

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors  
Mr Jacques  
Mr Morley  
Mr Sandford  
Mr Waite

The meeting was Chaired by Councillor Jacques.

Also in attendance: Mrs Sherrie Babington – Clerk, Members of the Public and Press.

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Smart, Smith and Horne.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Leader of MBC was due to attend the meeting, however she had sent her apologies as she was unwell.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a resignation from Councillor Leggat. He stated that this item would be placed on the next agenda for formal acceptance.

**2. Declaration of Interests.**

No interests were declared.

**3. Minutes from last Parish Council Meeting.**

The minutes were discussed and agreed (Sandford/Morley), these were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

**4. Matters Arising from Minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

**5. Police Report.**

PCSO Jennifer Baulf attended the meeting and gave her report to members. She informed the meeting that at present she was teaming up with a PCSO from the neighbouring parish during the winter months.

Councillor Sandford referred to a recent letter received from the Police regarding the PCSO duties. He suggested that the PC may wish to respond to the letter, this was agreed by all present.

***Action: Clerk to write to police.***

**6. Public Comments and Observations.**

A resident attended the meeting to speak about incidents of fly-tipping that was taking place at the rear of residents gardens at the bottom of Birling Avenue from the old wood yard to the back of Bell Public House.

The Chairman informed the resident that the properties fell within the Parish of Bearsted and this matter would be brought to their attention.

***Action: Clerk to contact Bearsted PC.***

A resident attended the meeting to raise concerns at a planning application for Valhalla, Ware Street, Thurnham. He spoke regarding the proposals and informed members of

his views on this application. He asked the Parish Council to support the residents in their opposition to the planning application.

Councillor Morley informed the meeting that as yet the Parish Council had not received the planning application, however it would consider all of the points raised when looking into this matter.

**7. Financial Matters:**

The financial statement was agreed by members (Waite/Morley).

The Clerk informed the meeting that the audit of the Parish Councils Accounts had been concluded by the Audit Commission and the report was circulated to all members.

***Action: Clerk to place relevant notices on PC notice boards.***

**8. Planning Report.**

Councillor Morley reported on current planning matters and the decisions of the planning committee.

MA/07/2092 Kent International Gateway, Land West of Junction 8, M20, Maidstone.

Outline planning permission for the construction of hard standing areas to form rail/road freight interchange with freight handling equipment, new railway sidings in part with acoustic enclosure, earthworks and retaining walls, buildings for Class B8 warehousing and Class B1 uses, access works, internal roads and bridges, loading and manoeuvring areas, car and lorry parking, ancillary truck-stop and gatehouse security facilities, electricity sub station, realignment of public rights of way and watercourses, drainage works and landscaping with access to be considered at this stage and all other matters reserved for future consideration.

Councillor Morley informed the meeting that the Parish Council was opposed to this planning application.

MA/07/2098 Little Dane, Thurnham Lane, Thurnham – No objections.  
Change of use from part nursery school and residential dwelling to full residential dwelling.

MA/07/2302 17 Peveral Drive, Thurnham – No objections.  
Conversion of one garage into habitable accommodation.

The planning application for 1 Caring Lane was passed to the planning committee for their consideration.

Councillor Jacques spoke further regarding the planning application for Kent International Gateway. He informed the meeting that a Joint Parish Group had been set up consisting of 14 parish councils to look at this application, a Planning Consultant had been appointed to out together a joint objection to the planning application and this would be undertaken to meet the deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

**9. Future Items.**

Tree Planting – This matter was raised by Councillor Waite and it was agreed to place this item on the next agenda for formal consideration of the quotations received for the planting of trees on the diverted bridleway.

***Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.***

It was agreed to place the following items on the next agenda:

- Clerks Salary.
- 2008/2009 Budget.
- Parish Councillor Vacancy.
- Bridleway Quotations.

**10. Date of next meeting.**

10<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

***There being no further business, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 7:40pm***

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_