

MEETING OF CAMPSEA ASHE PARISH COUNCIL – TUESDAY 17th May 2022, 19.00 at Station House

PRESENT/ Participants: Eddie Berger (EB), Richard Fernley (RF), Klaus Fortmann, clerk (KF), Clare Reid (CR), Shaun Wilson (SW), and a members of public

22.01 Apologies Hannah Pauly (HP)

22.02 Declarations of interest none

22.03 To consider requests for dispensation on agenda items - none

22.04 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting dated 15th Mar 2022

Notes approved as an accurate record and signed by EB;

22.05 Public Participation

member of public attended to introduce himself as a potential new member to the PC.

22.06 Recruitment

1 The PC co-opted Mr Nigel Pringle and Mrs Maxine Hammond to the PC.

Mr Pringle will join the Planning & Finance Committee, whilst Mrs Hammond has volunteered to become part of the Planning Committee.

2 Gary Lydford, who only joined the PC fairly recently, resigned in April. The PC is very sad to see him leave and would like to thank Gary for his engagement and help in guiding the Village Questionnaire and formal issues within the PC.

3 Richard Fernley declared his resignation from the PC, after many years of serving in the PC, including being the Chair of the PC for several years. The PC expressed their gratitude and appreciation for Richard's calm, knowledgeable and kind stewardship during his tenure. He certainly will be missed, although he promised to remain engaged with the PC. Richard will remain on the board of the Village Hall.

As a sign of appreciation, PC members purchased fruit trees for the recently departed (long serving) Councillors Derick Balaam, Nathan Wills and Richard Fernley, who all donated their trees to be planted in the new orchard area on the playground.

The question arises whether this should be named the Councillors Orchard?

Clerk to contact ESC re changes and advertisement of vacant position. A further resident has expressed interest and will be contacted by clerk.

22.07 Highways

1) Quite Lane – Clerk reported on PC having signed a Community Agreement with SCC Highways to erect the signs on the lanes nominated to become Quiet Lanes. Clerk to appeal for volunteers when signs will become available.

2) JPTI Clerk reported on scheduled next meeting of PC's with SCC (officers and Cllrs) to discuss in more detail queries from PC's re data issues. Cllr AN and visiting Cllr AR informed clerk that the next meeting should involve ESC officers. Clerk to discuss with JPTI members.

3) Clerk reported on the issues of creating a Traffic/Speed watch team by resident volunteers. Main issue being finding committed volunteers to get trained (by Highways) and to regularly engage in activity. Speed Indicator Device costs being a minimum of 1700 plus Highways signpost issues and costs were highlighted. Cllr Nicoll suggested to await further developments before committing to anything at this stage.

HGV – Ivy Lodge Road (ILR) TRO; Signage still requires attention and Cllr AN suggested to chase via SCC Highways.

KF

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22.08 Planning Matters

1) Planning Application DC/21/4896 ; Stable & Livery Ivy Lodge Road
Clerk had not received any communication re possible Committee Hearing dates.
PC to await receipt of notification. PC had received and reviewed a change to the application, mainly the dropping of the residential dwelling. The PC concluded that whilst such changes were positive, the other important issues of the application remained unchanged and hence the PC upheld its objection to the proposal. Cllr Poulter re-iterated here opposition to the current proposal and that the application should be referred to Committee if the planning department was not going to object to it.

2) PC formalised the objection to DC22/1103/VOC, which represented another enlargement of previous application. PC noted that ESC did not object.

3) PC formalised approval of DC22/0745/FUL and reiterated its support of local businesses.

4) Sizewell C

PC members attended a presentation by EDF, which tried to show the great benefits this project will bring to the area. However, the PC remains sceptical and concerned about impacts and effective mitigation. It is hoped, that the suggested Community Review Groups (ie. Transport Review Group) will be effective in highlighting and responding quickly to any developing issues. It is of concern how impacts ('issues') are being viewed by the main protagonists (ESC, SCC and EDF) in these areas, considering that during the consultation process SCDC/ESC often did not share concerns raised by PC's. EB was hopeful that the PC can tap into the community funds for benefit of CA when the project starts. Both Cllr AN & CP reminded PC that it is important to remain engaged in the matters of mitigation of traffic and rail related issues.

