

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 20th March 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

Present: Ms S. Lowrie in the chair, Mr R. Beckingham, Mr. P. Ford, Mr. G. Orpin, Mrs P. Bonsall, Mrs R Parrock and the Clerk, Mrs. M. C. Shaw.

Apologies: Mr. D. Lyward (indisposed)

One member of the public.

Declarations: There were none.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting, after deletion of “the footpath will be tarmaced” these were agreed as correct, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Co-options: Mr George Orpin duly signed his “Declaration of Acceptance of Office”, which was countersigned by the Proper Officer, to fill the vacancy due to insufficient candidates at the previous election in 2015.

It was proposed by Mrs. P. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. R. Beckingham that Mrs Rosemary Parrock be co-opted to fill the vacancy due to the demise of Mr Andrew Brignall, and this was unanimously agreed. Mrs Parrock duly signed her “Declaration of Acceptance of Office”, which was countersigned by the Proper Officer.

Matters Arising: **Gully emptying, etc.** – these are still ongoing.

Correspondence K.A.L.C. Minutes and agendas – as circulated.

Clerks & Councils Direct.

A.B.C. Gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople issues and options, and search for available land for gypsy and traveler pitches – this to circulate for councillors comments to be completed by 5th April.

Finance: Current Account as at 5th February 2018 £ 6,354 - 54

Business Reserve Account as at 5th February 2018 £ £ 5,095 - 26

Income received:-

Interest on Business Reserve Account 61p (three months)

Cheques were drawn:-

Mrs M. Shaw, Clerks Salary 1st January 2018 to 31st March 2018 less P.A.Y.E. £347 – 95

Administration expences 1st September 2017 to 31st March 2018 £ 163 - 78

H.M.R.C. P.A.Y.E. 1st January 2018 to 31st March 2018 £ 87 – 85

Donation to Cricket Club £ 200 – 00

Outlook on Oxney £ 490 – 00

C. Bonsall, £ 250 – 00.

KASA Payroll fees £105 -- + V.A.T. 21- 00 Total due £ 126 – 00

Following the budget recommendations it was formally proposed by Mr R Beckingham, seconded by P. Ford that the Street Cleaning operatives wages be increased to £300 per half year for the 2018/2019 financial year and unanimously agreed.

Planning: 18/00102/AS Cliffe Marsh Farm, Military Road, Stone
Change of use of the land from agricultural for the use as a glamping area and the erection of 3no.safari tents with hardstanding bases and associated parking facilities.

Village Caretaker: The caretaker has dug out the roadside "grips", distributed salt during the recent severe weather and reported drains.
It was agreed to request K.C.C. to provide a salt bin for Prawls Corner.

Childrens Play Area: "The Willow Tunnel" is in situ. The A.G.M. will be held next Thursday, at present there are no further future plans.

Amendment to village name: There is concern in the village about the confusion between Stone near Dartford and Stone in Oxney/Stone cum Ebony. Following informal investigations with Ashford Borough Council, it will be possible to have a village questionnaire on this subject. It was proposed by Mrs P. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. R. Beckingham to pursue this with Asford Borough Council and unanimously agreed.

Items of Interest and information: It was noted that the Notice Board at Ebony requires replacement, it was suggested that Mrs P. Bonsall and Ms. S. Lowrie will investigate types available.

Date of the next meeting: Parish Meeting, Tuesday, May 22nd 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at approximately 8 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Village As above on gullies. the roadside "grips" have been dug out,

Caretaker:

Children's Play Area:

A "Willow Tunnel" has been ordered, and the footpath will be tarmaced. There will be a "working party" on 10th December.

Items of Interest:

It was mentioned that the Crown Inn could possibly be considered to be a Village Asset - Borough Councillor M Burgess will investigate.

Mr. D. Lyward is researching the history of the War Memorial in the Memorial Hall with a view to requesting a "Listing" of this Memorial. Ms S. Lowrie will seek further historical information from her mother.

Date of the Next Meeting:

The date of the next Meeting was agreed for Tuesday, 16th January 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m

Planning – 24th January 2018

17/01858/AS Island Cottage, Appledore Road, Stone.
Proposed demolition of workshop, residential mobile and annex and replacement with a new single dwelling.

The application had circulated and was supported.
