

ALKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2017

7.00pm PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MAIN MEETING:

Planning to discuss:

KCC/DO/0256/2017 The Old Tilmanstone Colliery, Pike Road, Eythorne, Kent, CT15 4ND

Development of a waste management facility including the change of use of an existing building to enclose various operations, including a mechanical treatment plant (MRF) and bulking wastes for transfer, the external storage and treatment of waste materials including by crushing and screening and soil washing, the installation of two weighbridges and a weighbridge office, and use as an intermediate shipping point or logistics hub for refuse derived fuel at the former Tilmanstone brickworks (part retrospective)

The Parish Council would like to note their concerns with regard to the potential increased traffic through the Alkham Valley.

MAIN MEETING:

1. Venue:

Alkham Village Hall at 7:30pm

2. Present:

Parish Councillors:	Neil Burrows, Den Barnard, Anthony Barrier, Ruth Marczin-Bundy, Geoff Hillier & David Beaney
Clerk:	Janice Lambert
Members of Public:	19
District Councillors:	Nick Dixon
County Councillors:	Geoff Lymer

3. Apologies:

Parish Councillors:	Martin Hibbert
District Councillors:	Pauline Beresford

4. Regular Business:

4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th September were received, approved and signed as correct records.

5. Matters Arising:

5.1 Byways Update – Andrew Hutchinson

Andrew reported the issues there have been in recent years with the use of the byways by off road vehicles. He confirmed a temporary closure was imposed on Pimlico Way (ER185 & ER25) and also The Bull Run (ER122) in the summer of 2016 due to concerns about damage to those byways. Andrew confirmed it is PROWs duty to keep the byways in a good state of repair

for all users. There was some work done which cost around £6,000 in total, for the repairs on both byways, which allowed the byways to be re-opened towards the end of last winter. A site visit took place in October and both byways were found to be in adequate condition. Andrew noted that a possible solution for the future maybe to prevent motor vehicles from using the byways. Andrew confirmed that attention will now be given to Alkham byways. Andrew would like to begin with a wide consultation to gain the views and thoughts. The results will then be considered and a decision made on the next steps to take. Andrew noted an alignment discrepancy with Pimlico Way. A member of the public said he was pleased that PROW are going to continue to consider the future of the byways. Another member of the public ask how the local views will be obtained, Andrew said this will be through the Parish Council via notices and local land owners and also the Chief Constable of Kent. A member of the public noted he had a list of emails of people who would be interested to comment. A member of the public asked if both byways will be considered and noted that there has been activity over the recent weekend. Andrew said this will be decided once the consultation has taken place. Cllr Burrows thanked Andrew for attending the meeting. Cllr Barrier also wanted to thank Andrew for the repair work carried out at Scotland Common.

5.2 Parish Planning – Cllr Barnard & Cllr Hillier

The first meeting was held on Thursday 2nd November, Cllr Barnard & Cllr Beaney updated the meeting on the general progress. The main objective of the meeting was to bring everyone within the group up to date with the plan. Another meeting is proposed for January 2018. The Clerk asked if minutes will be made available for the meetings. Cllr Barnard advised that a report will be circulated after each meeting.

5.3 Major Incident Plan - Cllr Barnard

Cllr Barnard & Cllr Hibbert are working on this and will have something drafted in time for the January meeting.

5.4 Traffic Surveys – Cllr Hillier

Cllr Hillier gave a detailed presentation, which included an update on the statistics from the traffic surveys done in September 2017. Cllr Hillier advised there will be an open meeting on the 7th December for people to find out more information about the work being done by the Traffic Action Group and also for suggestions to be made.

5.5 Drainage update – Cllr Barnard

A date is still awaited for the Meggett Lane Culvert clearance. The Short Lane gully work has been scheduled. The work around Standen Cottages is also on the list.

5.6 40mph on Alkham Valley Road – Update

As this was discussed during the delegate's reports, there was nothing to note under this agenda item.

5.7 Alkham Website & Potential Facebook Page -

Cllr Burrows noted that a report has been circulated by Cllr Hibbert and asked for any comments. A general discussion took place. A member of the public suggested a new website be created to amalgamate the information currently held on the Parish website, along with that on Brian Wimsett's website. It was noted that there is still some research to be done on both the website and also Facebook before a decision can be made on the best way forward. The Clerk noted we have to ensure we adhere to The Transparency Code when any changes are made to the website.

