

**MINUTES OF GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL (PC) MEETING HELD MONDAY 8 JULY 7PM
AT THREE OAKS VILLAGE HALL**

PARISH COUNCILLORS : Cllr G FURNESS Cllr P KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN Cllr M GRIFFITHS
PARISH CLERK: BRYONY YOUNG

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	Cllr Knatchbull-Hugessen suggests a letter (via email) immediately, to both MP's advising of the Parishes current issues and concerns, copying in local media (copy of letter attached as Appendix 1) – Email sent	
11	PLANNING APPLICATIONS: RR/2024/1007/P ROCKDENE COTTAGE ROCK LANE GUESTLING TN35 4JJ Single storey side infill extension towards the front to the northern side, a new larger side dormer replacing the existing to the southern side roof, replacement of the existing enclosed side entrance porch and changes to some of the openings to the rear Recommend Approval RR/2024/1002/P and RR/2024/1003/L GREAT MAXFIELD FARM EIGHTEEN POUNDER LANE GUESTLING TN35 4NU Replacement windows, doors, gutter/downpipes and garden shed Recommend Approval/Recommend Approval in line with listed requirements	
13	AOB: Clerk reported the water running on Butchers Lane to Southern Water again, Fraysland Wood enforcement, the Forestry Commission have visited site and are still carrying out a review to decide on enforcement. Meeting closed 8.08PM	
	BRYONY YOUNG – PARISH CLERK 07730 015684 guestling.clerk@gmail.com	

APPENDIX 1

18 July 2024

Helena Dollimore MP and Kieran Mullan MP - MP's for Guestling Parish, Rother District

On behalf of Guestling Parish Council

Good afternoon

Guestling Parish Council would like to congratulate you both on your election as our MPs.

Although we have as yet to meet either of you in person, we would like to advise you of the major concerns within our Parish:

The uncontrolled use by HGVs on our rural lanes generated by the welcome expansion of the Ivyhouse Lane industrial area. Any efforts by responsible authorities to control this are unfortunately lacking and in most cases non-existent, despite many conditionals on planning consent given.

The lack of rental housing in both Hastings and Rother. The failure of the housebuilding market to meet the needs of local people preferring to provide large houses to incomers.

The retreat by Hastings Borough Council from any support to its largest industry: tourism and hospitality.

The lack of regular road policing on both our arterial road and on the connecting lanes.

In common with everywhere: the state and condition of our roads.

The lack of proper funding (and proper pay levels) in the planning department of Rother District Council.

Sewage: there are more frequent and longer discharges of untreated sewage from the Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTWs) into streams in our and neighbouring parishes that flow into the Pannel and Marsham sewers than from all the WWTWs between Rock a Nore and Bexhill.

Our Doctors' surgeries are only reasonably accessed by car. The round trip by 'bus (from those parts with a service) is at least three hours, by train, most of the day.

The expansion of so-called holiday parks where 90% of the residents are full-time residents but cannot be registered to vote *and* whose numbers are therefore not included in any service provision by health, social care, education, and social services. In our parish these holiday park residents equal the number on our electoral roll.

Planning and provision of improved/sufficient infrastructure before increasing housing expansion planning allowed; sewerage, roads, doctors surgeries, FTTP etc are all failing/not yet in place at current levels; infrastructure improvements must be put into place before further weight is put upon them.

We would welcome it if you were to attend one of our meetings to discuss these concerns directly. To help your diaries we could arrange a special notice meeting if required.

We look forward to hearing from you

Regards

Bryony Young
Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, Guestling Parish Council

cc Hastings Observer
 Hastings Independent Press
 Hastings Online Times
 Rye News
 BBC Southeast Today
 ITV News Meridian