

DITTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON **MONDAY 16th MARCH 2020**

PRESENT: CLLRS A MULCUCK [CHAIRMAN]
MR N NEWMAN, MRS J DEARDEN, MR J LOVER, MR C ROOK
MRS G JEFFS – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
MRS N GREENAWAY – CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

481. OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was opened by Cllr Mulcuck at 7.30pm.

482. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs K Dennison, Cllr Mrs J Thwaites, Cllr M Porter, Cllr Mrs A Throssell and Cllr Mrs G Godden. The previously notified reasons for absence were **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED** and recorded in the absence book Ref.454.

The Chairman moved that an additional vitally important item about the impact of Coronavirus be taken.

483. IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS ON BUSINESS AND STAFF

The Clerk advised that she was receiving daily information updates from NALC about the current situation and how it could affect parish councils. She advised that were a few issues that she needed to make members aware of and that would require decisions. She advised that many hirers are now cancelling, 11 just today, which is to be expected. The Clerk welcomed members opinion on giving refunds and future availability for hire to block hirers.

RESOLVED to offer alternative future dates but if not suitable give refunds to hirers that could not currently go ahead. Also to keep all block hirers regular hire times open for them for when they could return. A note would be sent to hirers advising them of the current situation.

Based on current guidance, the Centre, Kilnbarn and office remain open but this was being reviewed daily. It was **NOTED** that advice had been sought and any staff with underlying health issues would be told not to come in to work. It was agreed all upcoming events would be reviewed to see if they could go ahead. It was thought that if possible the gazette should still go ahead but it was **NOTED** this might depend on if there would be the ability to get it delivered and if events are cancelled then it may not be appropriate for many of the articles.

The Clerk reiterated that she is monitoring the situation daily but as matters are changing very quickly and it may not be possible to hold a meeting in time to take further decisions, delegated power may be required.

RESOLVED to delegate power under s.101 of the Local Government Act 1972 to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and appropriate Committee Chairs to take any operational/urgent decisions in the absence of a meeting.

484. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None received

485. **PLANS RECEIVED FOR COMMENT**

- (a) TM/20/00413/FL – 63 St Peters Road, Aylesford, Ditton, ME20 6PF
Ground and first floor extensions and alterations to internal layout.

RESOLVED this Council has no objection to this application.

486. **PLANS DEALT WITH BY TMBC AREA SUB-COMMITTEE (D LIST)**

The following decisions were **READ** and **NOTED**:

- (a) TM/19/02766/TNCA Land at Junction of New Road and St Peters Road, Ditton Aylesford Kent
T1, T4, T5, T6 and T7 lime to crown reduce by 30%, T2 Silver Birch to Crown Reduce by 30%, T3 to fell, T8 and T9 Ash trees remove if lateral branches including ones overhanging the graveyard, T10 Sycamore remove as too close to T5
NO OBJECTION 16.01.2020
- (b) TM/19/02951/TNCA – The Rectory 2 The Stream, Ditton, Aylesford, Kent ME20 6AG
T2 Large Thuja Tree in rear garden – reduce height by 50% to form an even level and trim reduce all side growth by approx. 1m with emphasis on crown overhanging neighbours driveway.
NO OBJECTION 14.01.2020
- (c) TM/19/02091/MIN – Hermitage Lane, Aylesford, Kent
The construction and operation of a manufactured aggregates facility including associated hardstanding and external plant KCC REF KCC/TM/0200/2019
GRANT WITH CONDITIONS 06.02.2020
- (d) TM/19/02969/FL – 11 Lower Bell Lane,,Ditton, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 6NT
Single storey front extension
APPROVED 07.02.2020
- (e) TM/20/00050/LDP – 58 Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford, Kent ME20 6BS
Lawful development certificate proposed: construction if a single storey side extension.
APPROVED 27.02.2020

487. **'B' LISTS**

The following 'B' Lists were **CIRCULATED, READ** and **NOTED**.

20/10 – 9.03.2020

488. **LIDL APPLICATION**

A memo and information from the Clerk was **CIRCULATED, READ** and it was **NOTED** a representative from Asda had approached the council about a meeting. It was agreed that East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council be invited to a meeting about the Lidle application if this can be arranged.

489. **KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES**

ROAD CLOSURE - Mill Hall – Aylesford closure planned from 29th March 2020 at 02.30 To 30th March 2020 at 01.30. Mill hall will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing, To the extent indicated by signs and barriers.

The Chairman expressed concern about how planning matters will be dealt with and if TMBC will continue with meetings due to the uncertain times of the COVID – 19 situation.

The Clerk will contact TMBC to seek clarification on meetings and if public are able to still attend. The Council needs to seek reassurance that sensitive planning applications which are due to be discussed in the near future, are dealt with appropriately and that the council and public are invited to comment.

Also it was **NOTED** TMBC are trying to reduce costs and mayl no longer send paper copies out to Parish Councils. Concern was expressed regarding the time extensions sometimes required. Further information will be sought from TMBC.

490. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 7.59pm

Chairman
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