

# PARISH COUNCIL OF BENENDEN

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Iden Green Pavilion, 7pm

Present	Cllrs Beveridge, Cochrane, Cruse, Driver, Grant, Lewis, Manford, Skeet and Thomas	
In Attendance	Cllr Holden. C Levett, Clerk. No parishioners.	
<b>Item</b>		<b>Action Responsibility</b>
1. APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from Cllrs Dawlings and Warne.	
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	There were no declarations of interest.	
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	The Parish Council minutes from the meeting held on 21st October 2019 were unanimously approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.	
4. MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING ITEMS	<p><b>a. Parish Councillor email addresses</b> The Clerk has made a little progress and will continue to try to resolve.</p> <p><b>b. Village Tidy</b> Unfortunately the Village Clean on 9th November did not go ahead. The number of parishioners willing to take part was good and some had carried out their own tidy, commenting that the amount of rubbish is not as bad as in the past. The next tidy will be arranged for early spring. It was reported that fly-tipping appears to be on the increase.</p> <p><b>c. Refuse Service</b> There have been many complaints about the new service. Cllr Holden advised that the vehicles were too wide and the contractor has had to buy more; crews are working late and at weekends to clear backlogs; there has been more waste than anticipated and this has required return journeys; former staff who know the routes have been brought in. If crews are seen to be mixing waste types this should be reported to Cllr Holden. The contractor is doing all it can to resolve, and hopefully these are just teething problems. It has been reported that the vehicles are driving on the green at Cherryfields and concerns raised about the damage being caused. This has been reported to the contractor. Issues should be reported online <a href="https://beta.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/refuse-and-recycling/missed-bin-collection">https://beta.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/refuse-and-recycling/missed-bin-collection</a></p> <p><b>d. Glebe Field</b> Following the last meeting, and further parishioner concerns, Cllr Cruse contacted David Commander , who has met with the Head Teacher.</p> <p><b>e. Planning Application King Charles Cottage 19/02318</b> Cllr Holden confirmed that he has called this to Committee. Committee date awaited. It was confirmed that the Parish Council can ask a Member to call in a planning application on planning grounds, but ideally this should be at the same time as the Parish Council comments are logged on the TWBC website.</p>	<b>CL</b>
5. REPORTS BY COUNTY/BOROUGH COUNCILLORS	<p>Cllr Holden reported the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roger Gough was elected as the new Leader of the County Council, replacing Paul Carter who had stepped down after 14 years.</li> <li>• Cllr Holden is now Chairman of the Environment and Transport cabinet committee, and will continue working on HGV routes, which is making good progress, and an aim to remove plastic from the environment.</li> <li>• A parishioner had made contact about the Cranbrook Road/Swattenden Lane road closures. Cllr Cruse advised of his own experience with Bearsted Construction, and will provide Cllr Holden with details.</li> <li>• There has been an 18% rise in permits to close roads in last year and a 41% increase in last three years.</li> <li>• Cllr Holden met with members of the Friends of East End group regarding their objections to the proposed housing at the East End hospital site. He confirmed</li> </ul>	<b>RC</b>

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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.*

	<p>that he had suggested that the Chair of the Parish Council and the Chair of the Neighbourhood Development Plan were invited but this did not happen. Cllr Thomas confirmed that there was a follow-up meeting as a result attended by Nancy Warne (Borough Councillor), Hazel Strouts and Bernard Phillips (Friends of East End) and Paul Tolhurst, Cllr Thomas and Minnie Garnier (members of the NDP Steering Group). When asked to discuss their concerns about the proposed housing, Mrs Strouts and Mr Phillips refused to speak.</p>	
6. REPORTS BY CHAIR AND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES	No meetings attended.	
7. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN	<p>The Regulation 14 Consultation ended on 31<sup>st</sup> October and the feedback is currently being reviewed.</p> <p>A set of Drop-In sessions are to be held for parishioners on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the Memorial Hall, 10am–midday, Iden Green Pavilion, 12.30–2.30pm, and the Quinlan Centre, Benenden Hospital, 3 –5pm.</p>	
8. TWBC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN	Cllr Thomas has successfully logged the Parish Council’s comments on TWBC website.	
9. PLANNING	<p><u>Applications</u></p> <p>Cllr Lewis requested that all Parish Councillors are made aware of any planned site visits. This was agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 02892 FULL Hengist House Rolvenden Road. Erection of home office. Cllrs Beveridge and Grant had made a site visit. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to object on grounds of overdevelopment of the site; size and appearance of the proposed building and its visibility from the road. Further additional outbuildings should be avoided on the site to prevent the scattering of buildings across the front garden. The proposal requires the connection of mains services and the laying of a pathway to the building. Development should be confined to the areas where outbuildings/annexes already exist.</li> <li>• 19 02905 FULL Netters Hall Attwaters Lane Hawkhurst. Demolition of concrete portal frame barns and conversion of redundant dairy building to three bedroom dwelling plus erection of detached garage and store. Cllrs Beveridge and Grant had made a site visit. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support. The existing building is derelict; the footprint would be reduced; there is a comprehensive design and access statement; the proposal would enhance the setting of the Listed barn and the Listed Netters Hall.</li> <li>• 19 02913 FULL Champion House Standen Street. Installation of new oil tank within area of rear garden and associated works. The Parish Council unanimously agreed no comment.</li> <li>• 19 03030 FULL Waterden Goddards Green Road. Replace an existing store room with a single storey games room, which will be connected to the side of the existing house including canopy to rear. Cllrs Beveridge and Grant had made a site visit. The Parish Council agreed by majority to support.</li> <li>• 19 02700 LBC Eaglesden Mill Street Iden Green. Listed Building Consent - Orangery to rear; seating area/steps/wall to rear; existing boot room to be demolished and re-built; internal re-modelling; loft conversion; addition of rooflights and erection of a car port with room above. Cllrs Beveridge and Grant had made a site visit. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support subject to Conservation Officer’s recommendations.</li> <li>• 19 03120 Appleshaw Dingledden Farm Road. Erection of two storey link between existing house and existing garage; continuation of roofslope to</li> </ul>	

