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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30pm GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH HALL

Present: Councillors J Gatland (Chairman) K Solley T Ridyard I Lawrence

C Saville P Swales R Solley

S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council Dist Cllrs O Richardson & Steve Manion

1. APOLOGIES

None received

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th Dec 2019 are duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

Highways

20mphs Limits - The possibility of introducing 20 mph limits in the parish were discussed, it was agreed the possibility should be discussed at the next Annual Parish Meeting.

Action Sarah Wells ongoing

Correspondence

i) KALC IT update Websites – New Regulations

The Clerk reported that the Parish Councils current web site host would be withdrawing the free service from Sept 2020. Cllr Saville had at looked some sites and would continue with his investigation.

Action Cllr Saville ongoing

Finance

Landscape services Quote Ground works 2020 – The quote had been accepted.

Action Discharged

5. VACANCY

The Clerk had informed the members that she wishes to retire at the end of June 2020. It was agreed she should draft an advert for the position to be run in the local paper, KALC & PC websites. The members were keen for the position to be filled in conjunction with the Clerks other posts and Eastry and Great Mongeham Parish Councils, and would be willing to undertake interviews as part of a joint interview panel.

Action Sarah Wells

6. PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

To discuss any planning applications received prior to the meeting.

i) DOV/20/00035

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) to allow the removal of additional trees of planning permission DOV/17/00900 (application under Section 73)

Location: Land Adj To Alice Cottage Cherry Lane Great Mongeham CT14 0HF

RESOLVED no objections should be raised to this application.

b) Planning Decisions

None received.

c) Correspondence

None received.

d) Consultation Documents

None received.

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7. REPORTS

To receive written or verbal reports from:-

a) County Councillor

Cllr Manion gave a report including information of KCC budget for 2020/21.

b) District Councillors

Cllr Richardson gave a report including information on the large planning application at Cross Road, a site meeting is to take place on Tue 11th Feb, plans for Tides swimming pool, the street light modernisation programme and the local crack down on drugs.

c) Council members

Cllr Saville reported that it had not been possible to run speed watch. He had reported the blocked drains outside Hac and Tac again.

d) PCSO

A written report had been received from the new PCSO.

8. HIGHWAYS

To discuss and agree actions relating to highways issues

a) Dover Bus Pilot

Cllr Saville and the other Parish Council representatives were not very happy with the co-operation currently being given by the KCC project team.

b) Parking near junction Cherry Lane and Northbourne Rd This was discussed, however no action was felt necessary at this time.

c) Church path – Mud and leave making it slippery

The Council had received a request to pay to have this path cleared. After some discussion it was agreed the members were not happy to pay for this work. The path is the responsibility of KHS. The Clerk to report to Kent Highways Services.

Action Sarah Wells

d) Road Closure – Cherry Lane – 26^{th} to 28^{th} Feb 2020 Noted by the members.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

To discuss and agree actions relating to correspondence received by the Council.

a) Consultation Documents

Noted by the members.

b) Newsletters and Circular

- i) Clerks and Councils direct
- ii) KALC News Jan 2020

Noted by the members.

c) Other Correspondence

None received.

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

a) Council Event

To discuss and agree actions relating to events organised by the Council.

i. VE Day Celebrations

The Clerk had looked at the website for the area around use and Sandwich and Walmer were holding events. It was agreed that no further action should be taken on this matter.

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ii. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed the APM should take place on 2nd April at 7.30pm with the Parish Council meeting on the same evening at 6.30pm. The Clerk to see if the hall is available.

Action Sarah Wells

b) Outside Event

To discuss and agree actions relating to outside events

- i) KALC Dover Area meeting 29th Jan 2019
- ii) KALC Health and Well-being conference 6 Feb 2020

Noted by the members.

11. FINANCE

To discuss and agree actions relating to any financial correspondence presented to the Council.

a) Budget talks 2020/21

The draft budget prepared by the Council was discussed.

RESOLVED the draft budget should be adopted. See Appendix A

b) DDC Precepts Demand 20/21 –extension until 7th Feb 2019

RESOLVED the precept should be set at £9,150 a 1.92% increase in the council tax equating to 64p a year for a Band D property.

c) KCC Pension Valuation

The members were concerned that the pension deficit had increased. Cllr Manion offered to take up the matter with KCC pensions unit.

Action Cllr Manion

12. PAYMENTS

RESOLVED the following payments should be made.

- a) £276.00 Christmas Tree
- b) £268.16 Green Mowing
- c) £39.00 Parish Hall Hire
- d) £11.98 Penny (Mince pies and napkins Carols round the tree)
- e) £3315.67 Britania Coaches Late bus service
- f) £198.00 Clerks Office Allowance Jan 2019 to Jan 2020 (11 x £18)

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be the Ordinary Meeting on 5th Mar 2020

Scheduled Dates: 2nd Apr 2020 7th May 2020 Parish Hall unavailable

4th Jun 2020 2nd Jul 2020

The meeting closed at 8.53pm