

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9 DECEMBER 2019 7PM AT GUESTLING BRADSHAW SCHOOL

CHAIR: Cllr MARION ROBERTS

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr ANDREW ELDRIDGE Cllr GRAHAM FURNESS Cllr PETE MUNRO Cllr CLIVE MEEKHAM

DISTRICT CLLRS PRESENT: Cllr JOHNATHAN VINE-HALL Cllr CARL MAYNARD Cllr ANDREW MIER

PARISH CLERK: BRYONY YOUNG

3 MEMBERS PUBLIC

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: Cllr SALLIE COX Cllr MARION MUNRO Cllr ROGER BIRD Cllr PETER KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr FURNESS – Rock Lane planning application	
3	MINUTES RESOLVED: That the Chairman of the Council is authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Meeting 11 November 2019	
4	<p>MATTERS ARISING OR UNRESOLVED NOT COVERED SEPARATELY IN AGENDA:</p> <p>THREE OAKS BRIDGE/SW SNAG LIST – Response received from ESCC Highways, Stage 3 Audit carried out, “fully assessed, no specific safety problems noted”. Suggested discussed on Highways walk-around when organised</p> <p>EMERGENCY PLAN: BY chase again for assistance from RDC</p> <p>MATCH FUNDING: RDC received and RDC advised processing</p> <p>FOOTPATHS: Grant funding available of £163,272, Cllr Knatchbull-Hugessen advised messages left at RDC for officer responsible with no response. Has asked for Cllr Vine-Halls assistance to assist contact, awaiting further contact Clerk advised of Ramblers Association “Don’t lose your way” campaign, to send info. out – campaign to keep our historic rights of way – Suggest Pc may want to be involved</p> <p>FOOTBALL CLUB & PLAYING FIELDS:</p> <p>Football Club advised fencing will start New Year</p> <p>Keys for toilets – MR spoken to locksmiths, Football club also asking locksmith</p> <p>CCTV – Need a spec, get company recommended by Sedlescombe PC to do a spec and a quote and then look for other quotes against spec. Grant may be available via Safer Rother Partnership</p> <p>Buckswood School approached Football Club again ref. partnership</p> <p>THREE OAKS – FOOTPATH FROM STATION TO PUB: GF advised looks like major expense as sewer close to ground level and path would need reinforcing due to cars parking, also high bank near to station so expensive to cut into bank. Ask Southern Water for any traffic surveys from that area</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE: Discussed in small group, BY to speak to Insurance company ref changes</p> <p>TREE PLANTING AT PLAYING FIELD: All planted at playing field, thanks all that attended. Suggested we apply for more for next year</p> <p>HIGHWAYS WALK-AROUND: Arrange for after election</p> <p>BOWLS CLUB ONSITE CONTAINER : No longer required</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR A DR’S SURGERY STAYING IN THE AREA : Email sent</p>	<p>BY</p> <p>Cllr VH/ Cllr K-H</p> <p>BY</p> <p>BY/MR</p> <p>BY/MR</p> <p>BY</p> <p>BY</p> <p>BY</p> <p>Cllr CM/GF</p>
5	CORRESPONDENCE: Police encampment survey – distributed, Cllrs to fill in individually	ALL
6	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</p> <p>Cllr MAYNARD – Advised Rock Lane planning application is contrary to Rother’s DaSa Urban Fringe policy to leave a clear defined strategic gap</p> <p>Cllr VINE-HALL – Rother has launched scheme to incentivise private landlords to make private rental properties available to people on the Councils housing list - www.rother.gov.uk/tenantfinder</p>	

