

CATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th April 2016 in Hermon Cottage

Present:	Apologies:
Cllr. John Overall (Chairman) Cllr. David Scott County Cllr. Kathryn Field Cllr. Chris Thomas Mrs Carol Hodgson (Clerk/RFO) District Cllr. Gary Curtis Cllr. Julian Goodliffe 1 member of the public	Cllr. Martin Holgate PCSO Daryl Holter
Item	Agenda Item
1.	Apologies and reasons for absence. Cllr. Holgate was working. PCSO Daryl Holter was not on duty.
2.	Members to agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on <u>2nd March 2016</u> RESOLVED: The minutes were agreed and signed.
3.	To receive declarations of interest on agenda items. Cllr. Goodliffe declared a personal interest in:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 20 – Village Hall as a Trustee and Parish Council’s representative. Cllr. Thomas declared a personal interest in:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 7.1a as a neighbour to the planning applicant
4.	Public participation session re matters on the Agenda at the Chairman's discretion. The Chairman invited the member of the public to speak. Mr. Freeman pointed out that the wooden sign outside the Recreation Ground was difficult to read and needed refurbishing. He also drew to Parish Councils attention that the Village Hall sign located by the Bus Shelter outside the White Hart Pub along The Green was lying on the ground.
5.	To receive any external reports. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Councillor Kathryn Field reported that ESCC had increased the Council Tax for 2016/17 by 1.98% and taken-up the Governments option of adding a 2% Social Care precept to the Council Tax. The Revenue Support Grant is being phased out by the end of the current Parliament. ESCC had received less central government funding than expected for 2016/17. Cllr. Field was pleased that a motion she had put forward to Full Council in relation to County Council determining Fracking applications had been passed. District Councillor Gary Curtis reported that he had spoken to the relevant department at Rother DC about the broken Village Hall sign outside the White Hart and they will be coming out to take a look and replace it as is relevant. Cllr. Curtis had also called his cleaning contact back to wash the posts on the Pavilion. An update on Twisly Oak Farm. Rother DC Enforcement was due to do a site visit last week but Cllr. Curtis had not heard back from them. There may also be an outstanding issue here with Rother DC Environmental Health. Cllr. Overall asked Cllr. Field for help with resolving a tree problem. A tree near to St Laurence Church had been split during a storm at the beginning of February 2016 - as notified by Dr. John Feltwell – Parish Council’s Tree Warden. The tree does not belong to St Laurence Church but it could belong to their neighbouring landowner. Part of the tree had recently come down over the footpath and that remaining is in danger of going across the footpath / road as it is considered top heavy. Various people have contacted ESCC who say it is not theirs. Where do we go from here as no-one will claim ownership of this tree? Cllr. Scott advised he would email our local Highways Steward Andy Swanson for help and copy in Cllr. Field.
6.	Matters arising <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To receive an update on Parish Council’s website. A link to the demo website had been sent through to Councillors to review. RESOLVED: To migrate the information from the current website and launch the new website To receive any applications for the casual vacancy on Parish Council. There had been no further applications received. Cllr. Overall will promote the two casual vacancies at the Annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday 13th April 2016.
7.	Planning
7.1	To consider response to planning applications. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>RR/2016/649/P</u> - Glebelands, Potmans Lane, Catsfield Provision of store for animal welfare linked to existing approved housing for livestock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs G Morris Cllr. Thomas reported. RESOLVED: Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.

7.2	<p>To receive advice of decisions on previous applications.</p> <p>a. RR/2015/1641/P - Wyland Farm, Powdermill Lane, Catsfield Continued use of the site for storage and siting of 9 touring caravans & tents for recreational purposes. Outcome: Withdrawn as per letter dated 22-Mar-16 Noted.</p> <p>b. RR/2015/3119/P - Skinners Lane - Land at, Catsfield Outline: Development of 12 private dwellings incorporating four affordable housing units. Outcome: Refused as per decision notice dated 15-Mar-16 Noted.</p> <p>c. RR/2016/67/P - Senlac Wood Holiday Park, Main Road, Catsfield Variation of conditions 4, 6 & 7 of planning permission RR/77/1138 to; increase site capacity to 45 caravans, 20 tent pitches and 10 static mobile homes; allow winter stay of caravans (unoccupied); increase tent period on site from 21 to 28 consecutive nights. Outcome: Approved conditional as per decision notice dated 10-Mar-16 Noted.</p> <p>d. RR/2016/184/P - Warrens Yard, Horns Corner, Catsfield Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval of RR/2012/1528/P for the construction of six private houses. Outcome: Approved conditional as per decision notice dated 29-Mar-16 Noted.</p> <p>e. RR/2016/412/P - 45 Skinners Lane, Catsfield Side and rear single storey extensions, insertion of first floor window, new dormer and pitch to existing dormer at rear (alternative proposal to RR/2015/2754/P) Outcome: Approved conditional as per decision notice dated 30-Mar-16 Noted.</p> <p>f. RR/2016/506/PN - Lyndon, Skinners Lane, Catsfield Single storey extension with hipped valley roof which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5.3 metres, for which the maximum height would be 3.9 metres, and for which the height of the eaves would be 2.45 metres. Outcome: Prior application not required as per decision notice dated 21-Mar-16 Noted.</p> <p>g. RR/2016/90/P – Cherry Tree, Church Road, Catsfield Conversion of existing loft space into habitable rooms including a flat roof dormer to the rear. Front porch and addition of pitched roof over front ground floor bay. Demolition of existing single storey detached garage and erection of new single storey detached garage with associated driveway. Outcome: Approved conditional as per decision notice dated 31-Mar-16 Noted.</p>	
7.4	<p>To receive advice on current enforcement orders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENF/53/16/CAT – 4 Pleydells, The Green, Catsfield Complaint: Breach of Condition 9 of RR/2009/2685/P - Removal of Front Boundary Hedge Status: New complaint received Noted. 	
7.5	<p>Community Benefit Offer from Lightsource Renewable Energy Ltd. re: St Francis Farm Solar Farm Dev.</p> <p>a. To discuss any new proposals or updates for the disbursement of the Community Benefit. Cllr. Goodliffe reported the Village Hall Committee had been provided with drawings of possible changes to Hermon Cottage for their consideration. A letter had been received from a member of the Catsfield Horticultural Society asking Parish Council to consider providing financial help with the overheads of running the Summer Flower Show and Fete on 6th August 2016 to ensure the future viability of the event. The Chairman will ask for further suggestions for the use of the fund at the Annual Parish Assembly.</p>	
8.	<p>Neighbourhood Planning</p> <p>a. To receive an update on Local Planning and Site Allocations project with Rother DC. Cllrs. Overall and Scott, District Cllr. Curtis and the Clerk had met with Roger Comerford Principal Planning Officer at Rother DC and David Marlow – Planning Policy Manager at Rother DC to receive an update on the Local Plan and Site Allocations progress. Rother DC are proposing to consult on the draft plan for the Rother District July to September 2016. At present there are only two sites being considered for development in Catsfield and these</p>	

