

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

7PM AT GUESTLING VILLAGE HALL

CHAIR: Cllr MARION ROBERTS

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr GRAHAM FURNESS Cllr PETE MUNRO Cllr LAURIE BROWN Cllr PETER KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN

LOCAL/DISTRICT C'LLORS: Cllr JONATHAN VINE-HALL Cllr ANDREW MIER Cllr CARL MAYNARD

PARISH CLERK: BRYONY YOUNG

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p>MINUTE SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II</p> <p>CHAIR: Guestling Parish Council, on behalf of the parish residents would like to place on record our sincere and deepest appreciation for the life of service, duty and dedication given by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Her Majesty was a much loved and respected Monarch, who we are sure touched the lives of residents, companies and organisations in the Parish and in Rother District. Our condolences are sent to His Majesty, King Charles III and his family</p>	
2	APOLOGIES : Cllr MARTIN GRIFFITHS Cllr MARION MUNRO Cllr ANDREW ELDRIDGE	
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
4	MINUTES TO RESOLVE: The Chair authorised the minutes of the last meeting	
5	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</p> <p>Cllr Mier – Enforcement for litter and dog fouling has been outsourced to contractors, fly-tipping will be included in the future Staff pay increases at Rother are being worked on</p> <p>Cllr Maynard – Overview report sent round to Parish Council (Attached as Appendix 1) Full exam results in Rother (first since 2019) are in and Mathematics and English results were good Recent Apprenticeship Fairs and Job Fairs in Rother held have been very successful, with over 60 employees attending Ukrainian refugees – still a live situation, support for the families is continuing and ESCC and Rother are working with voluntary organisations</p> <p>Cllr Vine-Hall – Parish Conference is being held in Brede Village Hall on 19th October. The green programme for solar panels for Village Halls is going well</p>	
6	<p>MATTERS ARISING OR UNRESOLVED NOT COVERED SEPARATELY IN AGENDA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches at Three Oaks station and Peter James Lane – both not owned by Parish Council and unadopted. ESCC are not aware of them • Cllr M Munro to advise ref. speed device at next meeting • Sewage works at QE2 field – Community Grant Fund with Match funding, will need to decide on supplier and approximate date to carry out to apply 	
7	CORRESPONDENCE: Burwash roads email, Rother Rural Trust, Bowls club – advised that they have increased membership by 9 and their fundraising is in a good position	
8	<p>FINANCE: Field cut Aug/Sept – £174.86 x 2, ESALC training £48 Vote for wreath to be purchased for Remembrance Sunday – Clerk to source</p>	BY
9	STANDING ORDERS UPDATE APPROVAL – PC all agreed, new Standing Orders voted in and accepted – clerk to put on website	BY
10	CHURCH LANE TREATMENT WORKS – PARISH LETTER – Freedom of Information request, PC agreed to be sent to CEO Southern Water for comment	BY
11	STRATEGIC CIL FUNDING – Infrastructure priority list – sewage system at QE2 field? (Cut off Monday 31 October) – PC decided not appropriate for any planned works	
12	BOOK OF CONDOLENCE – QUEEN ELIZABETH II - At Guestling Church, clerk to collect and get to Rother Offices to be bound and put with other Parish entries	BY
13	BENCHES – to be bolted down MR to sort	MR
14	DEVELOPMENT AT BATCHELORS BUMP – ROAD NAMING – Suggested Bradshaw Walk or Bradshaw Close – detail sent to contractors	BY
15	ESCC GRASS CUTTING 2023 – PC voted for option 2, extra cuts as per this year, clerk to advise ESCC	BY
16	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS:</p> <p>Cllr M Roberts declared an interest in The Cottage Stream Farm Chapel Lane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR/2022/2073/P BUTCHERS LANE – LAND TO THE SOUTH THREE OAKS GUESTLING TN35 4NH Change of use from agricultural/commercial to domestic; Erection of 3 bedroom dwelling with off road parking and integrated garage (existing crossover) THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE DIVIDED IN OPINION. IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD TIDY UP AN UNKEMPT AREA OF THE VILLAGE AND WE 	

