

PARISH COUNCIL OF BENENDEN

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 16th February 2015 at The Memorial Hall, Benenden

Present: Cllr Reynolds (Chairman), Cllr Barker, Cllr J Ellis, Cllr Thomas (Vice-Chair), Cllr Marshall and Cllr P Ellis.

In Attendance: Fiona Chalk – Clerk, 12 members of the public and Cllr Dawlings and Cllr Hall.

017/15 Apologies and Welcome

Apologies were received from Cllr Chorlton and Cllr Davies.

018/15 Parishioners Questions

The meeting was closed for Parishioners questions.

019/15 Declaration of Interests and Alterations to Members Register of Interests

None.

020/15 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 19 January 2015

Exceptional should be an 'exception' site. **Subject to this amendment, it was resolved that the Chairman is authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2015 as a correct record of the meeting.**

021/15 Matters Arising

1. Marquee
Cllr Marshall advised that the Guides are still discussing whether or not to hire it out. The existing marquee is being repaired.
2. APM Speaker
Cllr Ellis confirmed he would arrange a speaker from the Hospice.
3. KALC Community Awards – Anthony Beattie has been accepted for the award.

022/15 Reports by Cllrs Dawlings, Holden and Hall

Councillor Hall advised:

She was impressed with the Parish Plan and encouraged the Council to put in place a Neighbourhood Plan to give the Council control over planning matters as it becomes a material consideration when being considered by officers. Any Emerging plan will also be considered and the Government is now giving funding for such plans. Hawkhurst Parish are in the process of implementing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Councill Dawlings advised:

He attended the speeding meeting with MP Helen Grant and the Police Commissioner and recommended the Council pursue the issue of signage and the crossroads as this was raised at the meeting. **The Council resolved to work with both Benenden Hospital and Benenden School on reducing speed limits to ensure the safety of staff and service users.**

He supported the plan and its desire to see economic growth and housing development and it is important employers are supported. He will pursue this at TWBC.

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These minutes are not a verbatim record of the meeting, but a summary of discussion and decisions taken at the meeting.

023/15 Reports by Clerk/Chairman and Parish Council Representatives

1. Primary school – The school is on the list of the Education Funding Agency to receive funds, although the actual figure is not yet known. A visit will be made within 3 months to assess the need and the amount will be confirmed in the Autumn.
2. KALC – meeting on 26th February. Chair to give his apologies.

024/15 Planning & Highways Minutes

1. The Minutes of the meeting on 5th February were noted.
2. New applications were considered as follows:

15/500356	Mill House, Iden Green	Erection of conservatory and internal alterations
15/500516	The Old Stores, Iden Green	Conversion to 2 properties

15/500356. It was resolved to recommend approval for this application.

15/500516. It was resolved to recommend approval for this application with the proviso that the comments of the immediate neighbour on potential overlooking, be carefully considered by officers

025/15 To consider Actions from the Parish Plan

The Council expressed its thanks to the Parish Plan team and Robin Dalton Holmes for all their work and the successful launch of the Plan. The Actions Report was noted. **The Council resolved that a Working Group to consider and work on the Parish Plan and a Neighbourhood Plan be set up. The membership was confirmed as Cllr Davies, Cllr Barker and Cllr Marshall. This will feature as an item agenda of each month.**

026/15 Financial Report

1. Monthly Finance report. **Resolved that payment of the February 2015 cheque list is ratified and the approved and the Chairman signed the Bank reconciliation and Bank statement.**
2. Councillors questioned why payments are made for the Youth Workers every week, when sometimes they are unable to attend. The Clerk to investigate.

027/15 To approve/review

BPC Vision Statement.

It was resolved that Cllrs P & J Ellis submitted a final proposal, to include aims and objectives, to the next meeting.

028/15 Correspondence

1. Sandhurst Parish Council are not taking forward the Lengthsman option at present as they are working on a Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk to progress links elsewhere.

029/15 Items for future consideration

- Village Clean-up – should be earlier in the year when the Amenity Bus is in the village, around Easter time.

030/15

Date of Next Meeting

16th March 2015 at 7.30p.m. at the Iden Green Pavilion, Iden Green.

The meeting closed at 8.20p.m.