- 5.8 Proposal for A5 Council update flyer to be sent out with monthly newsletter – Cllr Beaney
Cllr Beaney proposed an A5 flyer be sent out with the monthly newsletter. A member of the public note that deadline for copy is the 12th of each month. Cllr Beaney agreed to take responsibility for providing copy in time for the deadline.
- 5.9 Football pitch – Installation of bollards
Cllr Beaney officially declared his interest. Cllr Barnard proposed the installation of bollards and the additional post and rail section behind the goal posts. This was seconded by Cllr Hillier. All in favour.
- 5.10 Alkham Parish Council - Standing Orders & Financial Regulations
The proposal was made by Cllr Hillier and seconded by Cllr Barnard. All in favour the Standing Orders & Financial Regulations were adopted.

6. Correspondence:

- 6.1 Snow Warden Volunteer Service email
Cllr Beaney and a member of the public both showed interest. The clerk will forward details to them.
- 6.2 Email regarding winter salt distribution
The Clerk confirmed this will be requested.
- 6.3 2018 KALC Community Awards Scheme
It was agreed that The Clerk will recommend Susan Lees for this award.
- 6.4 Notice of KALC Annual General Meeting – 18th November 2017
Cllr Hillier noted his interest, The Clerk will forward details to him.

7. Delegates Reports:

County Councillor Geoff Lymer reported that the latest proposal for a change to the speed limits from Kearsney Abbey has now been approved. Cllr Burrows asked why the 50pmh limit was left in place on part the Alkham Valley Road. Geoff Lymer advised there needs to be a sufficient quantity of dwellings to make it necessary for that type of reduction. Cllr Bundy asked if we were to put in a new proposal regarding the 50pmh would County Councillor Geoff Lymer support the Parish Council and give some guidelines to base our proposal on. County Councillor Geoff Lymer advised that it would be outside the remit of KCC. The Clerk noted that the information available from KCC was that the 50mph would be looked at once sufficient funding was available. Cllr Beaney asked what costs are involved with amending the speed limits.

District Cllr Dixon noted there is a new leader at DDC, his name is Keith Morris. Cllr Dixon also noted that River Parish Council offer their support if we need it with our website.

8. Interval:

A member of the public requested a letter be sent to Stagecoach as it appears that some drivers are not aware of all bus stops especially in Alkham. The Clerk will send a letter to request additional training for the drivers.

9. Finances:

- 6.1 Invoice from Harmer & Sons for £223.20 for grass cutting in September & October
- 6.2 Clerks salary and expenses of £439.76 for September & October 2017
- 6.3 Donation to St Anthony's PCC of £250.00 towards grass cutting in 2017
- 6.4 Invoice from Road Data Services Ltd for £588.00 for Alkham traffic surveys carried out in September 2017

Cllr Burrows asked the Councillors to ensure they are signatories before signing. The Clerk noted that a new mandate is in the process of being created which will include all new Councillors.

10. Any Other Business

Cllr Barrier asked if the faulty lamp post on the centre island at the entry into the village had been reported to KCC. The Clerk confirmed this has been reported and we await a response from KCC.

A member of the public thanked Cllr Barnard for putting up the mirror.

Cllr Barnard noted the Christmas light switch on will be held on Saturday 9th December, a children's disco will also be held in the afternoon before the lights are turned on.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

The date of the Precept meeting is Monday 4th December 2017.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Signed (Chairman)

Date

Actions from Meetings

Date Added	Action Description	For Action By	Date Completed
11/09/17	Creation of Community Led Plan	Cllr Barnard & Cllr Hillier	
11/09/17	Creation of Major Incident Plan	Cllr Barnard & Cllr Hibbert	
11/09/17	Research Facebook Page	Cllr Hibbert	14/10/17
11/09/17	Check Short Lane Drains for Blockages	Cllr Barnard & Cllr Beaney	
11/09/17	Research Byelaws	Clerk	15/09/17
11/09/17	Speak with Highways regarding trench near pumping station	Clerk	
11/09/17	Complete Rights of Way Survey	Cllr Barrier	12/09/17
06/11/17	Letter to Stagecoach	Clerk	
06/11/17	Installation of bollards on football pitch	Cllr Beaney & Cllr Burrows	