

DANEHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Danehill Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 25th June 2015, at Chelwood Gate Village Hall.

Present: C. Critchley, J. Blake, M. Mockridge, T. McHattie, S. Crabb, H. Montagu. Also M. Fishlock (Tree Warden).

In Attendance: C.W. Gooders (Clerk)

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Prayers were said by the Cllr. Critchley.

607. Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Riminton, Cllr. Garman, Cllr. Bradley and Cllr. R. Galley, Cllr. P. Roundell and PCSO C. Cooley.

608. Declarations of Interest

None.

609. Minutes

The minutes of Danehill Parish Council Annual General Meeting dated 21st May 2015, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to the spelling amendment in minute 603 from Kia to Kier.

Proposed Cllr. Blake, seconded Cllr. Mockridge. Voting unanimous.

610. Matters Arising

None.

611. Communications

A) Email dated 22nd June 2015 – Mrs D. Chapman. See attached (611A). Clerk reported email had been forwarded to PCSO.

B) Letter dated 17th June 2015 – Mrs A Catt. See file.

C) Letter dated 12th June 2015 – Mrs S. Gilliam. See file.

D) Letter dated 15th June 2015 – Rev. P. MacBain. See attached (611B).

E) Email dated 24th June 2015 – Dr. M. Wells. See attached (611C). Cllr. Blake – The usual procedure would be to refer to the Finance Committee. Cllr. Critchley – Potential funding for this had been allocated prior to the meeting from the Grant Fund. Cllrs. Critchley and McHattie had declared an interest (see minute 597) and therefore did not vote.

F) Email dated 16th June 2015. Mr. C. Drewery. See file – referred to SLR meeting. Cllr. Critchley – Following on from SLR meeting 22nd June 2015, faded yellow lines are to be reinstated outside the school by East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and investigations to increase parking to the left of the school are underway. The view of ESCC and the police is that the congestion outside the school does reduce speeding.

612. County and District Councillors' Reports

There were no County and/or District Councillors in attendance. Cllr. Critchley read the report previously supplied by Cllr. Galley. See attached (612A).

613. Reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr. Crabb – Have met with Sylvia Martin to review Danehill Memorial Hall accounts, identifying key

points of future expenditure – replacement flooring, approx. £20,000 and replacement of Crittall windows, cost to be established. Also attended Family Day.

Cllr. McHattie – Report submitted. See attached (613A). Cllr. McHattie to have all completed component parts delivered to his home and will guide Mr Slegg through to completion of Phase 2 finger-post refurbishment/replacement project.

Cllr. Riminton – Report submitted. See attached (613B). Report read by Cllr. Critchley.

Cllr. Garman – Report submitted. See attached (613C). Report read by Cllr. Critchley.

Cllr. Critchley – Report submitted. See attached (613D). Cllr. Mockridge – How does Council proceed with any additional speed initiatives for the A275? Cllr. Critchley – Additional measures would be upon the advice of ESCC via the SLR meetings. The Community Match Funding form would then be completed and presented to Council for approval. PCSO Chris Cooley is to retire in September, but her replacement Megan Gardener attended the SLR meeting.

Cllr. Blake – Report submitted. See attached (613E). Will liaise with Cllr. Bradley over possible new playground equipment for Danehill Recreation Ground play area. Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Bradley regarding playground inspection course.

Cllr. Mockridge – Report submitted. See attached (613F).

Cllr. Montagu – Attended site visit to Jubilee Green with Cllr. Critchley. Hoping to have Marc Donfrancesco attend meeting with Head Master of Danehill School, Brad Falconer. Date of meeting to be advised.

Mike Fishlock (Tree Warden) – Has lopped beech trees at Chelwood Gate Village Green. Has organised a survey of parish trees with Mr P Thurman on 3rd September 2015. Will include an inspection of the tree by the entrance to the recreation ground car park to establish whether it could be removed to improved visibility.

Meeting opened for the public to express a view or ask a question.

There were three members of the public in attendance.

Public

Mrs Martin – Well done to everyone involved in the Fun day. Can 30mph roundels be installed along the Beaconsfield Road? Clerk – ESCC have confirmed that they will be installed in the next few weeks.

Mr Fishlock – As the Parishioner who signed his nomination paper to become a councillor, Mr Fishlock intends to be Jiminy Cricket to Cllr. Critchley's Pinocchio and be his conscious. Believes facts behind the decision to fund Broadband at Danehill Church should have been made clearer and was not discussed fully. No match funding was requested for the installation. The Council should take Dr. Wells' email as positive criticism. Broadband installations at Danehill Village Hall and Chelwood Gate Village Hall were part of the Emergency Plan. Cllr. Critchley – Both Parish office (Chelwood Gate Village Hall) and Danehill Village Hall's Broadband installations are for community use, as will be that of Danehill Church, specifically for youth group/community. Cllr. Critchley and Cllr. McHattie did not participate in the eventual unanimous vote as they had both declared an interest in the agenda item.

