

Alkham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Monday 7th January 2019

7.00pm PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MAIN MEETING:

PLANNING :

1.1 To table planning applications received for consideration

1.1.1 DOV/18/01278 Drellingore Barn, Stombers Lane, Drellingore, Alkham, CT18 7ER

Change of use and conversion of farm building to a dwelling, erection of a building for holiday let and erection of a car barn and associated car parking (existing buildings to be demolished).

APC No Objection. However, the PC has commented on the lack of mains drainage. Further the PC has requested that suitable and appropriate measures that meet all environmental requirements, are stipulated conditions.

1.2 To table planning applications dealt with since last meeting

There were none

1.3 To table decisions by the Planning Authority since the last meeting

1.3.1 DOV/18/00976 Workshop, Everden, Alkham, CT15 7EH

Change of use of workshop area to provide an additional 3no. holiday lets
Approved

1.3.2 DOV/16/01450 Land adjacent to Fernfield Lane, Hawkinge, CT18 7AW

Outline application for the erection of 19 dwellings with some matters reserved
Approved

Main Meeting:

1. Venue:

Alkham Village Hall at 7:30pm

2. Present:

	Neil Burrows, Anthony Barrier, Den Barnard, David Beaney, Martin Hibbert,
Clerk	Irene Bowie
Members of the Public	7
District Councillor	Pauline Beresford
County Councillor	Geoff Lymer

3. Apologies and absences:

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted. **Apologies were received from Cllr G Hillier and Cllr N Dixon**

4. To Receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of

members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.

To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered. **There were none**

5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

To consider the minutes and if in order sign as a true record

5.1 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 3rd December 2018

The minutes of the meetings were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting for them to be reviewed. Cllr Barrier proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true account of the meeting and this was seconded by Cllr Beaney. Resolved: Councillors agreed that minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by Cllr Burrows.

6. Matters arising from the minutes (not included in other agenda items)

There were none.

7. Operation Brock Update (including possible traffic impact on Alkham Valley)

Cllr Hibbert explained that Operation Brock is a new strategy which plans to use a contraflow to keep the roads open. A 13 mile stretch of the coast-bound section of the M20, between junction 8 and junction 9 will be earmarked to hold HGV's. This will effectively create a lorry park for approx. 2000 vehicles. Cllr Hibbert raised concerns of the effect this will have on traffic using Alkham as a cut through.

Cllr Beresford explained that the recent trial of the scheme was heavily advertised and consequently many motorists avoided that section of the M0. Cllr Hibbert was concerned that Highways England have not conducted surveys etc regarding the impact this will have on Alkham. He requested that Cllr Beresford represented the concerns of the PC in this matter. Cllr's Beresford and Lymer agreed to do so.

8. Dropped Kerbs – Short Lane (Update)

Cllr Lymer reported that he is still waiting for KCC Highways for costings and timelines. Cllr Lymer to follow up with KCC Highways.

9. Parish Defibrillator

Following discussion, it was agreed that additional sites would be investigated and that the PC would seek to fund (utilising grants where possible) 2 defibrillators. Clerk to write to the VHMC and request permission for a defibrillator to be placed on the outside of the Village Hall.

10 Correspondence:

- 10.1 To table items of late correspondence
 - 101.1 Temporary Closure of Byways ER185 and ER25 Noted
- 10.2 Items circulated for information
 - 10.2.1 KCC Brexit Preparedness
 - 10.2.2 NALC CEO Bulletin (/10/18)
 - 10.2.3 KCC "Ask for Angela" Campaign
 - 10.2.4 KALC PCC Newsletter
 - 10.2.5 Kent Police Rural Matters Magazine and Rural Liaison
 - 10.2.6 DDC Precept Request Form
- 10.3 Items acted on All items noted
- 10.4 Items for discussion There were none

11 Reports:

- 11.1 Kent County Councillor Cllr Lymer
Cllr Lymer gave his report. Cllr Lymer confirmed that he is actively investigating the cost implications of a bus shelter at Ewell Minnis, despite a reduction in his members grant.
- 11.2 District Councillor Cllr Beresford
Cllr Beresford gave her report. The new Dover District Leisure Centre will open in February. Cllr Beresford also commented on the difficulties of

keeping caravans and motorhome out of the Kearnsey Abby Car Park.
This is an ongoing matter.

