

# **Hersden Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.00 pm at Hersden Neighbourhood Centre**

**Present** : Cllrs Austin (in the Chair), A. Brabham, J. Brabham, Carden, Dekker, Llewellyn, McMahan, Murphy & Waite

**In attendance** : Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, KCC Cllr Marsh, CCC Cllrs Glover & Harvey-Quirke and five members of the public

Cllr Austin opened the Meeting by thanking everyone for attending and introduced the newly appointed Clerk, Geoff Eaton

### **32/19 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence

### **33/19 Declarations of Councillor's Interests in items on the Agenda**

Cllrs A. Brabham & Carden declared an interest in Agenda item 10 – Hersden Primary School

### **34/19 Minutes of the Meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (with post script added) were agreed and signed by the Chair

There were no matters arising of note

### **35/19 KCC & CCC Cllrs reports**

CCC Cllr Glover gave a brief report on her attendance at CCC Committee Meetings including the Policy & Resources Committee

CCC Cllr Harvey-Quirke spoke about litter and dog waste bins and improving provision within Hersden

KCC Cllr Marsh updated re housing developments in the area and the proposed Sturry Relief Road

**36/19 Chair and Cllrs reports**

Cllr Austin reported that she had met with the Head of Spires School and the Head of Hersden Primary School and had introduced herself to various local businesses. Cllr Austin had attended training courses organised by KALC and further training was planned. A 'Think Tank' event for Parish Cllrs was planned for 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Cllrs Dekker & Carden reported that they had attended training courses and Cllr Dekker had been manning the Parish Office every Tuesday morning. Cllr Murphy had reported cases of fly tipping and a damaged bus stop. Cllr Llewellyn reported that an overhanging hedge had been cut back

**37/19 To discuss correspondence received**

An anonymous letter of complaint had been received regarding a noisy party with loud music being played in the garden. It was confirmed that such issues should be reported to CCC noise enforcement officers as the Parish Council had no powers in this area

**38/19 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters**Planning Applications

**KCC/CA/0111/2019** – use of land for temporary office buildings (part retrospective)  
Plots D&E Lakesview Business Park, Hersden

There were no objections to this application

**KCC/CA/0112/2019** – temporary storage of containers (part retrospective)  
Plots D&E Lakesview Business Park, Hersden

There were no objections to this application

Decided Applications

There were no decided planning applications to note

**39/19 To consider Finance matters**

A The following accounts were approved for payment

John Caddick, grounds maintenance	£271.98 incl. VAT of £45.32
KALC, Cllr Austin, training course fee	£72.00 incl. VAT of £12.00

**B Internal Auditor**

There was a general discussion regarding the appointment of an Internal Auditor for the financial year 2019/2020. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Mr. David Buckett (financial consultant to KALC) if he would act as Internal Auditor

**Clerk****C Training Budget**

There was a discussion around the 2019/2020 Parish Council budget which was in the process of being finalised. It was agreed in principle that there should be a training budget to cover training courses for Parish Cllrs. It was recognised that the training budget in 2019/2020 was likely to be higher than in future years. It was agreed that the budgets should be finalised and discussed further at the August 2019 Meeting

**40/19 Maintenance of BMX track and Recreation Ground**

There was a general discussion regarding the maintenance of the BMX track. The Clerk reported that he was seeking further information and clarification from CCC regarding this. Cllr Dekker suggested the Clerk contact Herne & Broomfield as they managed a BMX track

**Clerk****41/19 Hersden Primary School**

Cllr Austin reported that she had met with the Head of Hersden Primary School regarding the proposed name change to 'Water Meadows Primacy School' and felt this change was 'a done deal'. Cllr Austin argued that there would therefore be little point in the Parish Council writing to object to the name change when the Council wants to work in partnership with the School going forward. A majority of Cllrs felt that it would still be worth writing expressing the Council's strong opposition to the name change. It was agreed that Cllr Austin should write to the Head opposing the proposed name change

**Cllr Austin****42/19 Parish Litter picker vacancy**

There was a discussion about the vacancy for a litter picker and the duties the post holder would be expected to undertake. It was agreed that the post would be advertised as 'Recreation Ground Technician' for one and a half hours per week (on Mondays) with overtime of one hour per week (on Thursdays) during the summer at the national minimum wage (£8.21 per hour). The duties to include litter picking and weekly inspections of the children's play area and BMX track. It was agreed that the advertisement would be finalised by the Chair and Clerk and then advertised on the website and in the Neighbourhood Centre

**Cllr Austin/Clerk****43/19 Cost of bus travel to Canterbury**

There was a discussion about the cost of the bus fare from Hersden to Canterbury and the different prices charged by Stagecoach - £1.20 (from Spires) and £2.40 (from Lakesview). It was noted the KCC Cllr Marsh had been asked to raise this anomaly at his meeting with Stagecoach on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**44/19 Summer Fete**

There was a discussion about the forthcoming Summer Fete on 10<sup>th</sup> August which coincided with Hersden's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and 50 years since the closure of the coal pit. It was suggested that there might be a Parish Council stand/suggestions box at the Fete – to be considered further at the 'Think Tank' event on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**45/19 Hersden Parish Council logo**

There was a general discussion regarding a logo for the new Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should inquire with KCC and Sturry Parish Council if they knew who designed the current Hersden sign. It was suggested that there might be a competition to design elements of the sign and the final agreed logo would incorporate the best of various elements. Cllr McMahan kindly offered to donate £20 'Love to Shop' vouchers to the contributor of the best element for the new sign. It was agreed to discuss this further at the August 2019 Parish Council Meeting

**Clerk**

**46/19 Public discussion**

There was a brief discussion with the members of the public regarding the Parish Council website and the litter picker vacancy

**47/19 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.00 pm at Hersden Neighbourhood Centre**

There being no other business the Meeting closed 8.35 pm