

**MINUTES OF YALDING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2020 AT 6.30 PM VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**PRESENT**

Geraldine Brown (Chairman)  
June Chapman (JC)  
Ken Gough (KG)  
Patricia Robbins (PR)

Jason Bryant (JB)  
Sue Gerrish (SG)  
David Law (DL)  
Dee Ann Stead (DS)

**This meeting was held virtually via Zoom Video Conferencing allowing The Chairman to record the meeting.**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no members of the public present

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Andy Sanders sent his apologies due to work commitments; these were accepted.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCILLORS IN ANY ITEM**

**2.1. DECLARATION OF CHANGES TO THE REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

None were declared.

**2.2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

KG declared an interest in agenda item 5.1 as he had bills for payment.

**2.3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None were requested.

**2.4. DECLARATION OF ANY GIFTS RECEIVED**

None were declared.

**3. DECISION TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS UNDER CLOSED SESSION**

It was agreed to take item 7 in Closed Session.

**4. PLANNING**

**4.1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning decisions are recorded at the end of the minutes.

**4.2. ANY OTHER PLANNING ISSUES**

The Yalding Enterprise Park (YEP) planning application has stalled again. Certain MBC members were still not happy with the latest report and MBC has taken Counsel's advice. YEP are preparing another report to answer further concerns.

**5. FINANCE**

**5.1. PAY BILLS**

It was agreed, proposed SG seconded DS to pay bills totalling £40,986.22 exclusive of VAT as per attached list.

**5.2. CONFIRM RECEIPTS**

A list of receipts (as attached) totalling £1,436.43 was circulated.

**5.3. MONTHLY SPEND AGAINST BUDGET REVIEW**

There was no unbudgeted spend this month.

**6. ANY URGENT BUSINESS**

**6.1. UPDATE ON THE PLAY AREA'S**

Both play areas are open based on Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) risk assessment. Really positive feedback has been received on the new equipment at Jubilee field, which was part funded by MBC and opened by The Mayor, Cllr Mrs Marion Ring.

#### **6.2. UPDATE ON THE LEES PICNIC AREA**

The Lees Picnic Area is open, the toilets are open. The barrier is working well with one or two teething issues.

#### **6.3. DECISION WHETHER TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PARISH PICNIC**

It was agreed to cancel The Parish Picnic in light of the current Covid-19 advice.

#### **6.4. DECISION WHETHER TO GO AHEAD WITH THE YULETIDE MARKET**

It was agreed to cancel The Yuletide Market in light of the current Covid-19 advice.

#### **6.5. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

It was agreed that Christmas lights would be erected in both villages.

#### **6.6. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE & SERVICE**

It was agreed to hold a virtual meeting with the church to put in place contingency measures should Government advice be that gatherings of over 30 are still banned.

#### **6.7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS.**

**Practice nets at the Kintons**, as non-urgent business this will have to be dealt with in September, however, it was agreed to permit the Cricket Club do some ground investigative work during August.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

20/502534/FULL

The Hopsheds, Upper Fowle Hall, Queen Street

Change of use from ancillary annexe to 1no residential dwelling with alterations to windows, doors and roof, including the insertion of rooflights. Erection of a single storey front extension and creation of decking area to front.

#### **OBJECT**

**The property is situated in a Flood Zone 3 and could be subject to severe flooding. This application would increase the number of people at risk during times of severe flooding. Of most particular concern is the proposal for 3 ground floor bedrooms. It is essential that the Environment Agency is consulted and its recommendations acted upon. This application is contrary to the Maidstone Local Plan and the NPPF and should therefore be refused. If officers are of a mind to approve this application, Yalding Parish Council request it be put to the planning committee.**

20/502930/LBC

Wardes Moat & The Coach House, Vicarage Road

Listed Building Consent for installation of new underground low voltage cable from Vicarage Road through field at rear of Wardes Moat, installation of new cable into basement of Wardes Moat and laying new cable parallel to rear of the property to supply The Wing. Installation of new underground low voltage cable to serve the Coach House across garden from Vicarage Road, and removal of existing overhead wires, brackets and surface mounted cables from both the Coach House and Wardes Moat.

#### **NO COMMENT**

20/503037/FULL

Dunstressing, Kenward Road

Retrospective application for improvements to existing access with erection of retaining walls and replacement gates. (Revision to 19/503997/FULL)

#### **NO COMMENT**

- 20/503165/FULL Hopper Hut Adjacent Hop Cottage, Shingle Barn Lane  
Conversion of hopper hut to a single residential dwelling, works to include raising the roof height, rebuilding existing chimneys, glazed link to new single storey extension and external alterations. Erection of a detached garage, creation of new vehicular access, parking and associated amenity space.  
**NO COMMENT**
- 20/503026/FULL Dunstressing, Kenward Road  
Application for removal of condition 11 (landscaping) pursuant to application 15/510728/FULL for - Demolition of existing buildings, removal of residential unit (as confirmed by Lawful Development Certificate dated 04/09/14 ref: 14/500774/LDCEX) and erection of single storey dwelling with accommodation in roof space.  
**OBJECT**  
**Yalding Parish Council strongly object to the removal of this condition as councillors feel the original application would not have been approved without a landscaping condition.**  
**If officers are of a mind to approve this application, Yalding Parish Council request it be put to the planning committee.**  
**MBC PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING**
- 19/504403/FULL Land at Teiseside Nurseries, laddingford.  
Change of use from horticulture/nursery to leisure/recreation for stationing of mobile Shepherd's Huts as short stay tourist accommodation and ancillary works.  
**GRANTED**
- 20/501091/FULL 3 Bow Hill Cottages Bow Hill  
Demolition of existing side extension, erection of two story side extension with insertion of dormer and rooflight, Juliet balcony to side and erection of front porch.  
**GRANTED**
- 20/501502/LBC Youngs Barn, Adjacent To The Coach House, High Street  
Listed Building Consent for conversion of barn into annexe to The Coach House.  
**GRANTED**
- 20/501980/FULL Hidcote, Kenward Road  
Erection of a single storey rear extension.  
**GRANTED**
- 20/502501/FULL Kenward Park Cottage, Kenward Road  
Erection of a single storey building to provide annexe accommodation with home working space  
**REFUSED**

20/501954/LDCEX

Masons Barn, Queen Street, Paddock Wood

Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) for erection of a detached timber framed building.

**GRANTED**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.50

Signed.....

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