

ST JAMES, ISLE OF GRAIN, PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

16th APRIL 2024

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE
HALL AT 19:56

Present:

Councillor P Blakeley
Councillor Mrs G Sands
Councillor T Sands
Councillor Ms H von der Holle (Chairman)
Councillor D Warrington

In Attendance:

Mrs Christine Gurr – Parish Clerk

Apologies for absence (received and accepted):

Councillor H Ogunfemi - Work commitment

(To avoid possible disqualification under the 6-month rule, Councillors must provide a reason for non-attendance)

GP.24.05 Review of PROWs on Parish Land

Members discussed the following documents at length:

- Extract from GP Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2024;
- List of Bridleways and Footpaths in Grain Parish;
- Historic Definitive PROWs map;
- Medway Council Prioritisation Matrix for PROWs

Action/Comments Agreed:

It was proposed by Councillor T Sands, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Sands, and agreed to:

- Submit a Priority List for Bridleways and Footpaths within this Parish (as per the Appendix) in response to the request by Ms Stacey McGregor (Rights of Way and Access Officer for Medway Council) on 6th February 2024.

GP.24.06 Update on Memorial Stone Placement

Members reviewed the following documents:

- Email Veronica Cordier confirming that the Plaque is ready for installation;
- H. Bailey Memorials design for memorial plaque.

Action/Comments Agreed:

- Councillor Ms von der Holle confirmed that she is arranging for a wooded frame to be made prior to installation;
- Installation arrangements will be agreed later.

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GP.24.07 D-Day 80 Anniversary – 6th June 2024: Guide to Taking Part
Members reviewed the following documents and/or information:

- Extract from GP Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2024;
- Email dated 15th April 2024 from Fete Committee suggesting possible participants in celebrations;
- Mrs Veronica Cordier (Church Warden) has offered to host the refreshments in the Church following its recent upgrades;
- Mrs Cordier reported that the Fire Brigade has a loud speaker system on one of its vehicles.

Action/Comments Agreed:

The following actions were agreed on proposition by Councillor Ms von der Holle and seconded by Councillor Mrs G Sands:

- Ask the Fete Committee for catering ideas;
- Enquire about the cost of providing a Hog Roast;
- Ask permission to use the grass verge outside St James' Church;
- Invite Mrs Cordier and Mrs Giddy to join Councillors G Sands, Councillor T Sands and the Clerk to help plan the event
- Agenda for PC meeting scheduled for 30th April.

GP.24.08 Consideration of Planning Applications

Members reviewed the following planning application:

- MC/24/0668 – The Old Vicarage, High Street
 - Outline application with all matters reserved for the construction of five dwellings

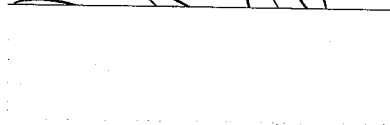
Action/Comments Agreed:

It was proposed by Councillor T Sands, seconded by Councillor Blakeley, and agreed, to object to this application for the following reasons:

- It is entirely inappropriate to approve further development in this small village which has limited facilities;
- The proposed access road to these dwellings is inadequate and would create a dangerous access onto the very narrow High Street;
- The extra traffic thus generated would result in an unacceptable level of congestion on the only access road to St James' Church of England Primary Academy and the properties beyond;
- No further development should be approved until considerable improvements are made to the B2001 and A228 to bring them up to an acceptable standard.

21:29 *There being no further business, the meeting was closed.*

Signed:



Date: 4/6/2024