	<p>RDC scheme to build 1000 houses in Rother by 2035, funded and managed by the Council. Mix of affordable and market in line with planning policy.</p> <p>Cllr Vine-Hall is heading a steering group ref CiL (Community Infrastructure Levy) is allocated to projects across Rother as current bidding system not proved effective. No more funding will be allocated until 2021</p> <p>DaSa (site allocation and planning policy) will be adopted in Dec 2019. Update starts immediately, input required from PC to address + and – of existing plan to allow revision</p> <p>Plan for video recording of all council meetings underway to increase transparency and accessibility</p> <p>DATE FOR THE DIARY – TOWNS AND PARISHES MEETING (RDC) 27th MAY 2020 – SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALL</p> <p>Cllr TERRY BYRNE – CHAIR OF ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL:</p> <p>RDC want to improve communications and want to make processes more open, contact him if you feel there is no action</p> <p>Funding – Will become available soon, suggest have a plan ready to go so that request can be sent in immediately funding offered</p> <p>Cabinet members will come and talk to the Parish Council about anything in their area/remit if required</p> <p>Members of public can now speak at planning meetings, suggests if feel strongly that attend</p> <p>Public Realm Strategy Framework – Cllr suggests looking at document (BY to distribute)</p>	BY
7	FINANCE: CiL report required for specific use (Fingerposts)	BY
8	<p>PRECEPT DECISION – GRASS CUTTING ETC:</p> <p>A259 grass cut – Clerk contacted Highways England, advised inspected every 28 days. Query if Doleham triangle, Butchers triangle and Guestling Green triangle covered for cuts. Also if issues on White Hart Hill of foliage overhanging footway (would they serve notice?)</p> <p>Get quote from current contractors ref. highway strimming</p>	<p>BY</p> <p>BY</p>
9	BEECH WALK TPO APPEAL (APP/TPO/U1430/7694): Appeal will be held through a hearing, appeal has been circulated (19/12/2019). Closing date for representations is 1 st January 2020. Vote ref. whether Parish Council should make representation, unanimous agreement. Representation to be prepared, circulated, agreed and served by all before closing date – BEFORE NEXT MEETING	ALL
10	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS:</p> <p>MINUTES : To resolve: The Chairman of the Planning Committee is authorised to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held 11 November 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>RR/2019/2536/P 1 ST MARYS COTTAGES BUTCHERS LANE THREE OAKS TN35 4NH</p> <p>Variation of condition 2 and removal of conditions 3, 5 and 6 imposed on planning permission RR/2019/1412/P. To allow amendments to design of dwelling and details of materials, landscaping and drainage</p> <p>COMMENTS: THE PARISH COUNCIL STILL RECOMMENDS REFUSAL ON THE DEVELOPMENT AS A WHOLE. THE CONDITIONS ISSUED WITH DISTRICTS APPROVAL SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE ADHERED TO IN FULL AND NOT DISCHARGED. THE SMALL PARKING SPACES WILL HAVE TO BE REVERSED INTO OR OUT OF. AS THEY ARE JUST ROUND A BLIND BEND, ON A NARROW LANE IN A VILLAGE WITH A SPEEDING PROBLEM THIS IS CONSIDERED TO BE DANGEROUS</p> <p>RR/2019/2495/P LORDS WOOD HOUSE WHITE HART HILL GUESTLING TN35 4LP</p> <p>Proposed conversion of ground floor of the detached building (previously approved to form music studio, games room and cinema under RR/2017/2563/P) into a self contained annexe for use by family member and carer</p> <p>COMMENTS: WHILST WE SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SECTION 106 IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE THIS IS USED AS AN ANNEX TO THE MAIN DWELLING FOR FAMILY MEMBERS ONLY, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE NOT TO BECOME A SEPARATE DWELLING</p> <p>RR/2019/1835/P ROCK LANE LAND AT GUESTLING TN35 4JJ</p> <p>Outline : Proposed 8 three bedroom semi detached dwellings with parking and associated cycle store and refuse area</p> <p>COMMENTS: RECOMMEND REFUSAL. THIS PIECE OF LAND FORMS PART OF THE IMPORTANT STRATEGIC GAP BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL AS STATED WITHIN RDC'S DASA PLAN. HIGHWAYS HAVE CONCERNS AND THE PARISH COUNCIL QUERY THE SAFETY OF A JUNCTION DIRECTLY OPPOSITE AN EXISTING ONE IN A NARROW LANE THAT IS GOVERNED BY THE NATIONAL SPEED LIMIT. THE TRANSPORT STATEMENT SEEMS TO SHED DOUBT ON WHETHER THERE IS ACCESS TO THIS PIECE OF LAND FROM THE HIGHWAY. THE PROPOSED POSSIBLE TRIP CALCULATION SEEMS VERY LOW FOR EIGHT 3 BEDROOM HOUSES. GIVEN THE CONSTANT EROSION OF THE VERGES OF THIS NARROW COUNTRY LANE ANY REGULAR INCREASE IN TRAFFIC IS NOT TO BE ENCOURAGED</p> <p>RR/2019/2481/P MILWARD GARDENS – LAND ADJACENT WINCHELSEA ROAD GUESTLING TN35 4LW</p> 	

	Outline: Erection of a 40 bedroom house with single storey detached garage COMMENTS: RECOMMEND REFUSAL. THIS IS OUTSIDE THE DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY. WE COMPLETELY AGREE WITH ROTHER'S REFUSAL FOR THE PREVIOUS APPLICATION FOR 3 DWELLINGS ON THIS PIECE OF LAND. THIS HAS NOT BEEN PROVED TO BE AN EXCEPTION SITE SO THIS SHOULD BE REFUSED	
11	A.O.B.: Clerk suggests that a mini projector and screen would be useful for planning discussions – PC agree, BY to investigate costs RDC offering community grant match funding for VE day celebrations, Clerk suggests PC with Football Club MEETING CLOSED 8.22PM	BY BY/GF
	THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020 AT 7PM AT GUESTLING BRADSHAW SCHOOL BRYONY YOUNG – PARISH CLERK 07730 015684 guestling.clerk@gmail.com	