

ALKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES - WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY 2017

1. Venue:

Alkham Village Hall at 7:00pm

2. Present:

Parish Councillors:	Neil Burrows, Den Barnard, Anthony Barrier and Geoff Hillier.
Clerk:	Janice Lambert
Members of Public:	None
District Councillors:	None
County Councillors:	None

3. Apologies:

Parish Councillors:	Ruth Marczin-Bundy
District Councillors:	

4. Regular Business:

4.1 The minutes planning meeting held Monday 5th June 2017 were received, approved and signed as correct records.

5. Matters Arising:

5.1 **Discuss and decide if polling cards should be used when Elections take place**

The Clerk noted that the cost of polling cards is around 50 pence per card. A general discussion took place around the area of polling cards. The Clerk confirmed that if only 2 people put themselves forward for Councillor they will automatically be elected and no election would then take place.

Cllr Burrows noted the importance of the use of polling cards to ensure as many people as possible are aware of the election.

Cllr Burrows asked for a resolution to the polling cards and this was passed. It was also agreed that polling cards should always be used whenever elections are called. Cllr Burrows noted this should be one of the things we consider including on our Standing Order.

6. Finances:

6.1 Invoice from Harmer & Sons for £504.00 for repairs to the slide

6.2 Invoice from Allard Furniture for £480.00 for the purchase of a fire proof filing cabinet

7. Date of Next Meeting:

The date of the next regular meeting is Monday 11th September 2017

Planning discussed:

DOV/17/00724

**Erection of a single storey front extension
(Existing garage to be demolished)**

Hillview, Slip Lane, Alkham, CT15 7DA

Council had no objection at the meeting on Monday 3rd July however a member of the public had reported concerns to the Clerk. The Clerk asked the Councillors to review the previous decision. Council confirmed still no objection.

DOV/15/00770

Retrospective change of use of land to caravan site comprising of two caravans for residential Gypsy occupation both with terracing/balcony, one tourer, three sheds, hardstanding, fencing, entrance gates and other residential paraphernalia (amended details) (re-advertisement)

The Paddock, Ferne Lane, Ewell Minnis, CT15 7FF

Council has objections based on the following reasons:

- The site is outside settlement boundaries and is in an area of outstanding beauty.
- It is isolated and is therefore remote from surrounding communities.
- The impact of static caravans and vehicles on the surrounding countryside is significant and spoils the enjoyment of a beautiful landscape.
- The footpath that crosses the site is not easy to negotiate and some users would be put off by the proximity of the mobile homes and possible untethered dogs, thus spoiling their expected enjoyment.
- Government policy does not support isolated gypsy sites wishing them to be sited in settled areas rather than away from communities and not in areas of outstanding beauty.
- There are no local schools, shops and no public transport, so access to any amenities would have to be done using motor vehicles thus increasing traffic on narrow country lanes.
- It is not a sustainable development.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date