

WOMENSWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Womenswold Parish Council was held at the Learning Opportunities Centre, Womenswold on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr I HOBSON – Chairman
Cllr M MCKENZIE- Vice- Chairman
Cllr C BROWN
Cllr J PERRINS
Cllr P SUTCLIFFE
Mrs. V McWILLIAMS Clerk

City Cllr Mike Sole attended the meeting. There was one member of the public present

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Michael Northey sent his apologies as he was on holiday. There were no other apologies.

2. Comments from the public.

The member of the public present came specifically to discuss Planning Application 19/01861 Change of use from Public House to a single dwelling. The Chairman agreed to bring Item 9 forward following approval from the Council.

3. Report from City Cllr Mike Sole

I receive a lot of correspondence from residents in across the ward about bin collections so I recently spent time with a Serco crew emptying bins in Bridge so that I could see for myself the issues that the operatives face when collecting our rubbish. This was a very interesting and informative experience.

I have also spent time in Bridge with KCC and City Council transportation officers to review parking restrictions and other issues such as dropped kerbs and the re-marking of white lines.

I have asked the city council if they would install some temporary covert cameras in fly-tipping hotspots in the Womenswold Parish.

With lorries continuing to park up in unofficial lay-bys I have asked the City Council for a progress report on the Swale Borough Council lorry park proposals at Brenley Corner and also attended a meeting with Barham Parish Council and Kingston Parish Council with Gomez at Highland Court to discuss how to reduce the number of lorries driving down the Elham Valley.

Finally, on Saturday 16 November the City Council is hosting a parish workshop from 9:30am to 1pm at Canterbury College. All parish councillors are invited to join the city councillors that represent the rural wards at this event. Details have been

distributed to all clerks. The rural forum meeting on 11 November is therefore cancelled.

He went on to say that charging residents for emptying garden waste green bins was currently under review.

4. Co-option of New Councillor

Peter Sutcliffe from Woolage Village had put himself forward for co-option as a new councillor. He attended the meeting and it was unanimously agreed to co-opt him. The Chairman welcomed him and thanked him for standing.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the September 2019 meeting were approved and signed; proposed by Cllr McKenzie & seconded by Cllr Brown

6 Declaration of Interests by Councillors.

There was no notification by members given of any pecuniary or personal interest in items on the Agenda.

7. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

There were no further matters arising.

8. Finance

Business Current Account £13,255.68

Barclays saver Account £1,880

Monies in

HMRC £615.07

Expenses

Clerks Salary SCP 20 £10.50 per hour 26 hours in Sept/Oct £273.0 plus £80.00.

Plus, Toner (£48.28 + VAT £9.86 Total £57.94 Total **£410. 94**

Kingston Tree Care, hedge Cutting Woolage Green £180

Harmer & Son Ground maintenance (£694.00+ VAT £138.80) TOTAL £832.80

The Fifth Trust Strimming Church Yard, Cutting back the church yard.

Rubbish Removal £122.50

Total Expenditure £1,546.24

Agreement to approve payment of the expenses due was proposed by Cllr Hobson; seconded by Cllr Brown.

The Clerk presented the financial figures to the Council in preparation for submitting an amount for the Precept 2020. It was agreed by all that we would request £7,500.00. This is an increase of £500.00 more than last year. Proposed by Cllr McKenzie; seconded by Cllr Brown

9. Planning/Trees

19/01861 Change of use from Public House to single residence. The Two Sawyers Woolage Green, CT4 6SE.

Councillors were unanimous in their objection and voted strongly against the application to change the use of The Two Sawyers Public House into a single dwelling. Many residents are firmly opposed to such a proposal. It is a thriving, popular and viable public house which acts as the focus for the Womenswold Parish Community and beyond. Local residents were advised to write as individuals to CCC letting them have their objections. The Clerk will write to CCC with regard to the objections the Council expressed.

