

# GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 14 OCTOBER 2019 7PM AT THREE OAKS VILLAGE HALL

**CHAIR:** Cllr MARION ROBERTS

### GUESTLING PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr ANDREW ELDRIDGE Cllr SALLIE COX Cllr GRAHAM FURNESS Cllr MARION MUNRO  
Cllr PETE MUNRO Cllr PETER KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN Cllr CLIVE MEEKHAM

**DISTRICT CLLRS PRESENT:** Cllr ANDREW MIER Cllr ROGER BIRD Cllr CARL MAYNARD

**PARISH CLERK:** BRYONY YOUNG

4 MEMBERS PUBLIC

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	<b>APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE:</b> Cllr JOHNATHAN VINE-HALL	
2	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> Cllr KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN: conflict of interest with planning application	
3	<b>ADOPT ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATED CODE OF CONDUCT 2019 :</b> Unanimously agreed and adopted by Council	
4	<b>MINUTES RESOLVED:</b> That the Chairman of the Council is authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Meeting 9 September 2019	
5	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING OR UNRESOLVED NOT COVERED SEPARATELY IN AGENDA:</b></p> <p><b>THREE OAKS BRIDGE/SW SNAG LIST</b> –No update, Clerk to chase again - <b>ONGOING</b></p> <p><b>SPEEDWATCH</b> – Still need volunteers. Advised logged over 250 cars in an hour and a half through Three Oaks village. On agenda for Marsham meeting Wednesday 16 October</p> <p><b>MEMORIAL BENCH</b> – Licences received, ready to be concreted in – dependant on weather, needs to be there for Remembrance Sunday</p> <p><b>EMERGENCY PLAN:</b> Still no response from RDC, MR to ask question at Marsham meeting</p> <p><b>MATCH FUNDING:</b> BY to send ASAP</p> <p><b>BEECH WALK:</b> Had site meeting, minutes have been distributed. Parish Council to confirm that they previously supported refusal of the application and still support refusal. Revision of the TPO is pending. Vote reference supporting TPO as it is now – Unanimously agreed as Parish Council now sees this as an accurate TPO and wish to support it</p> <p><b>ARC HISTORY GROUP:</b> Information meeting Saturday was well attended</p> <p><b>FOOTBALL CLUB &amp; PLAYING FIELDS: (PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ALLOWED)</b></p> <p>FOOTBALL CLUB (2 MEMBERS) – Offer to do the drive fencing at no cost to the Parish Council by a local company – Parish Council advised that they would be happy for this to happen but require a site meeting, plan and detail of insurances for work</p> <p>Toilets are up and running and plumbed in, however only one key (PC to investigate as 1 key not acceptable)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cllr CARL MAYNARD ARRIVED</b></p> <p>Offered to wood clad the toilets as this will improve aesthetics, PC agreed</p> <p>Replacing the glass in the front doors with toughened glass</p> <p>Advised there is bad tree overhang in the car park, BY to ask contractor for quote, also ref. vertidrain for pitch drainage</p> <p>Plans for inside clubhouse for a kitchen area and serving hatch – advised Food certificate and Health and Hygiene cert held and contents insurance for the pavillion. PC voted on allowing the work, unanimous agreement</p> <p>Suggestion for grasscrete along front hedge to allow for more parking and drive for Bowls Club? Football Club and Parish Council to investigate costs</p> <p>Long-term plan should be to replace pavillion – FA do run a scheme to support/lottery funds/grants – Sub-committee required – TO DISCUSS AT ONSITE MEETING</p> <p>Increase in costs to Parish Council of electric and water with internal changes to be discussed at next meeting (PRECEPT?)</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>MR</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>BY/MR</b></p> <p><b>BY</b></p> <p><b>BY</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>
6	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b> None</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2 MEMBERS PUBLIC LEFT</b></p>	

