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Chairman: K Owen

Clerk: Mrs L Morgan

Minutes of the meeting of Dullingham Parish Council held in The Taylor Hall, Dullingham at 7.15p.m. on Thursday 5th October 2017

- Present:-** Cllr Simpson, Cllr Mardon, Cllr Algar, Cllr Robertson, Louise Morgan (Clerk), Jayne Weaver (Previous Clerk)
- 051017/001 **To receive and approve apologies for absence****
Cllr Morley, Cllr Owen, Cllr Parkins,
- 051017/002 **To receive declarations of Interest****
None
- 051017/003 **Open Forum****
Nothing
- 051017/004 **To approve the Minutes of 7th September 2017****
The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th September 2017 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.
- 051017/005 **Matters arising - Consideration of Action Update Sheet****
Cllr Simpson has chased up Traffic Calming Paint with Adam Cobbs (Highways) and awaiting feedback.
Cllr Simpson to chase White gates
Cllr Mardon mentioned about putting the Newsletter on the next agenda for distribution end of November.
Cllr Roberston, raised the question whether we've heard anything re: PC's complaint about the diversion for B1061, JW to follow up
Cllrs asked how much was left of the Rural Services Grant. JW to check and report back.
Cllr Roberston awaiting date for survey, will contact Cllrs once confirmed.
- 051017/006 **Policy and Regulation Review****
The Clerk had circulated copies of the current Policies and Regulations to the Councillors prior to the previous meeting. No concerns were raised.
- 051017/007 **County and District Councillor Reports****
Clerk to ask for the reports to be emailed before the meetings.
- 051017/008 **Finance****
- 007.1 Finance Report
- 007.2 Letter to Lloyds Bank cancelling standing order for Clerk's salary
Cllr Mardon, Cllr Robertson, Cllr Algar signed the letter
- 007.3 Tree Costings (Rural Services Grant)
Cllr Simpson suggested having Trees to go on the Green at the bottom of Eagle Line. Cllr Simpson to look at costs for 2-3 trees. Cllr Simpson suggested getting 1 for the time being. Cllr Roberston suggested if the parishioners would like to donate and have placques up.
- 007.4 White Village Gates
To approve the white gates at the Dullingham village sign. All Approved
- 007.5 Asset Register
Cllr Roberston to update the register. LM to send a letter to Darren Hughes at ECDC with regards to a replacement bin.
- 007.6 Payments To approve accounts for payment

J Weaver – (Final Salary & Expenses) - £79.56 + £43.20 = £122.76
L F Field – (Grass Cutting) - £390.00
PKF Littlejohn – (External Audit) – £120.00
Wicksteed Leisure – (Playground Inspection) - £103.20
Mr G Claydon – (White Village Gates) - £194.50
Swarco Traffic Ltd – (MVAS) - £3271.86
C Simpson – (Padlock) - £10.25

007.7 Receipts

Dullingham Parochial Church Council – Use of Village Green - £15.00
Mrs T Misson – Use of Village Green - £25.00
Ms Marianne Poulton – Use of Village Green - £25.00

051017/009 Environment and Footpaths

008.1 Monthly Footpath Report

Cllr Mardon reported that Footpaths 16 & 17 from Stour Valley Way to Dullingham Ley were in need of Trees cutting back and grass cutting. Cllr Mardon to report back once completed.
Cllr Roberston suggested putting a low single bar post around the road side (B1061) of the Green to stop Driver's driving on the grass.
Cllr Mardon reported that Karen Champion had had some success with getting Watery Lane cleared and cut back . Cllr Mardon asked JW to send a Thank you letter to Aislabie Stud for taking care of the overgrowth and verge cutting.
Cllr Mardon/ Roberston to draft a letter for Hope Hall regarding gate access.
Cllrs to report to County Council about uncut verges. Cllrs will report online.
Cllr Mardon had spoken to James Mason about footpath 7 which was uncut, and confirms it has now been done.

008.2 Trees

Cllr Mardon reported over hanging Trees on Watery lane.

051017/010 Planning

009.1 To receive Planning Application decisions:

17/01011/FUL Adjacent to The Thatches, 19 London Road, Newmarket

Change of use and alterations to form tourist accommodation
– **APPROVED**

17/01156/FUL 9 Eagle Lane, Dullingham

Erection of 2 storey rear and side extension. Amend existing roof pitch and add dormers and rooflights.
– **APPROVED**

009.2 To consider recent Planning Applications:

17/01615/VAR 44 Dullingham Ley, Dullingham

To remove condition 6 of decision note 15/00330/FUL dated 01/06/2015 for amended design of replacement dwelling approved under ref 12/00308/FUL

The Parish council object to this application and request refusal.
The applicants sought approval for a replacement dwelling the approval of which has been followed by a number of amendments.
The final approved dwelling is of a form that is substantially larger (possibly 140%) than the original dwelling and we feel this chain of events has already allowed for an approval that could be considered to be far in excess of that which should have been allowed.
The original application was for a replacement dwelling and at no stage throughout this process has the applicant made any reference for the need to retain the dwelling. Indeed the amended plans all repeated the justification for exceeding all aspects of size, height etc on the basis that the new building was primarily a replacement

Given the scale of the existing replacement building any additional staff needs could easily be accommodated within it.

