

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, VESTRY HALL, CRANBROOK  
ON THURSDAY ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Fletcher (Vice Chairman), Cllrs. Beck, Bunyan, Fairweather, Fermor, Gilbert, Hatcher, Kings, Pethurst, Smith and Warne.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Clifford, Hall, Hartley and Borough Cllr. Dawlings.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the following statement: Members are required to declare any interests, dispensations, predetermination or lobbying on items on this agenda. Members are reminded that changes to the Register of Interests should be notified to the Clerk. She notified those present that the meeting was being recorded as a Clerk's aid.

**90/19: Election of Chairman:**

**Cllr. K. Fletcher** - Proposed by Cllr. Beck, seconded by Cllr. Gilbert. There were no further nominations, all councillors voted in favour of the proposal. As the motion was carried, Cllr. Fletcher was elected Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Register.

**91/19: Election of Vice Chairman:**

**Cllr. C. Gilbert** – Proposed by Cllr. Fletcher, seconded by Cllr. Bunyan and agreed.

**92/19: Minutes of the Previous Meeting to be confirmed:**

Cllr. Gilbert proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 be adopted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr. Bunyan and agreed.

**93/19: Response to TWBC Draft Local Plan:**

All Councillors had been circulated the proposed response to the TWBC Draft Local Plan prior to the meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllrs. Pethurst and Warne, also the NDP Steering Group for all the hard work which they had put in to producing this response. The Chairman proposed that this response be approved, seconded by Cllr. Hatcher and agreed.

The Chairman commented that the next task would be to prioritise the list of sites and make a list of what we believe is right or wrong such as cycle ways, walkways etc. Cllr. Pethurst commented that it was important to carry on with the NDP and provide further guidance to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. It was hoped to get the NDP to Regulation 14 early in the New Year in order to get feedback from the local community.

**94/19: Community Centre:**

The Chairman reported that all the legal documents had now been sent to the Co-op which they had agreed to sign.

**95/19: Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman reported that the Remembrance Service was a great success and he thanked Councillors who had attended.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council had informed the Parish Council that the public conveniences in Crane Lane had once again suffered from vandalism, which they are no longer prepared to repair. The Parish Council would need to discuss the provision of toilets in the future.

**96/19: Policy & Resources:**

Cllr. Beck proposed adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, this was seconded by Cllr. Fairweather and agreed.

**97/19: Planning & Preservation Management:**

Cllr. Smith referred to the minutes of the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November and highlighted the discussions regarding Dulwich Preparatory School and Park Farm applications which had been refused. Cllr. Bunyan noted that a letter of support in principle regarding the proposed development at Mole End Farm had been forwarded to CVLT.

**98/19: Burials & Properties:**

Cllr. Fairweather proposed adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October, seconded by Cllr. Fermor and agreed.

Cllr. Fermor advised that the Parish Warden, Rev. Pollington and herself were planning to plant bulbs in the graveyard at St. Dunstan's Church the next day. All Councillors were invited to attend.

**99/19: Environmental Management:**

Cllr. Fairweather informed Councillors that the next meeting of the Environmental Management Committee was scheduled to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

In order to apply for Section 106 Agreement funding, the Parish Council needed to prepare some fully costed schemes which could then be forwarded to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for consideration.

**100/19: Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

Cllr. Warne explained that she had not requested as minuted, an agenda item on TWBC Planning Agenda to discuss the role of the NDPs, instead she proposed to request a meeting with the Head of TWBC Planning Department to seek a response on the role of the NDP as soon as possible. Cllr. Hatcher pointed out the under Item 1, second paragraph it should read Annie Hopper. The Minutes were amended accordingly. Cllr. Warne proposed adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October, this was seconded by Cllr. Pethurst and agreed.

**101/19: Reports from Delegates:****a) KALC:**

The Chairman reported that the latest KALC newsletters had been circulated to all members.

**b) Age Concern:**

Cllr. Warne had attended the recent AGM and gave a brief report of the meeting, the main topic was if they were going to continue at the Tenterden Hub.

