

THROWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting Tuesday 31st May 2016 at 7.30pm Bells Forstal Farm, Bells Forstal, Throwley

PRESENT: Francis Wilson (Chairwoman)
Roger Clarke
Roger Scutt
Sian Lewis
Adam Jastrzebski
Alan Murphy
Jill Moore (Clerk)

Apologies; Tim Young

1. Minutes of APM held on 21st March 2016 were taken as read
Minutes of Meeting held on 18th January 2016 were taken as read

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

- a) Roofing felt dumped at Valley Farm - update from Frances Wilson. Frances has phoned again. It has been moved but possibly by contractors. No further action at present.
- b) Sink hole – update. Clerk reported that there had been no response from Mr McConachie to date and the sink hole hasn't been filled. **Action – clerk to contact Kent CC footpaths officer, sending a copy of letter to Mr McConachie letting him know we have had no response and that no action has been taken.**
- c) Registration of Interest forms - Dr Alan Murphy reports this has been done.
- d) Repairs to electricity box - Roger Clarke reported that the box is in a worse condition than previously thought; a door, door-frame and roof frame are required. The topic was discussed. Adam Jastrzebski offered some takings from the fete (if successful) towards labour if TPC will pay for the materials. **Action - an odd-job man is still to be found, Roger Clarke may effect an emergency repair.**

3. Little Hockley farm discussion

Frances was contacted by a parishioner saying that another 2 static mobile homes have been moved onto the premises. The topic was discussed. **Action – clerk to enquire of Colin Prescott at Swale BC to find out if this is legal, as there is a concern on outcome on AONB.**

4. Housing at Leaveland update

Roger Scutt referred to the email from Graham Thomas at Swale BC to Sheldwyche PC in which he expressed a preference for the single row or hammer-head design to semi-circular arrangement houses. The subject was discussed. It is considered likely that planning will be turned down in its present form but may be appealed. No action at present.

5. Internet Reception update

Adam Jastrzebski reported that nothing further has transpired since the previous meeting and that some options still not available from BT because they are not prepared to make investment of changes to infrastructure. The subject was discussed. Frances Wilson mentioned that there is to be a new contract (after 2017) which offers 10 MBytes/sec for all in

the country as long as the cost is proportionate (not superfast but better than present). Thanks were extended to Adam Jastrzebski for all his hard work.

6. Finance update

Clerk informed of recent invoices paid. Cheque signed for CAB.

7. Any other business

- a) Planning – no objections at present. Clerk to continue to send paper copies to Roger S
- b) A letter has been received from the Natural Burial Association. **Action - clerk to send to Sarah Reeves to put on the website.**
- c) Roger Scutt thinks verges need cutting. Swale BC come to cut these on an ad hoc basis.
- d) Sian Lewis brought up the subject of PAT testing fete electrical equipment, it is a legal requirement. Frances Wilson recommends Checkatrade to find workmen. **Action – the fete committee to be advised..**
- e) Sian Lewis brought up the subject of a WWI monument as it is possible to apply for funding. The subject was discussed, siting and maintenance were thought to be too problematical and it was decided not to pursue and application for funds. **No action.**
- f) It was suggested that the meeting be peripatetic in the future and this was thought to be a good idea, however the next meeting is to be at the Conference room at Parsonage Farm.

8. Time and date of next meeting: Monday 18th July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Conference Room at Parsonage Farm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15pm

Signed_____ Date_____