	<p>ACKNOWLEDGE THE SCALING DOWN OF THE APPLICATION FROM THE ORIGINAL, RR/2021/1865/P. HOWEVER, THE APPLICATION FOR ONE DWELLING DOESN'T DETRACT FROM PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 IN THE DECISION REPORT TO REFUSE THE PREVIOUS APPLICATION REGARDING SINGLE DWELLINGS IN AONB, INFILL IN RURAL HAMLETS AND NO EVIDENCE THAT THE SITE COULD BE CLASSED AN EXCEPTION SITE. THE APPLICATION STATES SURFACE WATER WILL GO INTO THE MAINS DRAINAGE, THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. WHATEVER THE DECISION THE HEDGE SHOULD REMAIN TO RETAIN THE RURAL NATURE OF THE VILLAGE. IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT SOME GROUND LEVEL CHANGES HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR/2022/1109/P ROCK LANE- LAND AT GUESTLING TN38 4NY – AMEND Widening of existing access and laying of permeable hardstanding (Retrospective) RECOMMEND REFUSAL. OUR COMMENTS REGARDING RR/2021/1800/ APPLY TO THIS ALMOST IDENTICAL APPLICATION. RR/2021/1800/P HAS BEEN REFUSED BY ROTHER THE SITE IS LOCATED WITHIN A RURAL COUNTRYSIDE LOCATION REMOTE FROM ANY EXISTING BUILDINGS AND WITHIN THE HIGH WEALD AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (AONB), WHERE ALL NEW DEVELOPMENT IS CAREFULLY CONTROLLED TO PROTECT THE QUALITY OF THE AONB LANDSCAPE, WHICH HAS THE HIGHEST STATUS OF PROTECTION IN RELATION TO LANDSCAPE AND SCENIC BEAUTY. THE LANDSCAPE IN THIS PART OF THE HIGH WEALD AONB IS OF A PARTICULARLY HIGH QUALITY AND THE UNSPOILT OPENNESS OF THIS GREEN FIELD ON THE NORTH EAST SIDE OF ROCK LANE CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO THAT QUALITY. WHILE MITIGATING MEASURES, SUCH AS HEDGE PLANTING COULD BE USED TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE OPEN LANDSCAPE, THEY WOULD IN THEMSELVES BE UNCHARACTERISTIC JUTTING INTO THE FIELD AND WOULD CHANGE THE OPEN CHARACTER OF THE FIELD. THE HARDSTANDING AND CREATION OF THE LARGER VEHICULAR ACCESS THROUGH AN ESTABLISHED HISTORIC HEDGEROW, HAS NOT BEEN JUSTIFIED IN THIS REMOTE LOCATION AND IS HARMFUL TO THE UNSPOILT OPEN CHARACTER OF THE AREA. THE DEVELOPMENT HAS AND WOULD FURTHER ERODE AND IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE RURAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE OF THE AREA AND AMOUNTS TO UNACCEPTABLE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND HWAONB. THE DEVELOPEMENT FAILS TO CONSERVE OR ENHANCE THE LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND SCENIC BEAUTY OF THE AONB AND AS SUCH WOULD NOT ACCORD WITH POLICIES 0SS4(III),RA2(II) (VIII),RA3(V) AND EN1 OF THE CORE STRATEGY, POLICY DEN1 AND DEN2 OF THE DASA AND PARAGRAPH 176 OF THE NPPF. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THE ILLEGALLY DIVERTED FOOTPATH 32B RETURNED TO IT'S ORIGINAL ROUTE AS PER ROW EMAIL 28-07-22 • RR/2022/2250/P THE COTTAGE STREAM FARM CHAPEL LANE TN35 4HN Existing use of the garage building as a residential dwelling RECOMMEND REFUSAL. THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION, RR/96/794/P GRANTED PERMISSION FOR AN OUTBUILDING COMPRISING GARAGE FOR TRACTOR OR LAND ROVER,2 CARS AND STORAGE LOFT OVER WITH ENLARGED RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGE. THE APPROVAL STATES THE BUILDING SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES STATED IN THE APPLICATION IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE EXISTING DWELLING AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE WITHOUT SPECIFIC PLANNING PERMISSION. THE PARISH COUNCIL IS CONCERNED THAT THIS IS POTENTIALLY A PATTERN DUE TO ALLEGATIONS OF OTHER UNITS WITHIN THE CURTILAGE FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES. THERE ALREADY APPEARS TO BE A MOBILE. (SEE BLOCK PLAN) THERE IS ALSO AN ENFORCEMENT (ENF/25/22/GUE)ON LAND IN THE SAME OWNERSHIP ISSUED 13TH APRIL WITH REQUEST FOR AN APPLICATION WITHIN 28 DAYS WHICH HAS NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING • RR/2022/2248/P BRIDGE YARD EIGHT ACRE LANE THREE OAKS TN35 4NL Proposed machine storage barn to be used in association with existing business RECOMMEND APPROVAL 	
17	<p>A.O.B: Cllr Laurie Brown tendered her resignation from Guestling Parish Council. The Parish Council wishes to thank Cllr Brown for her valuable contribution to the Parish and wish her the best for the future Chair received an email from a parish landowner who is suffering trespass, theft and machinery issues and wished the Parish Council to be aware Chair asked about bins on highways land, Cllr Mier advised that there is a Rother Assisted Collection that can be applied for Cllr Knatchbull-Hugessen asked the Parish Council to think of ideas for a celebration of the Coronation next spring – to be on agenda next meeting MEETING CLOSED 8.54PM</p>	
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