

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF WOODNESBOROUGH PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 28th JUNE 2011 7.30pm AT WOODNESBOROUGH
VILLAGE HALL**

Present: -Councillors D Woodward B Baker P Charlesworth
 D Ford G Boorman A Boniface
 G Hall

Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council
2 members of the Public

Dist Cllr Russell (part)

Dist Cllr P Carter

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr K Ellen

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- a) Cllr Boorman declared a personal interest in the proposed housing development and new Village Hall as he lives on the opposite side of the field which is proposed for the village hall.
- b) Cllr Baker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in any matters affecting the Church, as she is a Church Warden.
- c) Cllr Boniface declared a personal interest in the proposed housing development and new Village Hall due to the proximity of his house to the sites.

The Chairman closed the meeting so that members of the public could speak.

A possible breach in planning conditions for the site know as Hollyoaks, Marshborough Road was raised. It was agreed the Council would discuss this under Planning.

Cllr Baker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter as she lives opposite the site.

Objections to the proposed new housing development and village hall were also raised. This item was also on the agenda.

3. POLICE REPORT

PC Woodland had been unable to attend.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- a) Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th May 2011
It was proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Baker that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. Agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes. Cllrs Boniface and Hall abstained.

5. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

Village Green

Cllr Boorman had removed the graffiti from the gates at the village green.

Action Discharged

Planning

KCC/DO/0069/2011 – Response by 19th May 2011 - **Proposal:** Temporary change of use of agricultural land (for approximately 12 weeks) to allow drilling of an exploratory borehole to test the insitu coals, Lower Limestone Shale and associated strata: including provision of a drill rig and associated compound. - **Location:** Land adjacent to the Junction of the A257 and A256, north of Woodnesborough

The Clerk had responded as agreed.

Action Discharged

DOV/11/00323 - Proposal: Change of use of land for the keeping of horses, erection of stables and formation of hard standing. - **Location:** Street Farm Barn, The Street, Woodnesborough
The Clerk had responded as agreed. **Action Discharged**

Correspondence

Newsletters and Circulars

Clerks and Councils Direct – This had been circulated.

Action Discharged

Highways

Environmental Engineer has resigned – An application had been received by the Clerk. However it had been withdrawn when the applicant found other employment. Cllr Woodward to advertise the post. **Action Cllr Woodward**

Finance

Other

KALC Training – The Clerk had circulated the details of the Councillors' training day on the 23rd July. **Action Discharged**

6. CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) A reminder to all Councillors that should there be any changes to the information entered on your register of financial or other interest forms; you have 28 days in which to inform the DDC Monitoring Officer.

7. PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

i) **KCC/DO/0069/2011 – for discussion in light of news and press reports**

Proposal: Temporary change of use of agricultural land (for approximately 12 weeks) to allow drilling of an exploratory borehole to test the insitu coals, Lower Limestone Shale and associated strata: including provision of a drill rig and associated compound.

Location: Land adjacent to the Junction of the A257 and A256, north of Woodnesborough

The members were concerned that this application did not contain any information on the possible consequences of drilling the borehole. The possibility of contamination of the water table and earthquakes had been raised in the local press and the members wanted to know if these are real dangers. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Boniface that KCC be asked to provide the following information.

- Comments made by the Environment Agency and Southern Water.
- Independent Noise Impact and Ecological Studies.
- More information on the method of drilling

The Clerk to contact KCC.

Action Sarah Wells

ii) **DOV/11/00409 – dealt with between meetings – No objections raised**

Proposal: Erection of 4 dwellings and construction of a vehicular access (existing building to be demolished) with variation of condition 6 of planning permission DOV/11/409 to allow amended landscaping scheme.

Location: Youth Club, Foxborough Hill, Woodnesborough

iii) **DOV/11/00369 - dealt with between meetings – No objections raised**

Proposal: Erection of a kiosk to house ultra violet (UV) water treatment system and motor control system

Location: Fleming Road WSW, Fleming Road, Woodnesborough

iv) DOV/11/00434

Proposal: Erection of two electricity substations, two GRP enclosures units and four freestanding chiller units.

Location: The Links, Marshborough Road, Woodnesborough

After examination of the plans and some discussion it was agreed that no objection should be raised to this application.

v) DOV/11/00520

Proposal: Crown lift one Yew tree to 4 meters

Location: Caledon, The Street, Woodnesborough

After examination of the plans and some discussion it was agreed that no objection should be raised to this application.

b) Planning Decisions

- i) DOV/11/00088 – refused planning permission – Creation of an Italianate garden with associated outbuildings, wall and works – Marshborough House, Farm House, Marshborough

Noted by the members.

c) Correspondence

- i) E-mail ref possible effects of Coastal Oil and Gas Limited

This had been discussed as part of the discussion ref KCC/DO/0069/2011 above.

- ii) Possible Breach of Planning Conditions Hollyoak, Marshborough Road

This had been raised by a member of the public at the start of the meeting.. A hard standing and caravan had been installed on the site and a family were living in it. New gates, a post box and portaloos had also been installed.

Cllr Baker gave her views on the matter, and then left the meeting

The Clerk advised that this matter had been reported to DDC Planning Investigation and they had informed her that a planning application had been submitted. After some discussion it was agreed that no action could be taken until the application had been validated and sent out for public consultation.

