

MINUTES OF A FINANCE AND PLANNING MEETING OF YALDING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2021 AT 6.30 PM VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

PRESENT

Geraldine Brown (Chairman)
June Chapman (JC)
Ken Gough (KG)
Andy Sanders (AS)

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.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All councillors were present.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCILLORS IN ANY ITEM

2.1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None were declared.

2.2. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None were requested.

3. DECISION TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS UNDER CLOSED SESSION

It was agreed to take item 6 in Closed Session.

4. PLANNING

4.1. TO DECLARE ANY LOBBYING OR FORMAL REPRESENTATION

There was none declared.

4.2. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 4.2.1. KCC/MA/0043/2021** - Yalding St Peter & St Paul C of E Primary School, Vicarage Road. Widening of existing vehicle access from Vicarage Road to facilitate fire appliance access, widening of the existing vehicle access gate, demolition of existing air raid shelter and installation of additional 1.8m high boundary fence.

OBJECT

The air raid shelter is part of the history of both the village and the school. One has already been demolished. No evidence has been provided to show that any benefits achieved will outweigh the loss of a historical building and a valuable learning opportunity for the children. Following a recent review of the Yalding Conservation Area, it is recommended that the school be included.

Emergency vehicles can and have gained entry through the existing access. These vehicles have been on site in the past and for school fetes etc. There is an option to widen the gate or there is sufficient room to create a access with parking at the other side of the school.

- 4.2.2. 21/501174/LBC** - Frenches Farmhouse, Laddingford. Listed Building Consent for a replacement front door together with a flood barrier

NO COMMENT

Providing The Environment Agency have no objection.

4.2.3. LETTER FROM HALLAM RE THE LAND SOUTH OF KENWARD ROAD.

A letter has been received from Hallam asking to discuss uses of the land south of Kenward Road. It has been previously agreed that there should be no buildings on this land to protect the heritage view. It is considered the wrong place for either sports or car parking facilities. Councillors will meet with Hallam to hear their ideas.

4.2.4. ANY OTHER PLANS NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

No other plans were received in time for the meeting.

Yalding Enterprise Park planning application should go to Planning Committee on 25 March. It was agreed that Yalding Parish should make a statement that after so many years of the site being left to become an eyesore we need assurance that good use will be made of this brownfield site.

5. FINANCE

5.1. LEES PICNIC AREA – TO AGREE PERMIT CHARGES

KG proposed a two- tier permit charging system:

- Friday to Sunday to include Bank Holiday Mondays, the cost through the barrier would be £20 for a normal weekend and £28.50 on a bank holiday weekend. – proposed season permit charge £120.
- Park anytime, any day and overnight – proposed season permit charge £250.

AS seconded and it was resolved unanimously.

5.2. TO AGREE TO PAY THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS’ ELECTRICITY

It was agreed to pay this as per the meter readings at each property, the total cost £63.60.

5.3. BUDGET – TO AGREE BUDGET 2021/22 AS CIRCULATED

A draft budget was previously circulated. It was reviewed in detail line by line. The Chairman proposed this as the final budget, SG seconded and it was resolved unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.02

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