

ICKHAM & WELL PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Parish Meeting 18th December 2017 at 7.30 pm

Minutes of meeting

Present: Councillors de Graft-Johnson (Chair), S Hipkin, K Richards, L Shouls, K Tatman, G Wyant

2017/129: Apologies

Councillor Walker (Canterbury CC) and Councillor Northey (KCC) Pat Heath (Clerk)

2017/130: Declarations of interest

Councillor Tatman re planning application 17/02571

2017/131: Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 20th November

Councillor Wyant asked for a change in 2017/128/02 – to insert the word “to” in front of the phrase “allow the gardener to collect the sacks...”. The minutes were then agreed and signed as a true record.

2017/132: Matters arising

Councillor deGraft-Johnson stated that he had not yet actioned 2017/124/04 nor 2017/128/02.

2017/133 Co-option of a new Councillor

Councillor deGraft-Johnson confirmed that an application had been received from Daniel Morse, who was present at the meeting. There were no objections from members of the Parish Council. Accordingly, it was agreed that he should be co-opted and his name forwarded to KCC for the necessary formalities (Pat Heath to arrange).

2017/134: Correspondence

There had been none.

2017/135 Planning Applications

135/01: **17/02595/6 Ickham Court, The Street:** Application for listed building consent for the erection of two sets of vehicular gates.

Richard Belsten was present and explained the application. The council approved the application.

135/02: **17/02571 Appletree Cottage, Bramling:** Application for listed building consent for external alterations. Councillor Kim Tatman clarified the background and then excused himself from the meeting. The council approved the application.

2017/136: Finance

Councillor Hipkin advised the meeting that he would be writing to KCC to confirm a 3% precept increase.

2017/137: Highways

137/01: Councillor Tatman had reported three blocked drains - one in Ickham and two in Bramling but these had not yet been cleared.

137/02: Wingham's motion to the KALC to seek a national campaign for legislation to allow villages to impose a 20mph speed limit, if they wanted to and at their own expense, had been passed.

2017/138: River Management

Councillor Wyant reported that aquifers were at a record low, that the spring for the Nailbourne had dried up and had only just started flowing again.

2017/139: Parish Plan

Amended wording was presented but members felt it had arrived too late to be meaningfully discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Plan committee would meet to progress the plan before the next meeting of the PC.

2017/140: Kent Rights of Way meeting

Councillor Richards reported on the annual meeting for Kent Rights of Way (attached).

2017/141: Meeting with the owners of The Duke

Councillor deGraft-Johnson reported that the next meeting with Mr Josh DeHaan is scheduled for Monday 15th January.

2017/142: AOB

142/01: An approach has been received promoting the Kent Tree and Pond Wardens and Councillor Wyant agreed to approach Helen Abbott, who is Littlebourne's Tree and Pond Warden, to assess what is involved.

142/02: Councillor Shouls asked if a letter could be sent to the owners of Forge House to ask if the entrance to the site, where there is chipboard abutting The Street, could be made safer.

142/03: Councillor Wyant agreed to talk to Mr and Mrs Spencer about dealing with the rubbish that had been fly-tipped in their field off Wingham Lane.

The next parish meeting will be on Monday 15th January at 7.30 pm.