Mr Fishlock – Despite being asked, the church was not prepared to provide any land for cemetery services at Danehill. A substantial cost to the Parish will be incurred to prepare the current 'extension'. Additionally, it is down to the generosity of Mr and Mrs T Stevens that the Parish now has further land for future cemetery use offering a total of approximately 50 years burial space. Cllr. McHattie – There is no logical reason why the Church did not provide land to extend the cemetery. Clerk to write to the Church requesting burial land for the future.

Mr Fishlock – Has the incomplete Phase 2 of the finger-post replacement/refurbishment program been paid for. Clerk – No money has been paid to the contractor.

Mr Boatfield – It has now been two years since Cllr. Roundell started looking into the legality of the felled trees behind Beaconsfield Road/Sandy Lane. What is happening? Clerk to write to Cllr.

Roundell. Additionally, collection of household waste/recycling etc. has been erratic.

Mr Stott – Well done to all concerned in the excellent Family Day. The new owners of the Red Lion appear to be promoting weddings and possibly glamping. The previous landlord had an outside music licence to 1am. Clerk to write to Wealden District Council to establish terms of current licence

Mr Fishlock – Commend all on Council for their hard work and didn't mean previous comments to be taken negatively!

614. Planning Terms of Reference

Cllr. Blake proposed that the amended Planning Committee Terms of Reference that were previously distributed to all Councillors (see file) be approved and adopted. Seconded Cllr. Mockridge. Voting unanimous.

615. Fletching Fund Annual General Meeting

It was noted in accordance with instructions from the internal auditor Mr S Brentnall, that the Annual General Meeting of the Fletching Fund (Registered charity 274274) took place at 7pm on 25th June 2015.

616. Cemetery Extension

A) Cllr. Blake proposed that the workforce of the Probation Services be used at the cost of £50.00 per week to clear the land forming the extension to the cemetery at Danehill. Seconded Cllr. Mockridge. Voting unanimous.

B) Three quotations were requested for the completion of the retaining wall at Danehill Cemetery. The Clerk reported that two quotes had been received for the same specification (see file).

AmilyBuild £13,625.00

Tanyard Developments £8,620.00

As AmilyBuild have carried out the work so far, the Clerk was asked to contact them to request a reduction in quotation. Cllr. Blake requested this item to be included in the July agenda.

617. Council Objectives

“Serving our Parish with selfless pride and commitment towards the community”.

Objectives:

Create opportunity for the achievement and development of parishioners, within the Parish of Danehill.

Stimulate the cultural, social and/or educational experience for parishioners within the Parish of Danehill.

Generates a benefit and/or improvement to the lives of parishioners within the Parish of Danehill.

Conditions:

Capped to a maximum of 50% or to a value of the Community Support Fund.

Subject to the number of applications and available funds, against the priorities of the Parish, at the discretion of Danehill Parish Council.

Gain financial independence for Danehill Parish Council to the ongoing need before the term ends of the current council.

Cllr. Critchley proposed the above to be the objectives for the term of office for the current Danehill Parish Council. Seconded Cllr. McHattie. Voting unanimous.

618. Application Procedure for Match Funding Parish Initiatives

Cllr. Critchley proposed that a procedure be drawn up to facilitate Community Support Grant applications for match funding Parish initiatives. The Finance Committee to undertake and report back to Council. Seconded Cllr. Montagu. Voting unanimous.

619. Communication Improvements

Cllr. Critchley – Adeline Garman has volunteered via Cllr. Riminton to carry out a review of potential communication improvements and will report accordingly for the next Parish Council meeting on 16th July 2015.

620. Clerk CILCA Qualification

Cllr. Critchley – For Danehill Parish Council to obtain the General Power of Competence status, it is necessary for the Clerk to achieve the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

Cllr. Critchley proposed that funding for the Clerk to obtain CILCA qualification (approximately £600.00) be provided from the Training Budget (£1,000.00 @ April 2015). Seconded Cllr. Blake. Voting unanimous.

621. Unpaid Work Carried out by Clerk

Cllr. Critchley suggested that this item be withdrawn until July 2015, to allow Cllr. Riminton to be in attendance (Cllr. Riminton requested in minute 606E this be included in tonight's agenda), and also for full Council discussion. Council agreed to move forward to July agenda.

622. Finance

D) The Month End Movement report for May 2015 was approved and adopted. It was noted that the bank reconciliation as at 31st May 2015 was £91,004.99, and that it had been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and the Chairman. Attached (622A). Proposed Cllr. Critchley. Seconded Cllr. Mockridge. Voting unanimous.

The Month End Reconciliation report for May 2015 was approved and adopted and signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and Chairman. Attached (622B). Proposed Cllr. Critchley. Seconded Cllr. Blake. Unanimous.

623. Date of Next Meeting

16th July – Danehill School.

There is no sitting in August

Meeting closed at 9.39pm

Chairman..... Date.....

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