The following report from delegate Graham Holmes was read out:

**(c) Cranbrook Tourism Group:**

The Group met on the 13<sup>th</sup> November when two new delegates were welcomed representing Cranbrook Museum and Cranbrook in Bloom.

The Group have decided not to pursue their interest in the use of space in the Weald Information Centre. However, following an approach from Cllr. Clifford, they were interested in having their own page on any redesigned website for the Parish Council and would like to discuss the matter further.

Following the success of the three full page adverts in The Wealden Advertiser, the Group confirmed that they will again request funding from the Parish Council for similar promotions in 2020.

**(d) Transport Accessibility Group:**

The next meeting of the Group will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. In the meantime, it is understood that Stagecoach are sufficiently satisfied with passenger loadings on the Sunday only 349 service between Cranbrook and Hastings, to confirm that it will continue. It would be helpful if a notice to this effect could be placed on the Council website.

**(e) Hop Pickers Line Heritage Group:**

The Group held a meeting in Goudhurst on the 15<sup>th</sup> October. It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting will take place in December.

A further review of the September activities concluded that the Horsmonden Nostalgia Day had attracted some 200 people many of whom had visited the Group's display. The Goudhurst Walk had attracted 22.

Kent County Council are seeking information on "lost" footpaths and the Group will be checking to see if any "lost" paths ran close to the route of the railway.

**f) CCAAC**

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr. Hatcher reported that they had sent a response to the Draft TWBC Local Plan.

**102/19: Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk read out a list of local crimes as supplied by the local PCSO Lee Jules. The Clerk reported that she had received a phone call from South Cambridgeshire Council to congratulate us on the electric vehicle charging points project, which was inspiring other Councils to have them installed.

**103/19: Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence to report.

**104/19: Reports from Borough Councillors:**

Borough Cllr. Warne reported that she had been contacted by a local resident regarding installing additional waste bins which she had taken up with TWBC. A by-election had taken place for the Culverden Ward today.

Borough Cllr. Fairweather informed the meeting that Urbaser the new waste contractor had provided extra resources to try to get rubbish collection under control. Urbaser were still under probation at the moment. Cllr. Fairweather asked that if complaints were received please forward them to the Borough Councillor representing the correct area.

**105/19: Items for Information:**

**a) Cranbrook Town Market Christmas Fair Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019:** The Chairman reported that the road would be closed at 4pm – 10pm, the market would begin at 5pm and finish at 9pm.

**b) Co-op:** Cllr. Bunyan suggested that a letter could be sent in sympathy regarding their recent crime.

c) **CODs Quiz:** Cllr. Hatcher announced that a quiz was being held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November to raise funds. He invited all present to attend.

d) **Dynamic Councillor Training:** Cllr. Hatcher reported that he had attended the training at the weekend and found it very interesting.

e) **St. George's Institute New Hall:** Cllr. Smith reported that the timeline to get the project moving was very tight. The current option with the owners expires in March 2020. He agreed to circulate to all members the Draft Spec for 23 houses with a 'quid per pro' of £800,000 towards building the new hall. It was hoped to get everything agreed by 9<sup>th</sup> December and a planning application would be submitted to TWBC. The Charity Commission would need to approve the scheme, but he did not see this as a problem as it was to the benefit of the local community.

f) **Litter Picks:** Cllr. Fairweather reported that the recent litter picks had been very successful.

g) **Cranbrook in Bloom:** Cllr. Fletcher was pleased to inform the meeting that Cranbrook in Bloom had been awarded the Silver Gilt in the Britain in Bloom Competition. The recent presentation evening had been very well attended.

h) **Stewards:** Cllr. Kings asked for volunteers to marshall at the Cranbrook Town Market on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

The meeting was closed. Parishioners were invited to ask questions.

A member of the public informed the meeting that at the end of the Draft TWBC Local Plan they were still seeking further development sites.

The meeting was reopened for the confidential item.

**106/19 Confidential Item:**

**The Chairman read out the proposal to close the meeting to members of the public and press to allow the confidential item on the agenda to be considered. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and agreed.**