The attempt to cite a need for new housing is a distraction as given the location relative to any transport, retail or amenities it could not be considered to fulfil a need.

As this represents a dwelling in the open countryside and the approval is based on the applicants request and subsequent repetition of need we see no change whatsoever nor indeed any reason one could exist. Any other alternative other than refusal would show a total disregard for the planning system.

We recommend this application be **REFUSED**.

- 009.3 To consider recent Planning Applications:
17/01313/FUL Land East of Brinkley Lane, Dullingham

It was decided that the PC would consider the above application due the application arriving after the agenda being served and not being able to gain an extension.

NO OBJECTION

- 009.4 To consider recent Planning Applications:
1701314/FUL Land East of Brinkley Lane, Dullingham

It was decided that the PC would consider the above application due the application arriving after the agenda being served and not being able to gain an extension.

NO OBJECTION- Dullingham Parish Council doesn't object to the amendment that involves resiting of dwelling one meter forward. However there is no mention of the windows being relocated or changed within the new amendments and/or any paperwork provided by ECDC. We assume that there are no further amendments that have been missed off.

051017/011 Play Area

010.1 Play Area Maintenance

General:

Doesn't appear to be any major show stoppers and clearly nothing that stops the use of the playground. No 'H' or 'MH', see end for definitions.

Report highlights:

- 1 Cableway on Safety grass – two 'M'

o Fails ground clearance below seat – Action been adjusted and needs to be monitored possible adjusted again if possible. - **Complete**
o Over hanging foliage is cut back to stop interference with main cable and carrier. **Action to cut back on Saturday 7th Oct**

- 2 Spring Wobble beam - 'M' recommend loose safety grass matting is removed from the area to reduce trip hazard. **Action pull back and relay mat, not remove as suggested in report.**

- 3 Large Multi-play unit – 'M' Upper level 2.3m, 2.04 min fall height required, perimeter fence 1.7m, creates hard object in fall area. Nothing can be done and in spec when installed and not a show stopper. **Action Non currently, PC have reviewed the fence and as originally met the required specification and very close to current the fence will remain as it is.**

- 4 Spring Mobile – 'M' Action replace missing end caps at the foot rests – **Action to contact the equipment supplier.**

- 5 Shelter on decking – 'M' however no issues just monitor so why and 'M'? **Action Non but will be inspected on Sat 7th Oct**

6 Loose fill surface – ‘M’ no known issue so an ‘M’ again ? Action recommended that tested Head Impact Criteria (HIC) **Action, it is deemed that the surface is well beyond the current requirements and no HIC testing is currently required.**

7 Fence – ‘M’ Only with regard to Multi play frame see above **Action, None**

8 Gates – ‘M’ Not self-closing and may allow animals in – **Action decide to fit spring closers or not, Decided to not fit these currently but review at a future date**

9 Signage – No risk of course, but does suggest a sign with

- o General emergency Number – What is that? Local one
- o Telephone No of maintenance personnel – So PC number
- o Name of Playground
- o Address of playground – Both for emergency services presume

All recommended but not a requirement. **Action, None**

10 General – ‘M’ only as mentions fencing and gates would not exclude animals so routine inspection for faeces etc. – **Action, be part of normal inspections**

051017/012 Correspondence

011.1 Letter and copy of 2015 accounts from Dullingham Charities requested by the Parish Council following a request for a donation earlier in the year.

PC would like to donate £50 to Dullingham Education Foundation and £70 to Dullingham Charities

011.2 Email from a resident concerning road accidents at Cross Green corner on Stetchworth road.

Clerk to contact Highways and request a site visit to inspect the road.

Email from resident about reduced visibility on Eagle Lane – Clerk to reply to acknowledge and advise to report to Highways.

051017/013 Other Matters

012.1 Local Highways Improvement Grant
Go ahead for Application of LHI Grant. Cllr Simpson will do online application.

012.2 Ribbon of Poppies Project
Clerk to Contact Scouts and see if they would like to plant poppy seeds in Dullingham. Copy in Cllr Roberston.

012.3 Parish Forum – Monday 30th October 2017 (Reminder)

012.4 CPRE Planning Workshop for Parish Councils – 2nd November 2017 (Reminder)
Clerk and 1 Cllr to attend

051017/014 Councillors’ Reports - To receive reports from Parish Councillors
Cllr Roberston reported the New gate will it be finished with fencing, posts and bars across. The car has been removed from Waterly Lane.

051017/015 Absences
All absences were noted by the Clerk.

051017/016 Risk Assessments
Council agreed that there was no need to carry out additional risk assessments.

051017/017 Date of the next meeting
The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 2nd November 2017.

The meeting closed at 21.50pm

Signed

Dated