

PARISH COUNCIL OF BENENDEN

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19th November 2018, Iden Green Pavilion, 7pm

Present	Cllrs Beveridge, Driver, Lewis, Manford, Skeet and Thomas
In Attendance	Cllr Holden; C Levett, Clerk; 1 parishioner

Item		Action Responsibility
1. APOLOGIES	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cruse (unwell) and Kemp (work commitments) and Cllr Dawlings (Borough Council meeting).	
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	No declarations of interest.	
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	The Parish Council minutes from the meeting held on 15 th October 2018 were unanimously approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.	
4. MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING ITEMS	<p>a. Peter Davies Commemoration The Parish Council unanimously agreed to submit the planning application for the flagpole to TWBC. Cllr Kemp was thanked for her work on this.</p> <p>b. Autumn Village Tidy Another successful village tidy was recorded, although a parishioner had raised a concern that no sooner had this taken place than more rubbish had been dumped, and suggested signs to help prevent. The Parish Council shared the frustrations but felt signage would not make any difference. Thanks was expressed to those who took part and those who routinely clear rubbish.</p> <p>c. KALC Community Awards Scheme 2019 It was unanimously agreed to nominate Peter Davies. Cllr Thomas to formulate nomination words.</p>	NT
5. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS	<p>Cllr Holden reported the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorry Campaign : a very productive full meeting has taken place to discuss. KALC will be looking for a pilot area. Any scheme will need enforcement. • Primary School : on course to open September 2019. • Big Conversation : a working group will be meeting in Tenterden on 21st November to discuss and consider rural transport. • Water Task Group : Chair of project looking at polytunnels, and capturing and conserving water which runs off the tunnels. • Budget : there are signs that budget austerity may ease slightly. Kent will be part of a pilot scheme for a new national scheme. • Salt bins : raised and questioned the allocation and distribution of salt/sand for gritting. 	
6. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN	<p>Cllr Thomas advised that the draft Plan is in its final stages. The draft is likely to be presented to the Parish Council meeting in January. Cllr Thomas has met with Jim Boot to discuss the Parish Council's response to the draft.</p> <p>It is hoped that a further grant can be applied for.</p>	
7. PARISH WORKS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE	<p>The Clerk reported that the Lengthsman continues regular work and is in weekly contact. He is making his way through the list of identified items, weather permitting. He has removed the ivy and brambles from around the noticeboard at Iden Green, and has advised that this now needs weather proofing on top.</p> <p>A parishioner has kindly offered, at his own expense, to arrange for the fascia of the public toilet building to be cleaned.</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.

	It was noted that the cleaning of the War Memorial had taken place ahead of Remembrance Sunday.	
8. REPORTS BY CHAIR AND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES	<p>Cllr Manford attended a Highways Seminar on 5th November.</p> <p>Cllr Lewis attending KALC Area Committee Meeting on 27th November.</p>	
9. PLANNING	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>18 02716 FULL The Barn, Dingledden. Erection of a single storey en-suite and utility room side extension & single storey dining/garden room with link to existing house. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to make no comment.</p> <p>18 03176 FULL King Charles Cottage, Mill Street. Proposed single storey 2 bedroom dwelling, associated parking and landscaping. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to this application on the grounds that this site is within the AONB; is outside the Limit to Built Development; is not a rural exception site.</p> <p>18 03263 LBC Ryecroft, Chapel Lane. Alterations to approved application 18/00216/LBC including internal layout, fenestration and rainwater goods. Cllr Thomas to look at previous application.</p> <p>18 03282 FULL Land Adjoining Columbanus, Parkfield Crescent Iden Green. Erection of 3 detached dwellings and associated garages. The Parish Council agreed to support the application by majority.</p> <p>18 03366 TPO Oakdale, The Green. Oak - Reduce and tidy in order to rebalance, following considerable wind damage resulting in loss of limbs. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support.</p>	
10. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION	<p>A report from Cllr Manford had been circulated before the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes : information on how potholes are formed, how to report them, how the severity of them dictates how quickly they are fixed. 54,000 potholes repaired across the 5,400 miles of roads in Kent. Potholes can be reported online or Twitter Kent potholes. Urgent holes repaired within 7 days, minor holes within 28 days (averaging 13 days currently). • Budget : £10.1million spent this financial year on resurfacing; £2.5million available between now and February; £10.1million available from February 2019. • Gritting : Only main roads to be gritted, no secondary routes. Salt bins will be filled within next few weeks. The Parish has received a delivery of 50 salt/grit bags to refill salt bins, and 10 sandbags. • New Director of Highways, Simon Jones : mission is to "get the job done right first time" and to make the Highways Department more efficient. • Highways signs : Parishioners are encouraged to clear road signs if overgrown with vegetation. <p>Cllr Thomas will include an item about Speedwatch in the December Parish Magazine. Parishioner Gregg Stapley is willing to co-ordinate and is keen to get this up and running.</p>	NT
11. RESOURCING	<p>(i) Parish Council Monthly Finance</p> <p>The Parish Council Financial Transaction Report for October had been circulated and agreed and the Parish Council ratified and approved the November 2018</p>	