	<p>remain as Land to the rear of The White Hart Pub and Land South of Skinners Lane.</p> <p>b. To receive an update on the Catsfield ‘Local Action Plan’ (Re: The Catsfield Parish Survey). The Clerk reported that the document was ‘work in progress’.</p>	
9.	<p>Newsletter</p> <p>a. To receive the latest newsletter The latest Newsletter advertising the Annual Parish Assembly and the Casual Vacancies on Parish Council were being despatched.</p>	
10.	<p>Emergency Plan</p> <p>a. To receive any further updates. Cllr. Goodliffe had no further updates to report.</p>	JG
11.	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>a. To receive an update on the traffic calming measures project outside Catsfield CEP School. Cllr. Scott reported that he was waiting for ESCC to issue the new Community Match Funding forms to enable Parish Council to apply for funding.</p> <p>b. To receive an update on the traffic calming proposals on The Green. Cllr. Scott reported that the white line enhancement at The Green was in ESCC’s 2016/17 budget.</p> <p>c. To receive any other reports. Mr Freeman asked for an update on his request for a dropped kerb at Anchor Cottage to enable mobility scooters and pushchairs to access the footpath. Parish Council replied that the request had been made to ESCC. They had responded that no budget was available to undertake this type of work but if Parish Council wished to have the work done a guideline to the cost was £2,000. Cllr. Field agreed to contact ESCC Highways and query why this cannot be done with Highway funds.</p>	DS DS
12.	<p>Community Speed Watch</p> <p>a. To receive any reports. There were no further updates to report. The Chairman will ask for residents help at the Annual Parish Assembly.</p>	
13.	<p>Playing Field and Pavilion</p> <p>a. To receive an update on the car parking improvements at the playing field entrance area. Geewoods Construction Co Ltd confirmed work would start in May2016.</p> <p>b. To receive an update on installing a rainwater gutter system on the playing field storage shed Cllr. Goodliffe would check but believed the work had been completed.</p> <p>c. To discuss replacement of / additional items of equipment for the Pavilion. A review of the Pavilion had identified a few items – mostly small kitchen equipment - in need of replacement including the refrigerator which had broken down. The Stoolball Club had also suggested obtaining some benches that can be put out when games were being played (Cricket could also use them) and some hooks put up on the wooden posts for the scoreboard to be hung on. A further point from the Stoolball Club was questioning the drop from the pavilion wall to the ground and whether there should be a barrier/fence along the wall. The concern is with a child falling from the wall. RESOLVED: Parish Council approved £200 to be spent on replacement items including the refrigerator for the Pavilion. Cllr. Goodliffe will investigate the issue raised of a barrier/fence along the Pavilion wall. Quotes will be obtained for stackable benches.</p> <p>d. To receive any other reports. There were no further reports received.</p>	JG JG
14.	<p>Playground Sub-Committee</p> <p>a. To receive the latest Recreation Ground Inspection. Cllr. Thomas reported that he had inspected the play equipment. The roundabout was still not rotating properly and the rota glider was still stiff to operate. Playdale Playgrounds Ltd had been notified and Parish Council was still waiting to hear back from Jamie Parkinson - the After Sales Service Manager. RESOLVED: To continue to put pressure on Playdale Playgrounds Ltd for a response to rectifying the outstanding issues.</p>	CT/MH
15.	<p>Hedgerows and verges</p> <p>a. To receive any reports There were no updates to report.</p>	CT
16.	<p>Open Spaces</p> <p>a. To receive any reports.</p>	DS