Cllr Hobson proposed that we should fill in a Registration of Assets of Community Value Nomination Form to protect our interests. This was agreed by all. Proposed by Cllr Brown; seconded by Cllr McKenzie

18/01689/1689 Retrospective formation of access including electric gates. Pear Tree Cottage Woolage Green. Womenswold CT46SG. This has now been granted

19/00844/FUL Dormer window to side elevation. Pear Tree Cottage, Woolage Green Road, Woolage Green CT4 6SG. This has been granted.

10. Highways

The litter has still not been cleared from the lay-by just passed the roundabout on the Wingham/Adisham Road. Cllr Mike Sole stated that he had been in touch with Highways England and Canterbury City Council who will now remove the rubbish.

11. Environmental Issues

The Clerk confirmed that the request for a new salt bin to be put by the turning to Nethersole Road off Snowdown Road has now been granted and should be installed when the salt bins are filled. Cllr Perrins requested that the Parish Council are notified before delivery of the salt bin in order that we can ensure that it is in the correct location.

Following our application to the Landfill Communities Fund, which is administered by Viridor Credits for new swings for the recreation ground at Woolage Village, Viridor have confirmed that we have passed the latest assessment and it will be reviewed by their Sterling Group at their next meeting on 10th December 2019. Because of the relatively small sum being requested and the outcomes of our project being very clear, it will **NOT** be necessary to conduct a visit prior to the application going before the Steering Group meeting on 10 December 2019. We will be notified by letter of the outcome of the application within 10 working days of that meeting.

Following the Annual RoSPA Inspection it was reported that the metal hasps on the toddler swings had rusted through and the seats were damaged and needed replacing. It was agreed to go ahead and get a quote from Wicksteed to repair the broken parts and replace the seats.

The Clerk reported that we will not know until November 28th, 2019 whether we have been successful with the Capital Grant application to purchase a football post for the Recreation Ground at Woolage Village.

12. Broadband

There is no news or progress from Vfast, the Clerk is still waiting to hear from them.

Cllr Hobson had spoken to George Chandler at KCC, but they were still no further forward with news on Fibre Broadband.

Cllr Hobson reported that Open Reach had produced a new scheme known as "Pursuing the Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme via Openreach".

He has done some research on Fibre Broadband not for the Council but as a private individual in This is a very new scheme which anyone can apply for. FTTP Not FTTC. All new houses in the last 3 years have this compulsory.

If anyone is interested in knowing anything further, he is happy to pass on more details.

13. Councilors' Portfolios

Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC): Cllr Brown circulated the **KALC News** to Councillors.

Amenities and Welfare: Nothing further to report

Roads & Services: Nothing further to report.

Communication – Website - Cllr Hobson stated that the website was up to date. He reported 257 hits so far this month.

Police Liaison: Peter Sutcliffe has now taken over as the Liaison Officer PCSO Emma Coyle & Amy Burningham have stated that they are planning to visit all the parishes that they are responsible for.

14. General Correspondence

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KALC News Saturday 30th November

KALC AGM

KENT VOICE

CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT

Emails sent to all

Chief Executive Bulletin

KALC Comment from Chairman Robin Treacher

Came & Company

Budget Consultation "Have your say"

KCC Public Protection

KCC Trading Standards

Finance Independent Review

KALC Newsletter
Chief Executive Bulletin
Canterbury District Local Plan
Rural Task Force Kent Police

All correspondence has been distrusted to Councillors.

15. AOB

Following a recent Press Release stating that *"Now is the time for all campaigners for a new hospital to reunite and keep the Prime Minister to his word."* we received a letter from Martin Vye offering to come and discuss the options that "Concern for Health in East Kent (CHECK) "are considering with the Parish Council. The letter was too late to discuss and this meeting, so it was agreed to add it as agenda item at the January meeting. Martin Vye is the Chair of CHECK

It was agreed to put details of the "VE Day 5, 8 May 2020" on as an Agenda Item at the next meeting to discuss whether we want to organise an event to celebrate the occasion.

CLlr McKenzie reported that the demonstration on how to operate the defibrillators held at the Learning opportunities Centre, Womenswold had been a great success. The Clerk will write and thank the organiser

16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 14th January 2020 in The Function Room at the Two Sawyers.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm