



Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 January 2023 in Detling Village Hall

Present: Cllr Geoff Cosgrove Chairman, Cllr Mark Housden, Cllr Gemma Nauman and Cllr Lawrence Rustem;
and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Also present were four members of the public.

2023/001 Apologies.

None had been received

2023/002 Declaration of Interest.

None were declared

2023/003 Planning

a) Ref: 22/505644/FULL

Address: Pollyfields Manor Scragged Oak Road Detling Kent ME14 3HL

Proposal: Erection of a single storey infill rear extension and insertion of 4no. additional rooflights and erection of timber pergola (Revision to Planning Application ref: 22/504075/FULL)

Councillors considered the application.

Cllr Cosgrove **PROPOSED** the Council responds "no comment"; **SECONDED** by Cllr Nauman: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b) Ref: 22/505645/LBC

Address: Pollyfields Manor Scragged Oak Road Detling Kent ME14 3HL

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for erection of a single storey infill rear extension and insertion of 4 no. additional rooflights and erection of timber pergola (Revision of Planning Application ref: 22/504076/LBC)

Councillors considered the application.

Cllr Cosgrove **PROPOSED** the Council responds "no comment"; **SECONDED** by Cllr Nauman: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

c) Ref: 22/505560/FULL

Address: Land At Newnham Court Way Weaving Kent ME14 5LH

Proposal: Erection of a new foodstore (Use Class E(a)), with access, car and cycle parking, landscaping and associated works.

Councillors considered the application.

Cllr Housden **PROPOSED** to object to the application and to raise grave concerns regarding the traffic volumes on local roads and the impact on the A249, Ware Street and Hockers Lane: **SECONDED** by Cllr Nauman: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

2023/004 Highways and Transportation

The draft Terms of Reference for the Highways and Transportation Working Party were reviewed.

Cllr Housden **PROPOSED** to adopt the Terms of Reference, as amended; **SECONDED** by Cllr Nauman: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

2023/005 Financial Matters

Cllr Cosgrove reported that there had been a big increase in the precept in 2018-19 and that Detling is in the top quarter of the most expensive parishes in the Maidstone Borough. It is forecast that the Council will have fourteen to fifteen months precept in reserves at the end of this financial year.

Cllr Nauman **PROPOSED** the precept be set at £38,915; **SECONDED** by Cllr Housden: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

2023/006 Staffing Matters

~~Cllr Cosgrove reported that the Clerk's contract of employment was found to have been signed by a single signed by someone who was not a representative of the Parish Council at the time of signing. The person who signed the contract two days after resigning from the Council. Local advice received is that the contract must be re-issued and that the current contract is void.~~

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press were excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the Clerk's contract.

The meeting was reconvened.

Cllr Housden **PROPOSED** the revised contract be issued: **SECONDED** by Cllr Nauman: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

2023/007 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7 February 2023

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chairman
Date: 7 February 2023