5) Chantry Lane Issues

Solicitors advised PC on potential costs in pursuing court application route. Cllr NP is going to investigate in more detail, as there is hope that certain information gleaned over the past year might open up a less complicated and costly route, to claim ownership of the land. Clerk to liaise with NP.

NP/KF

6) Councillors CR and NP have agreed to manage the Neighbourhood Plan for Campsea Ashe. Cllr Nicoll suggested to contact other PC's to gain knowledge re process and requirements. Clerk to instigate a meeting with Ufford PC. The Village and Emergency Plan will be discussed at a later date.

CR/NP/KF

22.09 Play Area

Clerk updated on maintenance undertaken by DB. (repair of table & benches, matting issues)

KF

RF updated on general situation re. VH

KF

22.10 Clerks Report

1) The PC approved AGAR 2021/22, the accounts for the year 2021-22 as per earlier AMC and agreed the Notice of Public Rights commencing 13th June.

2) The Clerk discussed issues flagged up within the Internal Audit Report, which had been distributed to PC prior to the meeting. PC adopted the internal audit report.

3) The PC reviewed and adopted the following statutory documents;
Equality & Diversity Policy

4) SW & clerk updated PC on activities of WAC. The scheduling of the works of the Community Gardening area was discussed, as well as details re soil quantity and grade (organic?). SW to co-ordinate issues with WAC.

5) Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration; CR, reported on progress re Boules Court. It was established that it be best for the courts to be of a standard that could include them into the regional league, which would mean higher level of usages etc. CR and VH chair

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are investigating sizes and specs to establish final costs, which will now be part-financed by the pub. Courts would now not be ready for the June Jubilee weekend. **CR**

6) Clerk to look into the creation of a Benevolence Fund to support CA residents in case of proven hardship. Fund would be created out of donations received for this purpose. Clerk had contacted PCC member re possible joint 'grant decision board' for such fund. Concerns were raised regarding complexity of such undertaking and ESC Cllr C Poulter referred to an initiative to be launched by the Community Partnership shortly.

7) Clerk's average working hours were 33 March & April, but having reduced in April and May. PC accepted clerks suggestion to reduce monthly hours to 27hours.

22.11 RFO Report

1/. RFO has produced following statement;

Balance on 01/04/22	£ 6041.34 in Community Account (Current)
	£ 3685.09 in Business Savings Account
	<u>£ 9726.43 Total</u>

Income received (BANKED)

Precept	£ 6000.00 Precept
	£ 1000.00 Clarke Simpson (not banked)

Cheques authorised

E23/01	SALC subs	£ 193.42	
E23/02	SALC	£ 124.80	Councillor training
E23/04	K Fortmann	£ 56.34	Defibrillator pads
E23/05	Clerks Salary	£ 618.69	
E23/06	RM Phoenix	£ 35.00	Code of Conduct print
E23/07	Heelis Lodge	£ 90.00	Audit
E23/08	Rackhams	£ 112.80	WAC, ESC grant - soil
(E23/3-1-12	IONOS	£ 4.20	monthly DD for email services)
	Total	<u>£ 1239.45</u>	

(Expenditure Yr to date all incl. £1239.45)

Balance after approved/uncashed cheques (incl ECB grant)	<u>£15491.18</u>
(Of which Earmarked Funds	£ 4587.28)

2/ The Clerk investigated costs, associated to switching to electronic banking (PC-own laptop, operating system and anti-virus software), would be in the region of £130 per year plus initial £500 to purchase a laptop. The PC decided that being too high for such minimal benefit.

22.12 Correspondence received

1 SALC updates & newsletters as forwarded to members

Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th July at 19.00 in Station House.

Bold red initialled (xx) points refer to specific actions to be undertaken

Klaus Fortmann, Clerk
19/5/2022