

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2020 AT 7.30pm. VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Present:** Councillors T Ridyard I Lawrence J Gatland (Chairman)  
C Saville P Swales

S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council  
J Jones – Clerk from 1-8-20

2 Members of the public  
County Cllr Steve Manion

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs K Solley, R Solley & Dist Cllrs Oliver Richardson & Martin Bates

The meeting closed at 7.32pm so that members of the public could speak. A member of the public presented objections to the planning application for the change of use of land for wedding and events venue with marquee at The Old Rectory Mongeham Church Close, DOV/20/00589, concerns included; traffic congestion on the narrow single track close, lack of parking at the venue, excess noise, the unsuitability of such a venue in this particular place for the local residents and possible over stated economic benefits. The applicant also spoke, offering reassurance that the noise would be managed with special speakers, a mini-bus would be available to alleviate traffic congestion and parking concerns, with parking available for service vehicles and promoting the economic benefits. The applicant welcomed people to go and look at the venue.

The meeting re-opened at 7.51pm.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

### 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 are duly agreed, and would be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

### 4. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

#### Planning

The Clerk composed a letter to the residents who lived near to Great Mongeham Farm to make them aware of the planning application at Great Mongeham Farm, Cherry Lane, Cllr K. Solley posted through the doors of neighbouring properties.

**Action Discharged**

### 5. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

#### a) Information from DDC, KCC and Central Government

All email received in connection with the Coronavirus had been forwarded to Council members as received. The situation changes daily and the information is fluid in nature. DDC have ceased the regular conference calls with Town and Parish Council Clerks but are still sending information out as necessary. The Clerk reported that KALC are advising Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future.

### 6. PLANNING

#### a) Planning Applications

To discuss any planning applications received prior to the meeting.

##### i) DOV/20/00519

**Proposal:** Erection of a detached annexe for ancillary use for gym/hobby room (existing outbuilding to be demolished)

**Location:** Farm Cottage Cherry Lane Great Mongeham CT14 0HG

RESOLVED the council objected to this application on the following grounds, the annexe would overlook the neighbours, it would be too big, going from one storey to two storeys and out of keeping with the area.

ii) **DOV/20/00590**

**Proposal:** The erection of a single storey outbuilding attached to the north east corner of the walled garden on the site of former shed. The works include formation of new door access through garden wall.

**Location:** The Old Rectory Mongeham Church Close Great Mongeham CT14 0HL

iii) **DOV/20/00589**

**Proposal:** Change of use of land for wedding and events venue with marquee, erection of a single storey outbuilding (existing toilet block to be demolished)

**Location:** The Old Rectory Mongeham Church Close Great Mongeham CT14 0HL

The two applications were discussed together.

RESOLVED the council objected to these applications on the following grounds, the siting of a wedding and events venue here would lead to traffic problems for local residents as Mongeham Church Close is a single track, narrow residential close, there were also concerns that noise generated by the entertainment and guests would be unfair for local residents. It was felt to be the wrong place for such a venue.

**b) Planning Decisions**

To note any planning decisions received prior to the meeting.

- i) DOV/20/00417 – Granted – Conversion of outbuilding to annex – Hilliers, Northbourne Rd.

**c) Correspondence**

None received.

**d) Consultation Documents**

None received.

**7. NEW WEBSITE**

- a) Councillor Profiles. A discussion was held on what contact details the members wished to be included on the new website; name, address, email, photo, biography. It was agreed that Cllrs would all let Cllr Saville know what they were willing to have on the website about themselves. The website is almost complete, the Clerk will inform DDC and the Parish magazine of the change of website name and address.

**Action Sarah Wells & all Cllrs**

**8. REPORTS**

To receive written or verbal reports from:-

**a) County Councillor**

Cllr Manion reported on Deal library re-opening from 13<sup>th</sup> July, books would need to be ordered in advance and collection procedures would need to be followed. He also reported on KCC trialling graphene enhanced surface on the roads and more solar panels on buildings. Cllr Gatland asked why it had taken twelve years to consider putting more solar panels on buildings. Cllr Manion will email the answer to Cllr Gatland.

**b) District Councillors**

No report received.

**c) Council members**

Cllr Saville reported on the Pilot bus scheme which is continuing and Speed Watch, which is currently unable to take place.

**d) PCSO**

No report received.

## 9. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Swales suggested that the Community Payback Scheme could be used for clearing footpaths, cleaning signs and collecting litter. Discussions were held on the limitations of the scheme. The clerk will send an email to ascertain what help is available. **Action Sarah Wells**

Cllr Swales suggested that the Parish Council should buy or rent the piece of land at the corner of Cherry Lane and Peaks Hill to provide more parking for the village. Discussions were held amongst the Cllrs but they didn't feel it was a good use of council funds.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

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

### a) Consultation Documents

None received.

### b) Newsletters and Circular

None received.

### c) Other Correspondence

i) Reporting Nuisance Motorcycling – a flyer has been emailed to Cllrs, explaining what to record, noted by members.

ii) KALC Chief Executive Bulletin – June 2020 – has been forwarded to Cllrs. noted by members.

## 11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### a) Council Event

Nothing planned at this time.

### b) Outside Event

To discuss and agree actions relating to outside events

None planned at this time.

## 12. FINANCE

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

- a) Accounts Budget v Actual to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – the Clerk presented the budget v actual figures and the costs associated with setting the new clerk up with a computer, software, mobile phone and printer, Cllr Gatland confirmed that discussions had been held with the Chair of Eastry Parish Council regarding the capital costs.

RESOLVED accounts budget v Actual to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 adopted and capital costs of new clerk to be split 25% each for Great Mongeham & Woodnesborough Parish Council and 50% for Eastry Parish Council.

## 13. PAYMENTS

RESOLVED the following payments should be authorised.

- a) £297.20 Clerks Salary Jun
- b) £67.40 HMRC Jun
- c) £114.98 Pension contributions Jun

RESOLVED £1,000 of Village Hall funding was in place for the toilet refurbishment, release the grant.

## 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To agree a date for the next meeting of the Council. Scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm

Scheduled Dates:      8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020                      5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020                      3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2020

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.