

# ARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Arlington Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm in Upper Dicker Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllr M Gardner (Chairman), P Stenning, V Radtke, J Robinson-Sivyer and N Kinghorn.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor David White and A Stevens (Clerk). There were five members of the public present, including the applicants, architect and planning consultant for planning application WD/2018/0355/MAJ.

## 136. PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs Cranston described her planning application WD/2018/0355/MAJ which is for ten residential properties on land at Camberlot Stables. She said the application is a full application and replaces and addresses the reasons of their previous application (WD/2016/1896/MAO) which was refused. She said;

- It is a high quality, well thought out development and provides mainly two and three bedroom houses and a bungalow for local people specifically children who wish to stay in the Parish and older residents who would like to downsize but stay here.
- The houses have been designed using the 'Passive House Principles' and if they are allowed to go ahead they could set a good example to other developers.
- The development is sustainable with easy access to local facilities and whilst it is outside the development boundary it helps meet the need for more housing.
- All rooms and gardens are larger than most other developments and will therefore provide housing for people with mobility issues.
- All the trees will be retained and will have preservation orders on them to protect them.

## 137. APOLOGES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor J Parsons and were accepted by those present.

County Councillor N Bennett and District Councillor D White also sent apologies for their absence.

## 138. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CHANGES TO THE REGISTER OF INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of interests nor were there any changes to the Register of Interests.

## 139. MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were read, approved by all and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

## 140. PLANNING

### a. Planning Applications:

WD/2018/0355/MAJ - Land at Camberlot Stables, Camberlot Road, Upper Dicker, BN27 3RG - Proposed change of use of equestrian land to provide 10 number C3 residential dwellings – Two councillors abstained from voting on this application, one approved it and two voted against it. Those who voted against it did so because it is outside the development boundary, and because it will increase traffic movement on Camberlot Road where pedestrians are forced into the hedge to avoid passing cars.

- b. No planning applications have been approved by the District Council since the last Full Council Meeting;
- c. Planning Matters – No other planning matters were discussed at this meeting.

## 141. FINANCE.

To approve list of payments – Councillors resolved to accept and approve the list of payments to the 19th April 2018 which totalled £1125.16

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| 1863 | Mr Collins - Website                 | £ 52.16  |
| 1864 | ESALC Subscription                   | £ 214.50 |
| 1865 | ICO Subscription                     | £ 35.00  |
| 1866 | Recycling Partnership – Bin Emptying | £ 43.26  |
| 1867 | SSALC - LCR                          | £ 17.00  |
| 1868 | A Stevens - Salary                   | £ 556.96 |
| 1869 | ESCC - Pension                       | £ 206.28 |

b. To approve the accounts to date – Members **resolved** to approve the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

c. General Data Protection Regulations

Councillors resolved to accept and adopt the Action Plan, the General Privacy Policy, the Privacy Policy for Staff and Councillors, the Document Retention Policy and the Data Processor Policy as circulated by the Clerk.

## 142. HIGHWAYS –

Councillor Stenning reported that Virgin Media have finally repaired one inspection cover in The Street in Arlington but there are two which still need repairing. The Clerk will ask Highways to chase up Virgin Media.

Councillors Radtke said the verges in the Parish are in an appalling state and need repairing. The other Councillors agreed and referred the matter to the next SLR Meeting.

**143. RISK ASSESSMENTS** – Councillor Radtke had circulated the Upper Dicker Playground Inspection Risk Assessment before the meeting. The bin near the play equipment is still out of order because of the wet weather. The Clerk is talking to contractors to get it repaired.

The bin liner in the dog bin is missing but a replacement has been ordered by Wealden. The bin in the recreation ground is also overflowing, the Clerk will ask Wealden to empty it.

**144. ALLOTMENTS** – Councillors agreed that letters will be sent to the allotment holders to let them know the new padlock number and to also ask them to number their allotments.

**145. VILLAGE GREEN PROJECT** – Councillor Radtke reported that;

- Jakk are currently working on the benches, fencing, bin enclosures and the polite notice for the village green and expect to fit them by the first week in May.
- Tesco Bags of Life have granted an extension to complete the project by 31st May by which time they also want photographs and a report saying how the project benefits the community.
- She and Councillor Kinghorn will be weeding and tending to the green on the 20<sup>th</sup> April.
- Once the fencing is in place planting will be carried out. The fence needs to be erected first to stop people trampling over the new plants.

Councillors agreed that;

- The Clerk will see if notices appealing for volunteers to help with the planting on the 8<sup>th</sup> May can be placed in the Arlington Scene and Dicker Links.
- Agreed a cream tea should be organised for the end of May to celebrate the completion of the project and photographs can be taken to send to Tesco.
- The Parish Council can provide some financial assistance for the tea.

**146. TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPOs)** – Councillors were to consider applying for TPOs for the oaks for the Village Shop but subsequent enquiries found the trees already have TPOs on them.

**147. NEW COUNCILLOR** – Councillors agreed to appoint Ms Julie Sellars to replace Mr Ray Collins as their new Parish Councillor. Ms Sellars will officially sign in at the next meeting.

- 148. REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS** – Councillor Kinghorn reported a broken Rights of Way sign on the path between Camberlot Road and Footpath 11. The Clerk will report it to Rights of Way at ESCC.

Councillor Garner attended the Wealden District Association of Local Council Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. Copies of the draft minutes are available from the Clerk upon request.

**149. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA -**

- Signing in of new councillor.
- End of year accounts and governance review.

The Chairman thanked Ms Becky Coode who set up the laptop and downloaded and displayed tonight's planning applications on a screen for everyone to see.

- 150. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting which will take place on Thursday 17th May 2018 at 7.30pm at Arlington Village Hall.

There being no further business, this meeting closed at 8:15pm.