise and Productivity Strategy Group, looking at the economy up to 2050. Voted against the green waste charge. Recognition for the need for a local recycling centre. KCC has no suitable land and the lease on any site would be very expensive. 	
7. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN	<p>Cllr Dawlings advised that a village consultation takes place on Saturday 29th September and the Borough Council has been asked to provide a large map of all the sites.</p> <p>The consultation meeting will be used to show the pros and cons of any development, and show the processes of site evaluations.</p>	
8. PARISH WORKS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE	<p>The Clerk had met with Terry Baldwin with the list of works identified by Cllrs Beveridge and Cruse.</p> <p>Terry advised that he has started work on the bus shelter and seat by the Village Hall, and has purchased materials necessary to complete all works. Terry will report any additional works to the Clerk.</p>	
9. REPORTS BY CHAIR AND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES	<p>Cllr Thomas attended a KALC Tunbridge Wells Area Committee meeting on 4th September and highlighted the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No decision has yet been made on how to spend the £35,000 reserve fund, and it may be distributed amongst Parish Councils. Speed Watch remains very effective. It was agreed that the Parish Council should resurrect. Clerks were reminded to order grit for the grit bins. <p>Cllr Manford advised that she had contacted KCC many times requesting a grit bin. Cllr Holden asked Cllr Manford to email him and he would take up the issue.</p> <p>A parishioner also advised that the grit box in Coldharbour Lane had been turned over. The Clerk to report to KCC.</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>CL</p>
10. PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>18 02560 FULL Brewers Shaw New Pond Road - Single storey timber orangery to replace existing conservatory. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this application.</p> <p>18 02626 FULL Pippins Cranbrook Road - Proposed extension. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this application.</p> <p>18 02707 FULL Stoney Footways Cranbrook Road - Construction extension to first floor over existing flat roof. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this application.</p>	

	18 02504 FULL Old Tiles Walkhurst Road - Two-storey rear extension (removal of existing structure); conversion of existing garage to living accommodation and erection of a cart shed with store. The Parish Council agreed by majority to support this application.																																		
11. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION	<p>Items of Speed Watch and grit bins covered elsewhere.</p> <p>A speed limit of 20mph around the new school will come into force July 2019, at no cost to the parish.</p>																																		
12. RESOURCING	<p>(i) Parish Council Monthly Finance</p> <p>The Parish Council Financial Transaction Reports for July and August had been circulated and agreed and the Parish Council ratified and approved the September 2018 payments list.</p> <p><u>Agreed September payments :</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>BT - Office Telephone</td> <td>111.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Benenden Village Hall - NDP Meeting</td> <td>20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>C Levett - Clerk's Wages</td> <td>832.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Tenterden Twilight - Public Toilets</td> <td>656.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>YPBS - Street Cruizer</td> <td>850.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>TWBC - Traveller Reserve Fund</td> <td>500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>J Boot - NDP Consultant</td> <td>300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Came & Company - Insurance</td> <td>570.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300001</td> <td>M Patrick - War Memorial</td> <td>40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300002</td> <td>HMRC - Employer's Contributions Q2</td> <td>161.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TOTAL</td> <td>4042.36</td> </tr> </table> <p>The new bank account with Unity Trust Bank is open and operational, and the Co-operative bank account closed.</p> <p>(ii) Playground :</p> <p>Cllr Thomas advised that she had attended a Benenden Village Trust meeting to discuss the best way forward to manage the new playground. BVT had suggested that it could lease the land to the Parish Council and that the Parish Council would own the equipment and be responsible for its maintenance and insurance. All fundraising would be done by BVT with the Parish Council making a donation. BVT is contacting its accountants to seek advice.</p> <p>Cllr Skeet advised that he had carried out research and that the Parish Council can only reclaim VAT on items that it has purchased, and cannot claim VAT on items paid for through donations as these are not Parish Council funds.</p>	BACS	BT - Office Telephone	111.43	BACS	Benenden Village Hall - NDP Meeting	20.00	BACS	C Levett - Clerk's Wages	832.86	BACS	Tenterden Twilight - Public Toilets	656.00	BACS	YPBS - Street Cruizer	850.00	BACS	TWBC - Traveller Reserve Fund	500.00	BACS	J Boot - NDP Consultant	300.00	BACS	Came & Company - Insurance	570.30	300001	M Patrick - War Memorial	40.00	300002	HMRC - Employer's Contributions Q2	161.77	TOTAL		4042.36	
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13. CORRESPONDENCE	<p>a. KCC Household Waste Recycling Centre Consultation</p> <p>This consultation will help deliver the Kent Waste Disposal Strategy and seeks views on the proposal to implement a charging policy for non-household waste materials including soil, rubble, hardcore and plasterboard, deposited at Kent HWRCs. The consultation runs from 6 September to 1 November 2018. The consultation questionnaire and supporting documents can be found at</p>																																		

	www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation	
	Parish Councillors were urged to respond to the consultation.	
14. PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS	A parishioner raised concerns about a previous planning application. She was advised to speak to TWBC, and if necessary take legal advice. She was welcomed to any future Parish Council meeting if a further planning application is submitted.	
15. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Cruse advised that he considers that the Parish Office is need of some refurbishment and clearing out. • Cllr Beveridge advised that there is an old Hemsted Forest Gold Club sign at the village crossroads. 	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 15 th 2018, Iden Green Pavilion, 7pm	
	The meeting closed at 8.35 pm	

Clerk to the Parish Council, 19th September 2018