

# **BROOKLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.15pm at The Village Hall, Brookland.

Present: Cllr Wallington, Cllr Gillies, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Kennedy, A Lawson, 3 members of the public. Apologies: F&HDC Cllr Goddard.

## **MINUTES**

A minute's silence was held at the start of the meeting in remembrance of  
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Gillies – Planning application land by 6 Rosemary Cottage

Cllr Kennedy - Planning application Fairfield Farm.

### **3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were a true record of the meeting and can be signed off.

### **4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – Public Participation**

Traffic Nuisance – A member of the public raised a concern about the speed and noise made by motor bikes using the A259 through the village. This relates closely to item 7 on the agenda.

The Parish Councillors agreed to investigate further to see if, next spring, a speed survey could be undertaken and if community a speedwatch group could be set up for the village. The clerk was asked to investigate further with a view to completing a Highways Improvement Plan for discussion with KCC.

### **5. PLANNING**

#### **22/1360FH Land adjoining 6 Rosemary Cottage.**

The Parish Council do not support this application.

A concern was raised on the accuracy of the site plan and position of a tree with a TPO. Parking on straight Lane is already an issue and may impact visibility for traffic entering and leaving the site. The site is also close to the A259, a number of complaints have been raised recently regarding traffic noise which would also affect this proposed development.

#### **Revised Plans for Fairfield Farm**

The Parish Council support this application

The applicant shared with the Councillors the revised plans for the Fairfield Farm. The councillors were pleased to see a number of original concerns have been addressed, the height of the buildings are now lower and smaller than the original submission addressing initial concerns raised on the development.

### **6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & REPORTS FROM OTHER OUTSIDE BODIES**

None.

### **7. ROAD SAFETY**

A member of the public wrote in to raise road safety concerns on the A259, children crossing by the roundabout to catch the school bus and the speed of traffic on the road. The Councillors agree that road safety is a concern for local residents and in conjunction with item 4 above will be looking to work with KCC on a Highway Improvement Plan (if appropriate).

**8. COMMUNITY FIRST AID TRAINING**

Feedback was positive on the first aid session held at the start of September with 9 members of the public attending.

**9. SAAA CENTRAL EXTERNAL AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS**

Members unanimously agreed to continue to “opt in” to the SAAA central external audit scheme.

**10. FINANCE**

Members reviewed invoices paid and to be paid since the last meeting and forecast expenses to the end of the financial year. No queries raised. A draft of the 23/24 budget will be sent out prior to the next meeting with a view to approving the draft budget for the next financial year at the November meeting

**11. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- Weeds growing on the pavement (Cottages opposite the church) – Clerk to contact Mark Coleman to remove/spray
- Bench, Waste Bin, Church Notice Board – clerk to contact Mark Coleman for quote for 2 new noticeboard posts, go ahead given for new waste bin. New chains required for flowerbed area.
- Play Equipment for Brookland School – order completed; equipment received by school.
- Anti-Social Behaviour around the Village – Clerk to contact John Gorman
- Remembrance Day Wreath – 2 wreaths to be ordered via Lydd RBL branch

**12. VILLAGE SIGN**

Update on delivery and installation. Village sign should be ready to deliver this week. Details still outstanding for structural engineer for the base design

**13. ANY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

23/24 Budget  
West Place

**14. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.