

# PARISH COUNCIL OF BENENDEN

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018, Memorial Hall, 7pm

Present	Cllrs Cruse, Driver, Lewis, Manford, Skeet and Thomas
In Attendance	Cllr Dawlings; C Levett, Clerk; 26 parishioners

Item		Action Responsibility
1. APOLOGIES	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Beveridge and Kemp, and Cllrs Hall and Holden. Dawlings (Borough Council meeting).	
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	Cllr Thomas declared an interest in Planning Application 18 03409 and left the meeting during the item.	
3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS	<p>Vice Chair, Julie Lewis, chaired this item on the agenda.</p> <p>18 03409 FULL Land Rear Of Field House Standen Street. Construction of nine dwellings with associated access, and highways improvements and associated landscaping.</p> <p>Tony Fullwood spoke on behalf of 8 local families setting out their view on how the application contravenes national and local planning policies.</p> <p>The majority of the Parish Council agreed to object (3 object, 1 support, 1 abstain) to this application on the grounds that it is within an AONB, is outside the Limit of Built Development, no affordable housing within the development, increased urbanisation, increased traffic, amenities not as described in the application.</p>	
4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	The Parish Council minutes from the meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 were unanimously approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.	
5. MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING ITEMS	KALC Community Awards – Cllr Thomas to formulate words for the nomination.	<b>NT</b>
6. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS	<p>Cllr Dawlings reported the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests have been received to call in Planning Application 18/03409 from both the applicant and objectors</li> <li>• Benenden Village Trust has received 2 quotes for the new playground and is awaiting a 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cllr Holden has agreed to make a donation from Members’ Fund. Cllr Dawlings will be asking if there is any retained S106 money available.</li> </ul>	
7. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN	<p>Paul Tolhurst reported the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The set of key criteria being used to assess sites will be published in the Parish Magazine and the community will be asked to send their comments on these.</li> <li>• A meeting is taking place with TWBC on 4<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>• It is hoped that the draft NDP will be available for the Parish Council February meeting. This draft will be simultaneously sent to TWBC.</li> <li>• The Parish Council will have the opportunity to amend the Plan at this stage and it will be re-sent to TWBC.</li> <li>• Consultation, managed by an independent examiner, will then take place. Which will then be followed by the referendum.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Thomas requested that if anyone needs any clarification on any item to speak</p>	

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	to herself or Paul.  Cllr Skeet gave thanks to Paul for all the work he has done so far.																																																	
8. PARISH WORKS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE	Cllr Cruse commented on the bus stop. Cllr Lewis commented on the Iden Green noticeboard. The Clerk to follow up.	CL																																																
9. REPORTS BY CHAIR AND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES	Cllr Lewis attended the KALC Area Committee Meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> November. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief Inspector of Police spoke about community safety, PSCOs and the need to encourage parishioners to report all crime.</li> <li>David Buckett gave a finance presentation.</li> <li>NDP updates were given. Not all parishes are happy with TWBC. Cllr Dawlings advised that TWBC is being as open as it can be.</li> </ul>																																																	
10. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION	Cllr Thomas will be attending the Parish Chairmen's meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> December. Mike Whiting KCC Cabinet member for highways will be in attendance. A list of highways issues, put together by this group, had been circulated. The Parish Council had nothing to add to this.  Cllr Manford raised concerns about the road markings at Benenden crossroads, and will address these to Cllr Holden.	DM																																																
11. RESOURCING	<p><b>(i) Parish Council Monthly Finance</b></p> <p>The Parish Council Financial Transaction Report for November had been circulated and agreed and the Parish Council ratified and approved the December 2018 payments list.</p> <p><u>Agreed November payments :</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Arnold Cole Trust</td> <td>Georgetti</td> <td>2.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>C Levett</td> <td>Copier Paper</td> <td>4.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Kent Men of the Trees</td> <td>Membership 2018</td> <td>25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>EDF Energy</td> <td>Public Toilets</td> <td>30.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>C Levett</td> <td>Clerk's Wages</td> <td>817.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Astra Cleaning</td> <td>Public Toilets Supplies</td> <td>20.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>M Patrick</td> <td>War Memorial</td> <td>25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Tenterden Twilight</td> <td>Public Toilets</td> <td>328.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Benenden's Shop</td> <td>Village Clean</td> <td>82.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Citizens Advice TW</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>TW Mental Health Resource</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td><b>1535.87</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>(ii) Grant Applications</b></p> <p>a. Tunbridge Wells and District Samaritans: grant request received and supporting documents circulated. The Parish Council unanimously agreed a grant of £100.</p> <p>b. The Counselling Centre: grant request received and supporting documents circulated. The Parish Council unanimously agreed a grant of £100.</p> <p><b>(iii) Resourcing Committee Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> December</b></p> <p>Draft minutes of the Resourcing Committee Meeting had been circulated. Cllr</p>	BACS	Arnold Cole Trust	Georgetti	2.50	BACS	C Levett	Copier Paper	4.00	BACS	Kent Men of the Trees	Membership 2018	25.00	BACS	EDF Energy	Public Toilets	30.74	BACS	C Levett	Clerk's Wages	817.26	BACS	Astra Cleaning	Public Toilets Supplies	20.97	BACS	M Patrick	War Memorial	25.00	BACS	Tenterden Twilight	Public Toilets	328.00	BACS	Benenden's Shop	Village Clean	82.40	BACS	Citizens Advice TW	Donation	100.00	BACS	TW Mental Health Resource	Donation	100.00	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1535.87</b>	
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	<p>Skeet, Chair of the Committee, advised that expenditure is as planned and forecast, and is not expected to vary greatly in 2019/20. Reserves are currently at 1 ¼ x precept. NDP costs will continue to be met from reserves, and the total expected cost net over 3 years of the NDP is about £15,000.</p> <p>Having considered 2018/19 expenditure and the budget for 2019/20, the Resourcing Committee recommended to the Parish Council a precept of £40,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(iv) Parish Precept 2019/20</b></p> <p>The Parish Council unanimously agreed a precept of £40,000 for 2019/20. Based on the current taxbase, the current Band D equivalent of a precept of £40,000 would represent no increase.</p>	
12. CORRESPONDENCE	<p>a. <b>Memorial Bench</b> : a letter (circulated) had been received from Vanessa Wallace for a memorial bench on the Green. Parish Councillors enthusiastically supported this request. Cllr Thomas to contact Ms Wallace.</p> <p>b. <b>Gatwick Consultation</b> : Parish Councillors were reminded that this consultation closes on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and encouraged to respond.</p> <p>c. <b>National Parks and AONBs Consultation</b> : opportunity to feed into a national review of National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-to-have-say-on-new-national-parks">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-to-have-say-on-new-national-parks</a>. The deadline for responses is 18 December. Cllr Thomas circulated the list of questions from the consultation and asked Parish Councillors to email her their comments. Charles Pope will be responding on behalf of the NDP group.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>
13. PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS	Request to ensure that the Parish Magazine has a balanced commentary.	
14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION	<p><b>Speedwatch</b></p> <p>Cllr Driver advised there had been no response to the request for volunteers for Speedwatch. Concerns were raised that the email address given was not clear enough. Cllr Skeet to include in the Parish Magazine article piece he is writing for January.</p> <p>The Clerk to draft a Speedwatch advert.</p> <p>Cllr Manford reported a speeding school bus, and was encouraged to report this to the coach company.</p>	<p><b>MS</b></p> <p><b>CL</b></p>
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2019, Benenden Hospital Quinlan Centre, 7pm	
	The meeting closed at 8.30pm	

Clerk to the Parish Council, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018