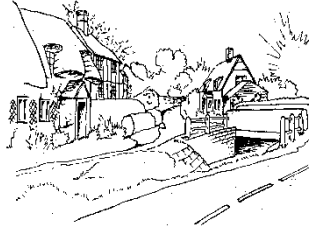


ARKESDEN PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the online meeting of ARKESDEN PARISH COUNCIL held via Zoom on

Monday 20th July at 7.30pm

Present: Rod Higgins (chairman), Robert Patmore (vice chairman), Chris Coady, Satu Lawrence, Rupert Bull, Ted Buttlng, Cllr. Edward Oliver and Steve Coltman (clerk).

1. **Apologies:** None

2. **Public Speaking:** None

3. **Declaration of Interests:** None

4. **Minutes of the meeting of 15th June 2020**

Agreed and will be signed later when the council finally meets.

5. **Matters arising from the minutes of 15th June 2020**

5.1 Table Tennis

Agreed to trial this during the school holidays on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 7pm. Flyers and emails had been sent; rules for Coronavirus restrictions and booking forms are posted on the noticeboard. Sanitised wipes for the tables have been provided. Rupert Bull agreed to instigate a "ladder competition" with a possible "finals day" in late August if enough interest.

5.2 New Dog Poo bin.

Uttlesford had agreed that it would be possible to add another bin to the collection round and the clerk agreed to order it. Councillors would look at a suitable location on Hampit Road.

6. **Planning matters**

6.1 New Applications None

6.2 Determinations

6.2.1 UTT/20/0999/1000/1001/1002/1004/1036/1045/FUL

Applications for regularisation of use of various properties at Wood Hall. All Approved

6.2.2 UTT/20/0970/FUL Dairy Lodge – conversion to 2 bed dwelling Approved

6.2.3 UTT/20/0971/FUL Grooms Cottage and Gardener's Shed – extension to provide
1 no. 4 bed dwelling and conversion to 2 no. 2 bed dwellings Approved

6.2.4 UTT/20/0972/FUL Woodcutters – conversion to 2 no. 2 bed dwellings Approved

7. **Report from District Councillor**

Cllr. Edward Oliver reported that UDC were trying to come to terms with the difficulties of a reduction in income and an increase in expenditure due the coronavirus pandemic. The council also needs £1.5 million to fight the Stansted Airport appeal and a further £4 million for the Local Plan. The council is at present operating under the rules of the 2005 Plan and the NPPF. This has already resulted in two new applications in Clavering and Cllr. Oliver feared that there would be many more until a new Local Plan was in force. If this is not in place by 2023, then the government will step in to control the planning process.

8. Playing Field Report

The Parish Council agreed that the playground could only open if government guidelines on reopening had been followed otherwise the public liability insurance may be invalidated. Clerk agreed to talk to Tom Macfadyen about the measures needed for reopening and also agreed to forward the guidelines from the EALC and other bodies to him. It was noted that other playgrounds locally are open and the councillors agreed to see what measures they had taken before reopening.

9. Village Hall report

Rupert Bull reported on the online meeting of the Village Hall Committee that he had attended via Zoom on August 13th and the Parish Council discussed his report. Cllr Oliver suggested that the VHC should apply to UDC for funding during the coronavirus shutdown.

10. Highways

Overhanging trees in the centre of the village had been reported. Clerk agreed to report sunken trench following the drainage work on Wenden Road.

11. Correspondence

As circulated via email. There were a few magazines e.g. CPRE, which the clerk agreed to circulate by hard copy.

12. Finance

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| 12.1 Balance: | Current Account | £ 6630.99 |
| 12.2 Invoices: | The following invoices were agreed for payment: | |
| | B H Grounds Maintenance | £ 192.00 |
| | S. Lovegrove | £ 150.00 |

13. Further Discussion Points

13.1 London Cambridge Cycle ride

This had been rescheduled for Sunday 6th September. Chairman agreed to talk to The Axe and to village organisations to see if this could be supported in some way.

13.2 Countryside Code

Reports of cyclists using the footpaths had been reported and the Parish Council agreed that a copy of the Countryside Code should be included in the next edition of the magazine. Rupert Bull had enquired about the possibility of reinstating the horse troughs in the village to encourage more horse riding as a further activity that the Parish Council could support. Clerk reported that there was only one byway in the parish that could be used by horses – Steven's Lane – and that all other public rights of way were footpaths. Satu Lawrence stated that she thought it very unlikely that any horse rider would use a water trough whilst out riding.

14. Date of next meeting.

Meetings are not normally scheduled for August and Chris Coady and Robert Patmore have already posted their apologies for an August meeting. If a meeting is required, the date would be Monday August 17th. EALC are still recommending that meetings take place remotely and unless there is new guidance the Parish Council will continue to hold meetings via Zoom.

Provisional date for the September meeting is Monday 14th September (clerk not available for the 21st – the usual time)

Rod Higgins (Chairman)

Steve Coltman (clerk)