

Hersden Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Hersden Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.00 pm. At Hersden Neighbourhood Centre

Present: Councillors D Almond, E Berceanu, A Brabham, J Brabham, M. Cooper, P Hatton, R Llewellyn, C Warman, KCC Councillor Alan Marsh.

HPC's Clerk Lisamarie Foster
HPC's Caretaker David Hards

133/24 Apologies for Absence and reason for absence
Cllr P Glover is away
CCC Cllr Keji Moses, attending planning meeting
CCC Cllr Harry McKenzie, attending planning meeting
PC Amelia Parkinson-Wellard and PC Fernandez, not on duty
Community Warden Roger Lithgow

134/24 Declarations of Councillor's interests regarding items on the Agenda

135/24 To approve the minutes of the following Meeting

8th October 2024

Cllr E Berceanu proposed and Cllr D Almond seconded and all councillors agreed they were a true record of the meeting, and the Chairman duly signed them.

136/24 Matters arising not agenda items

Clerk mentions an email received from CCC Councillor Keji Moses regarding the Lord Mayors Christmas Gift Fund, sending out vouchers to those in need in the district. This is something that the Community Centre deals with, Clerk to forward the email, however if any councillors are aware of any families in the village who would benefit from these vouchers, please let the Community Centre know.

137/24 Public discussion on items on the agenda

138/24 KCC & CCC Cllr Reports; Police & Community Warden Reports

CCC Cllr report – Circulated to Councillors.

Community Warden Report – Roger Lithgow provided a report, this was circulated to Councillors.

KCC Cllr Alan Marsh – Roger Lithgow was with me at the Remembrance Sunday service and was a great help, the wardens are being stretched even further. Most important thing, the Sturry Relief Road, biggest issue is the funding isn't there. Canterbury City Council planning are responsible for allowing developers to build a percentage of houses without paying any money. 2016 when I was chairman of planning for Kent county, we went to Popes lane, walked the whole route for the Sturry relief Road with the planning committee, we came back 2 months later to vote on the suitability of the highway planning as part of Canterbury City Councils overall development plan, we dumped it and said it wasn't fit for purpose, the reason for this was because the funding wasn't guaranteed.

December 14th Pantomime 2.30pm if you should find that you need more tickets, please let me know.

KCC Councillor Alan Marsh leaves the meeting.

139/24 Chair, Cllrs, Clerk and Caretakers reports

Chair, Cllr Jack Brabham – Attended the Remembrance service at Sturry Church.

Cllr Hatton – Attended the Remembrance service at Sturry Church.

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Cllr Warman – Attended the Remembrance service at Sturry Church.

Clerk – Reported the telegraph pole with trailing cables again, this has finally been sorted. Pot holes in the village were reported and have been repaired. 2 Christmas trees have been ordered and will be delivered on 18th/19th November ready for the lights, as previously mentioned we have 2 new police officers, PC Fernandez and PC Parkinson-Wellard both keen to get involved in the community.

Caretaker – Busier than usual due to Halloween and more rubbish than normal due to fireworks night, lots of mess around St Albans.

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Correspondence received:

Lots of road closures in Kent, Bredlands lane currently closed and Church lane in Westbere also closed.

KALC/NALC training schedules and newsletters circulated to Councillors

Highways contacted us regarding Salt Bags, we don't need any this end of the village but The colliery club are going to take receipt of a bag.

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Planning & Enforcement Matters:

CA/24/01695 Single Storey rear extension, 6 Acacia Drive, Hersden, CT3 4GD (circulated to Cllrs 15.10.24)
Councillors wish to comment, not objecting to the extension but to make the planning team aware of the foundation specification/stipulation when they were first built.

CA/24/01729 Alterations to garage roof, 16 Hoplands Road Hersden CT3 6FB (circulated to Cllrs 22.10.24) No objection.

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Financial Matters (Appendix 1)

Schedule of Payments appendix 1 Payments approved Cllr Almond and Cllr Cooper signed the Invoices that corresponded with the schedule of payments on the Finance appendix.

Budget 2025/26 Meeting will take place at 6pm before our next parish meeting on the 10th December, budget information will be sent out to Councillors before the meeting.

Christmas Card printing costs slight increase on last year's price for printing, £132 for the cards to be printed, up to £10 on a chocolate selection box for the winner, Proposed by Cllr J Brabham, Seconded by Cllr Warman, All agreed.

Purchase of Defibrillator pads x2 sets, need some spare defibrillator pad sets, costing £172.80 for a set of x2 Proposed Cllr J Brabham, Seconded Cllr Almond, all Agreed.

Banking sign-off (monthly rotation) Cllr Berceanu and Cllr Llewellyn.

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Working Group updates

Staffing:

Playground:

Youth: Communication from the Scout leader, she wishes to meet with residents willing to volunteer to help the running of the group. The Community Centre do not have any availability. Cllr J Brabham will enquire at the Church as it might be a venue that is available.

BMX Track: Signage, Cllrs were emailed a design. The Banner and x3 signs total £96.80 Proposed by Cllr Berceanu, Seconded Cllr A Brabham, All agreed.

Finance:

Events: The Community Centre are hosting the Christmas Fair taking place 11 – 3 on 30th November 2024 and Xmas lunch a week before Christmas.

Beautification: Daffodil bulbs have been planted, a few are left and Sturry Church will be taking them.

Community Safety Group:

Training:

Meeting closed to the exclusion of public and press

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Discuss and Agree Staffing matters: NALC produced The local government services pay agreement for 2024/25. The local Government Association has informed us that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has reached an agreement on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, encouraging employers to implement this pay award as soon as possible. Councillors discussed and agreed to this pay increase for the Clerk, they would like some figures of the monthly increase and the back pay (clerk to source this information from Payroll).

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Any other business:

The Island Road Management company did not respond to the email inviting them to attend our meeting.

Cllr Jack Brabham, Cllr A Brabham, Cllr Hatton and Lisamarie Foster (Parish Clerk) had a meeting with Hayley Bassett and Rebecca Booth regarding the Pavilion and the Masterplan. The Pavilion plans now include a small kitchenette. The Masterplan has been changed slightly but the new amended plan will be on display at a drop in evening yet to be arranged.

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Date of the next meeting: 10th December 2024

There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 8.02pm

Signed

Date