



Parish Council

To Members of the Council.

In accordance with Schedule 12 paragraph 10 (2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 you are hereby summonsed to attend a meeting of Ruckinge Parish Council at Ruckinge Village Hall on Wednesday 13th December 2023 commencing at 7.30pm to consider the following items of business.

Signed:

Peter Setterfield

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Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Agenda

- 1. Apologies and approval of absences.**
- 2. To receive declarations of Interest.**
- 3. Kent County Councillor's report.**
- 4. Neighbourhood Watch**
- 5. Ashford Borough Councillor's report.**
- 6. Public participation**
- 7. To resolve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th November 2023 are a correct record.**
- 8. Planning.**
Planning application [PA/2023/1760](#) – Canal Farm Bungalow, Hamstreet Road, Ruckinge – Proposed detached garage with new vehicle access to existing dwelling.

Planning application [PA/2023/1879](#) – Littlehaven, Bromley Green Road – Erection of 2m fence and gate (retrospective)

Planning application [PA/2023/2176](#) – Little Acorns, Bromley Green Road – Replacement rear extension and front dormer windows following removal of conservatory.

Planning application [PA/2022/2338](#) – Land adjacent to Noakes Farm Barn, Ruckinge – Change of use from agricultural land to campsite for up to 10 tents, ancillary to existing Bee Keeping Facility operational from April – October. Erection of ancillary outbuilding comprising toilet/shower facilities, workshop, honey extraction/bottling area, and lecture room.

Planning application [PA/2023/2238](#) - Costa Cottage, Bromley Green Road – Erection of double garage.

To consider any further applications received prior to the meeting.

9. Chairman's report.

10. Finance.

Clerk's salary £428.30

HMRC £164.00

Clerk's expenses £8.10

11. Budget 2024 / 2025:

Report RPC/23/07 concludes the budget-making process for the 2024 / 2025 financial year and makes recommendations to enable the Parish Council to set its precept for 2024 / 25 and to notify the tax collecting authority in accordance with statutory legislation.

12. Biodiversity:

Report RPC/2023/08 brings to the Parish Council a new policy with regard to its biodiversity duty.

13. Kent Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2024 – 2034 Consultation:

Kent County Council, as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), has an overview role for local flood, which is flooding that arises from surface runoff, ordinary watercourses, and groundwater. As LLFA, KCC have a duty to produce a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (Local Strategy) that sets out how local flood risks will be managed in the county.

The current Local Strategy (2017 – 2023) needs to be replaced and a new Local Strategy has been drafted which is the subject of this consultation. The Strategy will cover a 10-year period with a review after the first 5 years.

The draft Local Strategy builds upon lessons learnt from the previous strategy. Through it, KCC aim to improve the safety and wellbeing of Kent's residents and the

economy of Kent with appropriate flood risk management. This will be achieved by working with communities and partners, adapting to climate change, and utilising natural processes to provide multiple benefits where possible.

The consultation documents can be viewed at www.kent.gov.uk/localfloodrisk with closing date for responses being 30th January 2024.

The Parish Council is asked to consider how it wishes to respond to the consultation.

14. Ruckinge Village Hall

An update will be given at the meeting.

15. Bromley Green

An update will be given at the meeting.

16. Byways:

A publication has been received from the Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement, entitled Calling time on off-roading includes references to “BOAT’s” and the legal right for motor vehicles to use them. There are limited options for reducing vehicular usage.

Legislation only requires that the highway authority must keep the surface of public rights of way which are maintained at the public expense in a fit state for public use. The Parish Council has the power under the Highways Act 1980 to repair and maintain footpaths and bridleways, if this power were to be acted upon it would need to be on all the Public Rights of Way in the Parish which would place a substantial burden on the precept.

17. Items for future meetings / exchange of information