Cllr Baker returned to the meeting.

d) Consultation Documents

- i) KCC – Preparation of Kent County Council Minerals and Waste Development Framework.

The members were extremely concerned by the proposal to provide an incinerator to provide energy from waste and the reworking of the adjacent landfill site. The environmental impact of the possibility of hazardous fumes from the incinerator bearing in mind the close proximity of large areas of population such as Thanet, Sandwich and the surrounding villages was of considerable concern as was the impact on the adjacent Sandwich and Pegwell Bay Nature Reserve. The long term advantages of the site were also in doubt. In order for the incinerator to be efficient and safe it would have to be of an extremely high standard and past experience of such sites did not provide confidence in such processes. Following the construction of the new A259 road it was feasible that waste from many other towns in Kent would be transported in for processing. The Clerk to respond. **Action Sarah Wells**

8. VILLAGE GREEN

The Graffiti had been removed.

9. VILLAGE HALL

A new front door handle had been fitted.

10. REPORTS**a) Dist Cllr**

Cllrs Pip Russell and Paul Carter gave reports outlining their DDC committee responsibilities.

b) Cllr Reports

None received.

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**a) Council Events**

Nothing planned at this time.

b) Outside Events

- i) KHS Parish and Town Council Seminar – 11 July 2011
- ii) KALC Councillor Conference – Lenham Community Centre – Sat 23th July 2011

Cllr Charlesworth wished to attend both of these events. The Clerk asked him to fill in the booking form for the KALC event.

Action Cllr Charlesworth

12. PARISH PLAN**a) Proposed Housing Development and New Village Hall**

Cllr Boniface raised the following points about the proposed housing development and new village hall.

- Rain water run off from site.
- Current usage of the existing Hall is not as high as reported.
- The proposed new village hall was not that much bigger than the existing.
- Not all other sites and possibilities had been explored. e.g. – Woodnesborough Football Club building or refurbishment of existing building.

Cllr Boniface then left the meeting.

There followed a lengthy discussion during which the above points were reviewed. Cllr Hall also outlined his concerns including the fact that survey data was out of date. He was also concerned that some members of the Council had prejudicial interests in the provision of a new village hall. The Chairman responded that he was totally satisfied that no members of the existing Council prior the elections had a prejudicial interest in the provision of a new village hall. Cllr Hall acknowledged this statement. These points were also discussed and questions answered about the hall.

It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the VHC to provide usage figures for the past 12 months.

Action Sarah Wells

During the discussion Cllr Ford pointed out that the Council had made the decision to proceed with a New Village Hall in conjunction with Ellis Construction and he felt this decision should not be revisited at this time. Cllr Baker proposed that the Council continue with its plans as already agreed, this was seconded by Cllr Ford and put to the vote. 5 in favour and 1 against.

Cllr Boniface returned to the meeting.

13. CORRESPONDENCE**a) Correspondence needing a response/Action**

None received

b) Consultation Documents

i) Vision Of Kent Consultation

This document had only just been received and forwarded to the members. It was agreed they should read and let the Clerk have there comments.

Action Councillors

c) Newsletters and Circulars

i) Rural News

ii) Clerks and Councils Direct

Noted by the members.

d) Other

i) Dover Town Council – Fairtrade

ii) KCC – Consultation on the impact of proposed changes to KCC charges for adult social care services (other than residential care)

The above were noted by the members.

iii) Digital Television Switchover Community Outreach Pack

The information to be circulated at Coffee pot.

14. HIGHWAYS**a) New Staffing Arrangements in KHS – Highways Operations**

Noted by the members

b) The road closures proposed for the Open Golf were discussed. The closure of Statenborough Lane at Poison Cross was felt to be counterproductive, as it would necessitate travelling up Eastry High Street to get to the bypass. The Clerk to contact KHS. **Action Sarah Wells**

15. FINANCE**a) Budget**

The Clerk to complete the Payments verses Budget account for the first quarter and report to the next meeting.

Action Sarah Wells

b) Invoices

i) £75.00 Ken Butcher – Flower Beds

c) Other

i) Bank Mandate

It was resolved that the current bank Mandate Authorised signatories be amended in line with the newly elected Council. Cllrs Smith and Ovenden to be removed and Cllrs Charlesworth and Boniface to be added.

ii) Request for grant aid from Woodnesborough Community Centre

After some discussion of this application is was decided that grant funding should not be given, the Clerk to inform the applicant.

Action Sarah Wells

16. PAYMENTS**Cheque****No**

a) £198.32	Clerks Salary Jun 26 x 10.198	265.15	1176
	Pension Contribution	<u>-17.23</u>	
		247.92 taxable Pay	
		<u>-49.60</u>	
		198.32 Clerks Salary	
b) £49.60	H M Revenue and Customs		1177
c) £48.78	KCC LGPS		1178
	Council Contribution	31.55	
	Clerks Contribution	<u>17.23</u>	
		48.78	
d) £75.00	Ken Butcher – Flower Beds		1179
e) £193.86	Clerks Expenses Jan to Jun 2011		1180
	£120.00 Office allowance		
	£21.00 Telephone		
	£21.00 Broadband		
	£31.86 53 miles at 60.1p		

It was proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Boorman that the above payments be made, all agreed.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 26th July 2011.

Cllr Ford gave his apologies for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.