	<p>payments list.</p> <p><u>Agreed November payments :</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>300008</td> <td>T Baldwin</td> <td>Lengthsman</td> <td>315.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300009</td> <td>RBL Poppy Appeal</td> <td>Poppy Wreath</td> <td>17.00</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>Tenterden Twilight Commercial Cleaning</td> <td>Public Toilets</td> <td>328.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>M Patrick</td> <td>War Memorial</td> <td>25.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Iden Green Pavilion Trust</td> <td>PC Meeting</td> <td>14.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Benenden Village Hall</td> <td>NDP Meeting</td> <td>36.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Geerings Ltd</td> <td>Copying/Printing</td> <td>72.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>KALC</td> <td>Councillor Training</td> <td>216.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Business Stream</td> <td>Public Toilets - Waste Water</td> <td>120.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>EDF</td> <td>Public Toilets - Electricity</td> <td>34.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>BT</td> <td>Office Telephone</td> <td>138.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Commercial Services</td> <td>Grounds Maintenance</td> <td>2060.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>P Tolhurst</td> <td>NDP Expenses</td> <td>48.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Antique Bronze Ltd</td> <td>War Memorial Cleaning</td> <td>948.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>J Boot</td> <td>NDP Consultant</td> <td>309.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">TOTAL</td> <td>5501.56</td> </tr> </table> <p>(ii) Grant Applications</p> <p>a. Citizens Advice, Tunbridge Wells and District : grant request received and supporting documents circulated. The Parish Council unanimously agreed a grant of £100.00</p> <p>b. Tunbridge Wells Mental Health Resource : A letter received from Jane Davies had been circulated regarding the request previously received from TWMHR . The Parish Council unanimously agreed a grant of £100.00.</p>	300008	T Baldwin	Lengthsman	315.53	300009	RBL Poppy Appeal	Poppy Wreath	17.00	BACS	C Levett	Clerk's Wages	817.26	BACS	Tenterden Twilight Commercial Cleaning	Public Toilets	328.00	BACS	M Patrick	War Memorial	25.90	BACS	Iden Green Pavilion Trust	PC Meeting	14.00	BACS	Benenden Village Hall	NDP Meeting	36.00	BACS	Geerings Ltd	Copying/Printing	72.00	BACS	KALC	Councillor Training	216.00	BACS	Business Stream	Public Toilets - Waste Water	120.10	BACS	EDF	Public Toilets - Electricity	34.10	BACS	BT	Office Telephone	138.43	BACS	Commercial Services	Grounds Maintenance	2060.78	BACS	P Tolhurst	NDP Expenses	48.56	BACS	Antique Bronze Ltd	War Memorial Cleaning	948.00	BACS	J Boot	NDP Consultant	309.90	TOTAL			5501.56	
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12. CORRESPONDENCE	<p>(i) Community Transport Grant Scheme : KCC funding available to support the development of Community Transport projects. Applications will be accepted up until 14th December. Bids are for capital grants only and not vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) Benenden Magazine : a letter from Kent Barker with a number of requests had been circulated. The Parish Council unanimously agreed the following : The Village Directory to continue being produced in its current format. No additional or alternative list or directory of participatory activities to be produced. This is well covered elsewhere. Copies of the Magazine are held electronically and in the office. It was felt that bound copies were not necessary. Cllr Thomas volunteered to act as the liaison between the Parish Council and the Magazine. This was unanimously supported. Cllr Thomas to respond to Kent Barker.</p> <p>(iii) Kent Men of the Trees Competition : Benenden was highly commended.</p> <p>(iv) Gatwick Consultation : Gatwick Airport's 2018 draft master plan sets out proposals for the airport's ongoing development and sustainable growth and is response to the Government's call for UK airports to look at 'the best us of their existing runways'. The consultation closes on 10th January 2019. Parish Councillors to look at.</p>	<p>NT</p> <p>ALL</p>																																																																				

13. PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS	No questions.	
14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION	Cllr Skeet to write Parish Magazine article for January.	MS
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 10 th December 2018, Memorial Hall, 7pm	
	The meeting closed at 8.40pm	

Clerk to the Parish Council, 21st November 2018