

ALKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES - PRECEPT, PLANNING AND OTHER MATTERS

MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2016

1. Venue Alkham Village Hall, 7:00pm
2. Present Parish Councillors: Neil Burrows, Den Barnard, Susan Lees, Anthony Barrier, Geoff Hillier, Fiona MacAskill and Ruth Marczin-Bundy.
Clerk: Angela Miller. Members of the public: 11

3. Apologies County Councillor: Geoff Lymer

4. To receive declarations of interest and dispensations
None

5. Business

5.1 Precept requirements for 2017-2018

The Parish Councillors discussed ways to improve setting the precept for future years. A parish plan was suggested as a way to allow the Parish Council to budget effectively for potential projects and expenses. It was agreed that a parish survey should be considered as a tool to find out what is most important to the parishioners, but not all Councillors were in agreement on the possible ways to conduct the survey. Further enquiries will be made with other local parishes to analyse the outcomes of any parish surveys conducted in recent years, which will allow the Parish Council to discuss the topic in more detail. Also check what DDC's plans are for the district and how it will affect Alkham.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed to increase the precept for 2017-18 by £500. The precept will therefore be £8,000.00 .

5.2 Balance of Members Grant 2014 of £60.67

Shuna Body at KCC had asked if there was anything we could use the remaining balance of £60.67 for. The Parish Council agreed that this could cover the cost of the new traffic mirror, which will be installed opposite the track to North Hill Cottage.

6. Planning

Plans to discuss:

- 6.1 **DOV16/01236 Lone Barn Bungalow, Hogbrook Hill Lane, Alkham** – Erection of a rear dormer roof extension and creation of a roof terrace.

The Parish Council had no objections.

- 6.2 **DOV16/01221 Wolverton Court, Alkham Valley Road, Alkham** – Erection of a single storey building for C2 use comprising four flats.

The Parish Council had no objections. It was suggested that screening of native hedging/trees between the flats and the Alkham Valley Road would be a good idea.

6.3 **DOV16/01216 Land at Short Lane, Alkham** – Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of six dwellings.

The Parish Council strongly objects to the application.

- The area is an AONB and the proposed site is outside of the village envelope. When the existing low cost homes were built there was a condition that the boundary to the village would not be extended further to the east in the future.
- Increase in traffic using the junction at Short Lane and the Alkham Valley Road would have a big impact.
- The waste system leading away from the village is inadequate and there are already severe problems with sewage at Chilton, further down the valley. The Environment Agency and the Water Authority are already aware of the ongoing problems that occur with sewage when the spring water rises.
- There are no design details available for consideration as this is only an outline application.

7. Outcome of previous applications / queries:

- 7.1 **DOV15/00567 The Barnyard, Greenwich Lane, Ewell Minnis** – Retrospective change of use of land to one caravan site and the siting of a caravan for permanent residential occupation, the stationing of a touring caravan and erection of decking:-
Full Permission Granted

8. Delegates Reports
None

9. Interval

It was suggested to the Parish Council that it should be brought to KCC's attention that warning signs should be displayed on the fencing around the sump to comply with Health and Safety requirements. Enquiries will be made accordingly.

Further discussion continued on the proposal of a Parish Plan and the Parish Council took notice of all concerns and suggestions made. Enquiries will be made to find out as much information on the topic as possible.

It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that there seems to be a dramatic increase in tipper lorries using the Alkham Valley Road on Saturday mornings, from as early as 5am. The Parish Council will find out further details and also investigate the 'Lorry Watch' scheme, which is a KCC initiative run by local residents.

The Parish Council was asked whether it thought DDC would ever allow development on private land in Ewell Minnis. The Parish Council advised that this is a query that should be addressed directly to DDC.

A member of public told the Parish Council that, at the weekend, vehicle use had been made over the re-instated surface of Pimlico but we are not aware yet that it has been officially re-opened.

10. Finances The Parish Council resolved to pay the following: -
- 10.1 Honorarium payment of £250 to Larry Lambourne for 2016
 - 10.2 Clerks salary and expenses of £216.77 for November 2016
 - 10.3 Invoices from Harmer Landscapes for £703.20 for swing repairs & mowing Nov '16
 - 10.4 Donation to St Anthony's PCC of £250 towards grass cutting 2016.

11. Any Other Business

- 11.1 Overgrown vegetation Slip Lane:
KCC have contacted the landowners of vegetation that overhangs Slip Lane between Malmain's Manor and Chalksole Green Lane requesting that a cut back is carried out within 28 days.
- 11.2 Woodland at Wolverton – erection of razor wire on perimeter fence:
The installation of razor wire alongside Alkham Valley Road has raised many concerns and has already been reported to KCC. A location visit with KCC will be requested to discuss this and other concerns with the site.
- 11.3 Flashing speed limit signs:
KCC have checked and assessed the flashing 30mph signs at either end of the village and confirm that they are working correctly. The signs will flash to warn drivers that they are approaching a 30mph zone, so this is why they will flash if drivers are approaching the village at speeds higher than 34mph.
- 11.4 The Parish Council will contact Andrew Hutchinson to obtain an update regarding the repairs to Pimlico Way. Work has now been completed, but there are concerns that the topsoil will not have a chance to consolidate before wet weather washes it away.

The Parish Council will question Andrew over his plans for damage limitation and if necessary meet again with him on site to view and discuss the repairs.
- 11.5 There is an additional mobile home installed in the field adjacent to the Garden Centre. This has been sited on land recently built up with hardcore. The Parish Council will bring this to the attention of DDC's planning dept.

12. The date of the next regular meeting is Monday 9th January 2017 at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 9:10pm

Signed (Chairman)

Date