

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9 MARCH 2020 7PM AT GUESTLING BRADSHAW SCHOOL

CHAIR: Cllr MARION ROBERTS

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

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

DISTRICT CLLRs PRESENT: Cllr JOHNATHAN VINE-HALL

PARISH CLERK: BRYONY YOUNG

5 MEMBERS PUBLIC

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: Cllr ROGER BIRD Cllr ANDREW MIER Cllr CARL MAYNARD Cllr PETE MUNRO Cllr MARION MUNRO	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: NONE	
3	MINUTES RESOLVED: That the Chairman of the Council is authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Meeting 10 February 2020	
4	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: GUESTLING SURGERY UPDATE (practice manager): Guestling is a branch of the Old Town Surgery group, advised they are leaving Guestling and moving to a new site in Pett Level along with the Old Town Surgery moving to the Ice House. Move to Pett is scheduled end June and patients will be automatically moved there. Currently recruiting for a new GP for Pett, Guestling patients can always use Old Town surgery as well. Confirmed that patients have not been contacted to advise as yet 2 MEMBERS PUBLIC LEFT THREE OAKS STATION: Usage figures for 2018/2019 42.1% increase in passengers (11,500 used the station). 6 cycle racks have been put in and a new light. £30k is being held by the Department of Transport from passenger penalty fund to be released for works to the station. Ask Cllr Maynard and local MP to chase up Department of Transport for timescales for release of funds. Speak to Southern/Network Rail regards current banking works and improving disabled access Issues with flooding and potholes at start of Three Oaks village, highways aware	BY
5	MATTERS ARISING OR UNRESOLVED NOT COVERED SEPARATELY IN AGENDA: HIGHWAYS WALKAROUND – Request in by MR to Highways signage ref. village hall, awaiting response. Clearance of gully, advised by email that “the contractor” needs to liaise with National Rail for permission to go trackside FOOTPATHS: Revisit when the weather improves - ONGOING BEECH WALK TPO APPEAL (APP/TPO/U1430/7694): Nothing further heard at present – ONGOING PLAYING FIELDS DRAINAGE: Football club has applied for a grant (support letter from Parish Council sent) FIBRE BROADBAND: Openreach, no plans in the area, further information about grants found by clerk and distributed. Openreach need specific areas to start consultation, refer Cllr Maynard ref. ESCC plans in area – ONGOING CLLR VINE-HALL ARRIVED 8.05PM	MR
6	CORRESPONDENCE: None	
7	FINANCE: Virus software laptop - £44.99, keys - £10.71	
8	REPORT ON COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING: Had meeting, suggested joint plan across parishes, MR suggested at Marsham meeting, not great interest. Pett and Fairlight would be most useful to join with. Get ours up to date first and then approach other parishes Rother emergency planning officer will advise ref. any rollout of a Corona (Covid-19) plan	MR/BY
9	REPORT ON MEETING WITH SOUTHERN WATER: Parish Council had meeting with Southern Water where they put forward questions given by parishioners, answers attached to these minutes and available on Guestling Parish Council website	BY
10	VE DAY PLANNING AND BUDGET: Email sent around by Cllr Munro advising breakdown and request for funding £2.5k. £500 grant available from RDC, Parish Council agreed to match so that £1000 can be used for deposits. Any cost for printing, delivery of advertising is separate and Parish Council will cover. Parish Council is willing to look at further costs after an indication of attendance – ideas to facilitate this? UPDATE – Cllr P Munro (absent from meeting) advised he feels he cannot organise at this level of	ALL

	funding but is happy to help and pass on information if it will be taken on by another person to organise	
11	LITTER PICKING: Cllr Furness advised just a basic risk assessment should be required, signs are available to borrow from Highways, wait for better weather and organise	ALL
12	PARISH COMMUNICATIONS: Require a way to communicate with parishioners, use Rother Alerts? Leaflet drop? Find out how many people Rother Alerts reaches in parish	ALL BY
13	<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 10 February 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>RR/2018/1223/P CHURCH FARM BARN - LAND OPPOSITE CHURCH LANE GUESTLING TN35 4HS</p> <p>Construction of a 2 storey, 3 bedroom detached property</p> <p>RECOMMEND REFUSAL. THE SITE IS OUTSIDE THE DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY AND NOT BEEN PROVED TO BE AN EXCEPTION SITE. GUESTLING IS AN HISTORIC SETTLEMENT WITH CHURCH LANE BEING AN “HISTORIC ROUTEWAY”. THIS HOUSE WOULD DOMINATE THE VIEW IN THE SENSITIVE SETTING OF THE GRADE 1 LISTED NORMAN CHURCH WITH ITS GRAVEYARD AND COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES. THE APPLICATION STATES THAT FOUL WASTE WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE MAINS SEWER. THERE IS NO MAINS SEWER. THE LANE IS NARROW WITH POOR ALIGNMENT. THE SITE IS ISOLATED FROM SERVICES AND FACILITIES MAKING FUTURE OCCUPANTS RELIANT ON CARS AS ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS SOME DISTANCE AWAY WITH NO FOOTWAYS THAT ARE USEABLE ALL YEAR ROUND. THERE IS A MATURE OAK TREE, THREE JUVENILE OAKS AND SOME HOLLY TREES WHICH SHOULD BE PROTECTED IN LINE WITH THE TPO’S ON THE 1066 WALK JUST THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LANE AND THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE SEEKING TO HAVE THESE PROTECTED FROM THE HARM THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD CAUSE THEM</p> 	
14	<p>A.O.B.: BRADSHAW TRUST – 5 trustees. Cllr Knatchbull-Hugessen to take on Trustee for Guestling Parish Council. Clerk write to diocese ask them to allow us to nominate so that charity can be wound up</p> <p>Vote to continue with contractor mowing this coming season, unanimously agreed, clerk to advise Cllr Vine-Hall advised High Weald Housing Design Guide adopted by RDC today (use as a reference for planning applications) BY circulate link</p> <p>Clerk on holiday May 11th meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEETING CLOSED 9PM</p>	<p>BY</p> <p>BY BY</p>
	<p>THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 20 APRIL 2020 7PM AT THREE OAKS VILLAGE HALL, FOLLOWED BY THE PARISH ASSEMBLY 8.30PM</p> <p>BRYONY YOUNG – PARISH CLERK 07730 015684 guestling.clerk@gmail.com</p>	