- 11.3 Byways Update Cllr Barrier
Cllr Barrier gave an update on the TRO on Byways ER185 and ER25, with works due to start immediately.
He reported that there had been no updates on the Consultation. Residents would be encouraged to contact the PC regarding the byways to enable the PC to make representations to Andrew Hutchinson.
- 11.4 Parish Plan Update Cllr Barnard
It was agreed that Cllr Marczin-Bundy would join the Parish Plan Team
Cllr Barnard reported that additional volunteers were need. It was reported that the communications aspect of the plan was moving forward and that sub groups had been set up. There were 800 comments and 200 of these required a short response. Further meetings were planned.
- 11.5 Drainage / Flood Wardens Report Cllr Hibbert
Cllr Hibbert gave his report.
Cllr Hibbert mentioned Hog Brook sump work to take place in the next 28 days. Short Lane- both sides of the road have brickwork damage. This has been reported and will be repaired. Cllr Hibbert thanked those Riparian owners who carried out their own repairs/maintenance.
Cllr Hibbert will also follow up with Annie Thurgarland.
- 11.6 TIG update Cllr Hillier/Hibbert
The Clerk reported that there had been no response from the Emergency Services. Cllr Beresford suggested waiting an additional week to allow for return to work after the New Year. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to each service again.
It was also agreed that if no response/s was forthcoming the TIG would assume that the report was acceptable.
- 11.7 Thanet Transport Update Cllr Marczin-Bundy
Cllr Marczin-Bundy confirmed that the PC had taken membership of the Transport Scheme. Residents could take membership without having to pay a fee. They would pay for transport only.
Cllr Beaney suggest organising a Community Outing. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Beaney would progress this further.
- 11.8 Parish Council Accounting Package Clerk
The Clerk reported on the accounts package *easy accounts*, following a free 3-month trial. It was agreed to proceed at a cost of £60 per annum. Proposed by Cllr Barrier, seconded by Cllr Hibbert and agreed by all.
- 11.9 Ewell Minnis Cllr Beaney
Cllr Beaney reported that the trees on Wolverton Hill were very overgrown. Clerk to report to KCC
He further reported that there was considerable traffic on Warren lane with many motorists using it as a cut through from Lyden. A discussion followed regarding the potential of a one-way system to prevent this. It was agreed that this would be discussed further.

12 Public Participation and Comment

Meetings of the Parish Council are not public meetings, but members of the public have a statutory right to attend meetings of the council as observers. They have no legal right to speak unless the Parish Council Chairman authorises them to do so. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.

A resident raised concerns that motorists were being 'inadvertently' directed through Alkham via GPS/Sat Navs.

A resident raised concerns regarding Lockering Lane/Akham Valley road and its unsuitability for HGV vehicles using it to access Everden. The resident asked if it would be possible for additional signage to prevent the access of HGV's. Cllr Lymer explained that KCC are not keen to place additional signage which is advisory only and not enforceable. Following discussion Cllr Lymer agreed to contact KCC to make a special case for additional signage and request that it is changed to 'no HGV's'

13 Finances:

- 13.1 Update of account for 2018/19 including payments received
- 13.2 Accounts paid to be ratified
 - 13.2.1 Reg 123 Email Renewal £ 115.06
- 13.3 Accounts for payment
 - 13.3.1 Clerk Salary and Expenses December 18/January 19 £ 916.06
 - 13.3.2 HMRC Dec 2018/January 2019 £ 20.88
- 13.4 Late Payment requests to be discussed for approval and payment
 - 13.4.1 Harmer and Sons £ 30.00
 - 13.4.2 Reg 123 Email Renewal £ 95.00

All payments proposed by Cllr Beaney, seconded by Cllr Hibbert. Resolved: Payments presented at this meeting to be paid and ratified.

- 13.5 Precept 2019-20 Tax Base Update
The Clerk reported that the tax base for 2019-20 would be 310.13
The precept requested was £12,500.
This which equates to £40.30 a year, or £ 0.77p a week per Band D property. **Resolved: That the Chairman and Clerk signed the precept demand form.**

14. Policy Approval

- 14.1 Terms of Reference TIG
The TOR's had been circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting. They were accepted. Proposed by Cllr Barnard and seconded by Cllr Marczin-Bundy. Agreed by all. **Resolved: To accept the Terms of Reference**
- 14.2 Review Terms of Reference Parish Plan Group
The TOR's had been circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting. They were accepted. Proposed by Cllr Hibbert and seconded by Cllr Beaney Agreed by all. **Resolved: To accept the Terms of Reference**

15. Agenda Items for next meeting

Items for discussion to be forwarded to the Chairman by 25th February

16. Dates of Future Meetings

- 16.1 4th March, 8th April (Annual Meeting of the Parish), 13th May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council), 1st July, 9th September, 4th November, 2nd December.

The meeting closed at 9:09 pm

Signed: Neil Burrows

4th March 2019