



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ABOVE THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10TH JANUARY 2022, STARTING AT 7.30PM
IN RINGWOULD VILLAGE HALL**

001/22 To record those present and accept any apologies.

Those present:

Councillors: S Wilson – Chairman, D Poppe and R Simpson, & Cllr Oliver, also present was the Parish Council Clerk

Apologies from:

Councillors: N Fish, M Eddy, M Dechamps, S Manion, M. Bates.

002/22 to Note any Declarations Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other significant Interests (OSI) or any voluntary Interests.

There were none declared

003/22 To note/agree and sign the minutes of the December meeting

Having been previously circulated the minutes were **agreed** and **signed** as a true record.

004/22 Open session for members of the public to ask questions on items on the agenda.

There was no public present

005/22 Reports by District and County Councillors

- Cllr Richardson stated that nothing much has happened over the Christmas period,
- He passed on a happy new year from Cllr Bates.
- Covid absentees not yet a problem, but the next two weeks are vital.
- Household support fund via KCC from government, is for people who are in difficulties, the money has been given to various groups, and they got between £10,000 and £20,000 to help these included Age Concern.

006/22 Finance

a) To note the items for payment & agree, and to ratify those already paid.

The following payments were ratified and **agreed**

Name	Reason	Gross	Chq/Bacs
Various	Staff pay & costs	£1,133.13	Bacs NF to pay
Croner	Invoice DD	£172.84	SO
Plusnet	5324616-008	£3.60	DD
Cascade	Stationary	£19.19	Bacs
T Oku	Clearance overgrown undergrowth on pavement & removal of metal from allotment (Previously agreed)	£630.00	Bacs
Glasdon UK Ltd	Dog poo bins x3	£426.96	Bacs

The Chairman reported receiving an email from a resident, thanking the PC for clearing the pavements on the main road, saying she now feels safer not having to walk so close to the to traffic.

b) To hear a report from Cllr Fish on Wellington Road and agree actions.

Due To Cllr Fish giving his apologies he was not present to speak on his report. However, councillors present were still able to consider the item.

After a detailed debate it was **agreed**

- to go with option 2 and carry out a levelling of the areas that are causing problems,
- offer residents the chance affected by water runoff in to their gardens to have kerb stones put in place to prevent this
- and put up no-parking signs to stop inappropriate parking in the areas where this is causing an issue.

c) To consider the purchase of some hand tools for any future work in the village, and agree actions.

Cllr Fish had sent round a report on the type required, a suggestion that a bow saw and high vis jackets, should also be purchased was made. After a short debate it was **agreed** to allow a Maximum of **£150.00** at this time and see how things go.

d) To discuss the budget for the year 2022/23, and agree any action.

- The Clerk gave short explanations on the budget, after which councillors had a detailed debate. The Clerk continued that the concrete bus shelter opposite Church Lane has exposed metal visible and will need replacing soon.
- A suggested that rather look at replacing one which will last for another few years, to place one opposite The Alpines Site, the bus stop is used by a lot of people and there is no protection for them from the bad weather.
- After a short debate where it was noted that this had been outstanding for some while; it was **agreed** that this should be added to the budget. Cllr Poppe explained that he had been informed that up to £5,000 in grants can be arranged, from KCC.

e) To note and agree the Precept.

After a short discussion it was agreed the precept will be £68,954.00, any short fall from the budget to the precept can be taken reserves.

007/22 Planning

a) To note decisions made by the District Council

These were noted and the list is on the PC website.

b) To note the applications as listed, consider, and agree any comments to be sent to the District Council.

- 21/01869, Site at Cedar Lea, Victoria Road, Kingsdown.
It is good to see that weather boarding instead of render is being used now.

- 21/01881, 1 Hope & 2 Hope Bay
Have no comments

- 21/01886, White Farm.
Concerns were raised regarding the following:
 - Access on to Kingsdown Road and would like to see a proper analysis of this.
 - The impact on the ANOB
 - Has the level of the water table be taken into consideration
 - Would like to see more information on the way waste is disposed of.

008/22 Correspondence

a) to note the list of items received

The list was noted, no actions from the correspondence was required. It is on the website

009/22 Clerks Report/update

To note the report from the Clerk and agree any actions, if required.

This was **noted**, and no actions were required.

010/22 Matters of General Interest

(For councillors to highlight issues that do not require a decision or for items on the agenda

No issues were raised.

011/22 Date of next meeting

The date of the next Council Meeting will be on 14th February.

012/22 To exclude the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and Section 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

Although no members of the public were present, this was still agreed

**013/22 To consider the current Staffing requirements and agree actions
Vacancy for Village Caretaker**

The Clerk explained that an application had come forward, prior to the Festive Holidays, but could only work for 1 day a week at this time due to transport difficulties.

During phone calls to the Chairman and the Vice Chairman it was agreed to employ him for one day as self employed and review the situation as time goes on.

014/22 To sign off the legal requirements of the previous clerk

The Clerk stated that she had been contacted by McCabe Ford Williams, paperwork had been overlooked and not sent to the previous Clerk's estate. The Clerk was asked to action this.

015/22 Close of meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed by the Chairman on 14th March 2022