7	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</b>  FOOTBALL CLUB - See Matters Arising above  GUESTLING SURGERY – Owner of Guestling Surgery gave overview of current situation of the Surgery and advised that he is not trying to close it. Member of public gave detail of previous suggestions (in 2002) for a larger surgery to cover the Guestling area  Cllr BIRD – Waste/recycling, new contract, 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter recycling and composting is just above target. Brown bins are below target (but twice as good as last year). Advised that the ARC meeting had a lot of interest and they are looking for “friends” to support (£10)  Cllr MIER – Waste contract disposal rates 50% goes to generate electricity, 25% recycles, 16% composted, 4% landfill, recently been on a tour of the recycling plant. Will ask about a Parish Council visit  Cllr MAYNARD – Potholes an issue as always, some areas being jet-patched. ESCC are doing some proper resurfacing but it has very high cost. ESCC meals in the community – the subsidy has been reduced however everyone who will be affected will be spoken to and ensure that there is no detrimental effect on a case-by-case basis	
8	<b>FINANCE:</b> 8.1 - To minute that the Parish Clerk is also the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) 8.2 – To minute that the accounts will be checked quarterly (Jan/April/July/Oct) by a Parish Councillor who is not a cheque signatory (Cllr Munro) RALC Invoice : £30, idverde invoice - £161.78, hall hire - £8, poppy wreath - £22.49, election costs - £1807.07	
9	<b>MOPPS:</b> Overview given last month	
10	<b>THREE OAKS – FOOTPATH FROM STATION TO PUB:</b> Hedge needs cutting back, request to residents. Request informal site visit with new Highways Steward to discuss. Cllr CM to speak to Westfield Clerk reference how achieved in previous Parish. May be worth getting costing from a contractor before approaching ESCC Highways	ALL
11	<b>COMMUNICATION FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL TO THE PARISH:</b>	
12	<b>PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE:</b> Sub-committee required to go through and decide any changes/additions required (Insurance details now on GPC website)	ALL
13	<b>PARISH PRECEPT 2020/2021:</b> Cllrs to bring ideas to the next meeting (Nov) for funding requests /requirements for the next year.	ALL
14	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:</b> GF and MR attended meeting at Pett. NW still up and running – list of local crimes is available to disseminate out if requested. Can join as a single person or as a group. Agreed that presentation not required at Parish Meeting as Chair and Vice Chair attended and have disseminated information through Parish Council	
15	<b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS:</b>  <b>MINUTES :</b> To resolve: The Chairman of the Planning Committee is authorised to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held 9 September 2019  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>RR/2019/2182/P THE OLD CHAPEL BUTCHERS LANE THREE OAKS TN35 4NE</b>            Side extensions, internal &amp; external alterations and alterations to off road parking  <b>RECOMMEND APPROVAL</b> </li> <li> <b>RR/2019/2130/P,RR/2019/2131/L- STOCKS FARM THE THORNE GUESTLING TN35 4LU</b>            Demolition of curtilage outbuildings and erection of replacement garage/workshop outbuilding  <b>RECOMMEND APPROVAL SUBJECT TO LISTED BUILDING CONSENT</b> </li> <li> <b>RR/2019/2123/T PINE VIEW RYE ROAD GUESTLING TN35 4LS</b>            T1. Pine – Fell  <b>RECOMMEND REFUSAL. THE TPO WAS REQUESTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL IN 2003. IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT SCOTS PINE, PROMINENT IN THE LANDSCAPE AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE CHARACTER OF THE VILLAGE. IN 2008 AN APPLICATION WAS REFUSED TO REDUCE 2 LATERAL BRANCHES AND REMOVE 2 HIGHER BRANCHES AS IT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE NATURAL SHAPE OF THE TREE AND IT'S AMENITY VALUE. IN 2016 AN APPLICATION TO FELL THE PINE WAS REFUSED. THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTED THERE WAS NO ARBORICULTURAL REPORT TO PROVE DECAY OR STATING THAT THE LEAN IS PROGRESSIVE. THERE IS STILL NO SUCH REPORT AND THE TREE HAS BEEN THERE A VERY LONG TIME</b> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RR/2019/2014/T LITTLE BROOMHAM LAND IN FRONT CHURCH LANE GUESTLING TN35 4HS Hedge clipping to all sides and top of Holly hedges <b>RECOMMEND REFUSAL. THE PARISH COUNCIL FEEL THAT THESE HOLLY TREES IT IS NOT A HEDGE) HAVE BEEN DRASTICALLY OVER TRIMMED ALREADY DESPITE BEING THE SUBJECT OF NUMEROUS TPO'S WITH ANOTHER ONE PENDING. WORK SHOULD BE STOPPED PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE OUTSTANDING APPEAL. LONG TERM ALL OF THE TREES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MATURE TO FORM THE AVENUE THAT USED TO PROTECT THE 1066 FOOTPATH. THE MAJORITY OF TREES ARE NOT WITHIN THE (DISPUTED) BOUNDARY OF THE PROPERTY</b></li> </ul>	
16	<p><b>A.O.B.:</b> VERGE CUTTING – Awaiting on RDc ref. decision if they will fund extra cuts again (discussion in budget meeting). BY send out maps of verge cuts again Headmaster at Guestling School has handed notice in Remembrance Sunday Service at Guestling Church Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 10.50am Trees for Playing Fields to be delivered soon – Arrange planting with Football Club</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEETING CLOSED 9.14PM</b></p>	<p><b>BY</b></p> <p><b>BY</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7PM AT GUESTLING BRADSHAW SCHOOL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BRYONY YOUNG – PARISH CLERK 07730 015684    guestling.clerk@gmail.com</b></p>	