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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Prior to commencement, a meeting was held between members and a representative of Action with Communities in Rural Kent on up to date procedures for Local Needs Housing/ Affordable Housing. The Clerk explained that it was generally felt that we should speak with the Housing Enabler at AWCRK before coming to a decision on whether to go ahead, and prior to speaking with the Developer and his agent. Ms O'Sullivan from AWCRK explained that the process has hardly changed since our previous attempt to provide LNH and took us through the results of that survey. She is happy to work and assist us should we decide to pursue this again.

In attendance were Cllrs Miss Grundy, McCully, Taylor, Beaumont, the Parish Clerk and three Member of the Public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Moore.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item 4iii Office Equipment: As agreed at the last meeting, the Clerk advised that she has purchased an Epsom printer/scanner plus ink for £95.00.

4. Finance Matters

(i) Membership of Action with Communities in Rural Kent

Members agreed that the Parish Council become a member of Action with Communities in Rural Kent. The annual fee for a Parish with a small population being £60.00.

(ii) Members approved the following payments:

Action with Communities in

Rural Kent	£	60.00	Annual Subs
S. Shaw	£	95.00	Printer/Scanner
Cllr Miss Grundy	£	36.00	Two months Mileage Allowance
HMRC	£	62.60	PAYE December
Parish Clerk	£	25.06	Expenses & Stationery

(iii) Members approved the Payment Sheet and Draft Level of Reserves as at 11th Jan 2022.

The Clerk advised that she has received notification of interest earned on the NS & I account which amounted to £0.74 pence. It was agreed that we look at other NS&I accounts that pay a better interest rate.

(iv) Request from Street End Cricket Club for a letter of support to their application to Viridor for a grant towards the cost of new nets.

The Parish Council agreed to write to Viridor in support of the Cricket Club's application for a grant.

(v) Having agreed at the November estimates meeting to award the Parish Clerk a pay increase, the Chairman and a member signed a letter to the bank instructing a change to the standing order to Mrs Shaw.

(vi) Queen's Jubilee Celebration

Following an enquiry as to whether the Parish Council is willing to contribute some funding to the event, members noted that we have placed £500.00 in the 2022-2023 estimates, however it was proposed and seconded to add a further £500.00 to that sum making a total of £1000.00. On being put the motion was carried unanimously.

5. Planning Matters

- (i) CA/22/00013 The Glebe House, School Lane, Lower Hardres, Canterbury, Kent. Replacement of the existing low pitched roof with a 45 degree pitched roof, the introduction of a new first floor, roof lights, dormer window and a gable door to the existing garage. No objection
- (ii) To consider any applications received since publication of the agenda. There were no additional applications.

6. Planning Decision Granted

- (i) CA/21/02791 Little Chart House, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres Change of use of garage to residential with the removal of garage doors and replaced with a timber window and timber cladding. Granted by CCC

7. To give Consideration to Local Needs Housing/Affordable Housing in the Parish

During our discussion with AWCRC prior to the Council meeting, we were informed that there is a cost for a Parish survey and analysis of the results in the region of £1000.00, however, we were advised that this cost should not fall on the Parish Council but on the developer, particularly so as the landowner and his agent requested the Parish Council to carry out a survey to see if there is a need for low cost housing.

Following discussions at our earlier meeting during which it was apparent that very little had changed in the Parish since the previous survey and that it is not mandatory for Parish Councils to carry out a survey of the need for LNH/AH in their Parish, it was agreed we take no action at this time but the matter remain a standard agenda item. In the meantime the Clerk will also investigate the issue of LNH with the City Council.

8. Highway Issues and PROW

The meeting was advised that the speedwatch equipment now needs to be replaced. The police are currently trialing a new type of equipment, if successful, it is likely to cost in the region of £1300.00 or possibly more. Although we have placed £500.00 in our 2022-2023 estimates, it was agreed we make enquiries for a grant.

9. Correspondence, Publications and other matters of an urgent nature

10. Confirmed the Date of the next meeting as 2nd March 2022 at 5pm

The meeting closed at 6pm

Signed.....Date.....