PARISH COUNCIL OF BENENDEN

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21st January 2019, Benenden Hospital Quinlan Centre, 7pm

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

Item		Action Responsibility		
1. APOLOGIES	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Manford, and Cllrs Hall and Holden.			
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	No declarations of interest.			
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	The Parish Council minutes from the meeting held on 10 th December 2018 were unanimously approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.			
4. MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING ITEMS	 a. KALC Community Awards Scheme The Parish Council agreed its nomination. The Clerk to submit. The Award will be presented at the Annual Assembly. b. Parish Councillor Vacancies The notice to start the process to fill the two vacancies has been placed. If by 31st January ten electors have not written to the Returning Officer requesting a by-election the process to co-opt can commence. c. Iden Green Defibrillator At the beginning of January the defibrillator was used. The Parish Council is grateful to Benenden Hospital for recommissioning it quickly. d. Memorial Bench Cllr Thomas has advised Vanessa Wallace that the Parish Council has agreed to the request to place a memorial bench at the Green and will discuss its positioning with her. 	CL		
5. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS 6. NEIGHBOURHOOD	 Cllr Dawlings reported the following: Refuse Collection: the new contractor will start at the beginning of April although any changes will not be seen until September. More information will come from TWBC to parishioners. Cllr Thomas advised that she has included outline details in the Magazine with a link to TWBC website. Benenden Village Trust: A supplier has been approved for the Recreation Ground Playground and the new playground is covered by Permitted Development Rights. A planting scheme is being drawn up, especially along the road side of the Recreation Ground as a deterrent to traveller incursion. An application for funding will be made to the Sussex Lund Grant Scheme. Neighbourhood Development Plan: the first draft of the Plan is at an advanced stage and will be presented to the Parish Council on 18th February and will be available in the public domain on 23rd February, which will start the consultation process. Cllr Thomas circulated the Next Steps Road-Map. 			
7. PARISH WORKS AND GENERAL	Nothing to report.			
MAINTENANCE 8. REPORTS BY CHAIR AND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES	Cllr Thomas attended the Parish Chairmen's meeting on 11 th December. Mike Whiting, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment was present to discuss Highways issues. An update was given on the new Waste Contract.			

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9. PLANNING	19 02E72 ELILL Dullingt	on Fold Farm Rolvenden Road. Pi	ranged conversion of			
APPLICATIONS	_	f use of land along with ecologica				
	_	rish Council unanimously agreed				
	The application is a visual improvement and makes appropriate use of previously					
	developed land.					
		ljacent Telephone Exchange New Council unanimously agreed to su				
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	subject to the agreement of the widening of access at St Georges Place to allow two-way traffic, and the safety concerns of the junction of St Georges Place and					
	New Pond Road being a	addressed and agreed by KCC Hig	hways.			
	18 03812 FULL Dingleden Farm Dingleden Farm Road. Conversion of agricultural					
		Iling. The Parish Council unanimo				
	application. This application is a true interpretation of H13 policy and is in keeping with character and landscape.					
10. HIGHWAYS &		abinet Member for Transport and	Environment, Mike			
TRANSPORTATION		the Parish Chairmen's meeting or				
		nvestigate and respond to issues				
	,	nmencing its weekly pothole repo	,			
	potnoies filled each we	ek and the amount of patching w	ork done.			
	Speedwatch: 8 volunteers have completed the required online training. Alan					
	Watson, Community Speedwatch Manager, Kent Police will meet with volunteers on 30 th January. Sites previously monitored will be reconsidered, and East End will					
11. RESOURCING	be included. (i) Parish Council	Monthly Finance				
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		ncial Transaction Report for Dece				
	circulated and agreed and the Parish Council ratified and approved the January 2019 payments list. Agreed January payments:					
	C Levett	Clerk's Wages	817.26			
	TP Jones & Co	Payroll	57.60			
	Merit Thornton	NDP Consultant	3094.38			
	Merit Thornton	NDP Consultant VAT invoice	766.21			
	Tenterden Twilight	Public Toilets Cleaning	410.00			
	M Patrick	War Memorial	95.00			
	J Boot	NDP Consultant	689.03			
	TOTAL		5929.48			
12. CORRESPONDENCE	a. Sussex Lund Grant : Sussex Lund grants support small-scale, practical projects that improve the landscape of the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.					
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	Cllr Thomas proposed consideration of the area in the centre of Cherryfields and will write to residents. This was unanimously supported.		NT			
	b. Collingwood Ingram : A request had been received to erect a monument to					
	_	the Green. The Parish Council u				
		riate at the Grange. Cllr Thomas		NT		
	c. Parking: Concerns h	nad been raised regarding parking	across the footpath from			

	St George's Church leading towards the entrance to a property blocking both the footpath and side entrance into the graveyard. This will be forwarded to the PCC as a Church issue.	CL
	d. Proposed Editorial Guidelines for Benenden Magazine: Draft editorial guidelines for Benenden Magazine had been circulated. Cllr Thomas proposed a meeting of representatives of the Parish Council, the PCC and the co-editors of the Magazine. Cllrs Beveridge, Cruse and Driver to liaise. Recommendations to be brought back to the next Parish Council meeting.	GB/RC/PD
13. PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS	 Kent Barker, on behalf of Benenden Village Trust, advised that following complaints received about use of the Village Hall car park during the St Ronans School carol service, Trustees had agreed that hirers of the Hall could legitimately stop others using the main hall car park. The roadside car park would be open to all. Cllr Skeet asked how this might impact on those hiring the football pitch. Cllr Thomas advised that the Parish Council had not been consulted about closure of the Green on the same evening. Questions were asked about the release of the NDP. Why this could not happen at the same time as presented to Parish Councillors; what the format of the village meeting would take; what would be presented at the village meeting. Cllrs Thomas and Dawlings advised that this is a draft first plan and will be made public on 23rd February. Copies of the plan will be available at the village meeting and on the website on 23rd February. This will start a long consultation process at which point parishioners will be able to comment. Copies of the plan will be distributed to all households at the required time. It was advised that a parishioner had previously offered to plant cherry trees at Cherryfields, and was agreed to at the time by TWBC, but Cherryfields residents opposed. The question was asked why individual parish councillor emails are not on the website. It was explained that there have been issues regarding General Data 	CL
14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION	Protection Regulations. The Clerk to follow up.	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 18 th February 2019, Memorial Hall, 7pm	
	The meeting closed at 8.15pm	
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