	<p>front/front/side extension to infill corner of living room; garage conversion. Cllrs Beveridge and Grant had made a site visit. The Parish Council agreed by majority to support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 02982TPO Oakdale The Green Benenden. Trees: OAK (T1) - Reduce in height by approximately 8-10 feet; OAK (T2) - Prune lower branches on the south side of the tree to reduce loading, plus removal of two dead branches. The Parish Council unanimously agreed no comment.</li> <li>• Review of application 19/00362 Land At Standen Street Outline application for five dwellings. The application has been slightly changed to access and scale approval and comments have been made by the Biodiversity Officer. It was unanimously agreed to call in to Committee if the Planning Officer is minded to approve.</li> <li>• Parishioner Letter re 19 01516 Land South Of Goddards Green Barn Goddards Green Road Benenden. An anonymous letter of objection had been received. It was agreed that the Parish Council could not act on anonymous information and Cllr Thomas will write in the Magazine encouraging people to make their views known to TWBC.</li> </ul> <p><u>Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary School Cllr Thomas contacted the school and was advised that there was a fault on the lighting system and that the caretaker had been unable to turn the lights off. The issue was reported to the builders. The Head Teacher apologised for any inconvenience caused. No more complaints have been received.</li> <li>• Harmsworth Court Correspondence between Stonewater and a parishioner had been circulated. Despite attempts to resolve the issue reported at the September meeting the outcome remains unsatisfactory. Cllr Thomas will write to Stonewater highlighting Dark Skies Policy and the complaints from parishioners.</li> </ul>	<p>NT</p> <p>NT</p>				
<p>10. HIGHWAYS &amp; TRANSPORTATION</p>	<p><b>a. Highways Improvement Plan</b> Cllr Cruse to forward to the Clerk.</p> <p><b>b. Mill Street</b> Cllr Grant had investigated a complaint received. Subsequent action has been taken and is now resolved.</p> <p><b>c. Tenterden Hopper</b> KCC had advised that the service in Benenden and Iden Green would be discontinued. Cllr Thomas had responded requesting that this is reconsidered, and that a concerted effort to promote the service would be made.</p> <p><b>d. Speedwatch</b> A meeting with the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner has been requested but no response has yet been received. Speedwatch sessions are continuing.</p> <p><b>e. Traffic Calming</b> Correspondence had been received from the Health and Safety Lead at Benenden Hospital requesting Parish Council support for improved notification of the 30mph zones approaching the Hospital. Cllr Thomas had responded referring to the Highways Improvement Plan and the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan, and the proposal to the reduction of a maximum speed limit to 20mph on Goddards Green Road from East End Chapel to Mockbeggar Lane.</p>	<p>RC</p>				
<p>11. RESOURCING/ FINANCE</p>	<p>The Parish Council Financial Transaction Report for October had been circulated and agreed and the Parish Council ratified and approved the November 2019 payments list.</p> <p>November Payments for Approval :</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="375 1921 1374 1962"> <tr> <td data-bbox="375 1921 512 1962">DD</td> <td data-bbox="512 1921 884 1962">John Lewis</td> <td data-bbox="884 1921 1241 1962">Broadband</td> <td data-bbox="1241 1921 1374 1962">9.75</td> </tr> </table>	DD	John Lewis	Broadband	9.75	
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	BACS	C Levett	Clerk's Salary	888.60	
	BACS	Thompsett Landscaping	Grounds Maintenance	333.00	
	BACS	P Tolhurst	NDP Memory Sticks	42.92	
	BACS	Tenterden Twilight	Public Toilets	410.00	
	BACS	BT	Office Telephone	111.12	
	BACS	M Patrick	War Memorial	45.00	
	BACS	Edf	Public Toilets	37.88	
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1878.27</b>	
	Resourcing Committee Meeting to be held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December.				
12. CORRESPONDENCE	<b>Kent Men of The Trees Competition 2019</b> Benenden was highly commended and the Clerk has thanked John Burbage and will ask him for his view on where the prize of a hornbeam should be planted.				<b>CL</b>
13. PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS	No parishioner questions				
14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION	Meeting dates 2020 20th January : Quinlan Centre Benenden Hospital; 17th February : Benenden Primary School; 16th March : Iden Green Pavilion; 20th April : Memorial Hall; 20th May : Quinlan Centre Benenden Hospital; 15th June : Benenden Primary School; 21st September : Iden Green Pavilion; 19th October : Memorial Hall; 16th November : Quinlan Centre Benenden Hospital; 14th December : Benenden Primary School  Benenden will host the KALC Area Meeting on 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> March.				
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December, 7pm, Memorial Hall. Cllr Lewis offered to organise drinks and nibbles.				<b>JL</b>
	The meeting closed at 9pm				

Clerk to the Parish Council, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019