

Minutes of a Meeting of Full Council
held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30pm
at the Windmill, Meopham Green

Members Present: Cllrs D Bramer, M Bramer, S Buchanan (Chairman),
S Gofton, P Hasler, P Howard, R Knott, P Luxford,
J McTavish, J Ogden, D Powell, B Wade
In attendance: Borough Cllrs J Burgoyne and G Harding
Mrs Sarah Eggesden, Clerk

Item 1: Apologies for absence:

C.137 There were no apologies for absence.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest:

C.138 Cllr Wade declared an interest in the planning item and Cllr Gofton declared an interest in the budget item with reference to the payroll contract. There were no further of declarations of interest.

Borough Cllr Harding arrived at 7.32pm

Item 3: To approve the minutes of the previous meeting (12.12.17):

C.139 Cllr Knott proposed approval of the minutes and this was seconded by Cllr Ogden. There were 11 votes in favour and 1 abstention and the minutes were therefore approved.

Item 4: Matters Arising:

C.140 Cllr Ogden asked if Cllr Sweetland had responded on item C.136. He had not to date.

Cllr D Bramer thought that the names in C.129 should be removed from the minutes. It was agreed to blank the names out for the website minutes.

Action: Clerk

Item 5: Planning Applications

5.1 To consider and make recommendations on the following applications received:-

C.141 20171208 Hidden House, Wrotham Road, Meopham
Demolition of the existing garage and erection of a timber garage. No objection was proposed by Cllr Buchanan and seconded by Cllr Ogden. There were 11 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

Action: Clerk

5.2 To note any responses sent to Gravesham Borough Council under delegated authority:-

C.142 20171231 77 Cheyne Walk, Meopham, DA13 0PP
Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey front extension

A response of no objection was noted and approved.

Item 6: KALC Community Awards Scheme 2018 – to decide by vote who we should put forward for the award

C.143 Following on from the December Full Council meeting, it had been confirmed that only 1 nomination could be put forward for the KALC award. It was agreed that all 3 candidates were worthy of this award in the discussion that followed.

All members voted to put forward [REDACTED] for the KALC Community Award.

Action: Clerk

It was agreed by all members that [REDACTED] would be put forward for the forthcoming Gravesham award and that Meopham Parish Council would support Cllr Powell's application for an honour.

Action: Clerk

Cllr McTavish asked that members think of nominations for awards such as the above throughout the year in future.

Item 7: Financial Matters

7.1 To consider and approve the budget and precept for Meopham Parish Council 2018-2019 for issue to Gravesham Borough Council

C.144 Cllr Buchanan spoke on the proposed budget and the reason for an increase as Meopham Parish Council would be taking on the toilets at Pitfield Green in 2018/19 from Gravesham Borough Council. Discussion from members followed with Cllr Hasler outlining areas where he felt that the budget could be cut further.

Cllr M Bramer proposed a motion that the precept is set at £88,998.00 to be issue to Gravesham Borough Council for 2018-2019. Cllr Ogden seconded this. Cllr Knott requested a recorded vote. There were 7 votes in favour (Cllrs Buchanan, M Bramer, D Bramer, S Gofton, P Howard, J McTavish and J Ogden). There were 4 votes against (Cllrs P Hasler, P Luxford, D Powell and B Wade) and 1 abstention (Cllr R Knott). The motion was therefore approved.

Action: Clerk

The meeting ended at 9pm

Meopham Parish Council

Signed.....Dated.....