

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETINGMinutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th May 2025 at 6.00pm

Held in the Village Hall

Present:**Parish Cllrs:** Cllrs J Banach (Chair), P Jones, J Saunders, A Bailey**Borough Cllrs:****County Cllrs:****Apologies:** 2**Members of Public:** 2**Clerk:** A Beach

Minute No.		Action
1581	Apologies & reasons for absence Cllr Henderson – Holiday Cllr Hicks – Conflicting Meeting	
1582	Declaration of Interest Declaration by Members of any interest, Pecuniary or Other than Pecuniary, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. To approve or reject any application put to the meeting by the Chairman in respect of Members' seeking a dispensation under the Localism Act 2011, s.33. Request that Councillors' or any other persons' present declare if they intend to record any of the proceedings using any video or audio recording device or camera. None declared.	
1583	Nominations for Chairman & Vice Chairman The Clerk asked for nominations for the Chairman: Cllr Banach Nominated by: Cllr Jones Seconded by: Cllr Bailey The nomination was approved by all and Cllr Banach accepted the role Nominations for a Vice Chairman: Cllr Jones Nominated by: Cllr Bailey Seconded by: Cllr Saunders The nomination was approved by all and Cllr Jones accepted the role	
1584	Appointment of Responsible Finance Officer Cllr Banach asked the Clerk if she would continue in the role of RFO which she accepted	
1585	Confirm the Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 14 th April 2025 were approved and signed by Cllr Banach.	

1586	<p>At this point the Meeting will be adjourned for the Public Session.</p> <p>This session is for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the agenda. The public are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting but are reminded that they cannot take part.</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
1587	<p>Borough Councillor Reports</p> <p>None received</p>	
1588	<p>County Councillor Report</p> <p>None received</p>	
1589	<p>S106 Suggestion – Village Hall Committee Member</p> <p>With an outline planning application for Phase II of The Pippins expected to be made shortly a resident suggested that the PC should apply for S106 monies and now the availability of the field adjacent to the Village Hall is dependent on the owners, this puts large events such as Warefest which raise important funds. Therefore, the PC should investigate the possible purchase of land to create a village recreation area to hold events and consider building a new village hall using S106 funds.</p> <p>This was discussed and suggestions made, one being the old cricket field this was agreed and the Clerk asked to send a letter of interest to the owner.</p>	
1590	<p>Public Consultation Update – Phase II The Pippins</p> <p>The Parish Council and Residents were invited to attend an online, public consultation on either 13th or 15th May on the proposed application of an Outline Application for 86 properties on land to the rear of The Pippins; the site was one of two outlined in the ‘Call for Sites’ for the 2041 Local Plan as 80-90 properties, (the second site is for 30 properties on land adjacent to Loftylands Farm).</p> <p>The presentation, with details of the questions raised, can be viewed on https://hamstreet.communityuk.site/watchit</p> <p>The main questions raised included: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access routes and how they will cope Infrastructure improvements Disruption compensation Affordable housing Visitor parking Timescales Details on the water treatment utility 	
1591	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u><i>Bus Shelter Repairs</i></u></p> <p>CLlr Banach confirmed that Tenterden Roofing Company plan to undertake the work one Saturday in June;</p>	
1592	<p>Village Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Village Green – It was suggested that some tree surgery is undertaken to raise the crown on the beech trees to improve the lighting 	

	<p>underneath the trees. It was agreed to discuss this later in the year to arrange for the work to be carried out whilst the trees are in a dormant state to avoid damaging the trees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Village Hall <p>Nothing to report</p>	
1593	<p>Malthouse Lane <u>Breach of Planning</u> Our application to The Ombudsman has been made and we await confirmation of receipt and whether they will accept our application.</p>	
1594	<p>Planning Nothing to report</p>	
1595	<p>Correspondence <u>Previously emailed</u> KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletin – April Newsletter – Training & Weekly Bulletins – Invite to Extraordinary Meeting on 19th June 2025 at 2pm in Aylesford Community Centre, to discuss the evolving issue of Local Government Reorganisation – Details of presentation from Kent ACRE and Benefits of membership <p>KALC – Ashford Branch</p> <p>NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletins <p>Kent Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Minutes of the Planning Meeting on 19th March 2025 and the Extraordinary Meeting on 2nd April – Agenda of the Planning Meeting on 21st May 2025 – 	
1596	<p>Finance <u>Authorisation of Payment</u> Chq No 418 – Casey Brett (Craft Days) - £350.00 Chq No 417 – J Banach (Craft Supplies) - £488.27 Chq No 419 – Zurich Insurance - £241.00 Chq No 420 – MPR IT Solutions - £547.20 Chq No 421 - A Beach – April Salary - £220.54</p> <p>Direct Debit Hugo Fox February- £11.99</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> ABC 1st Precept Payment - £3,850.00</p>	

1597	Working Party Reports Finance - Monthly Transaction Statement, following the above transactions the balance of the Current Account is £7,165.07, NSI Investment Account £6,865.44 and Bus Shelter Account £398.22, total working capital is £14,428.73 and reconciled to the bank statement dated 30 th April 2025 Highways –	
1598	Items for Information	
1599	Date of the next scheduled meeting, 16th June 2025 at 6pm.	

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Dates for Future Meeting

July Monday 21st
August No Meeting
September Monday 15th
October Monday 20th
November Monday 17th
December No Meeting

Meetings normally start at 6.00pm