

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 21st September 2020
By Zoom at 7:30 PM.

***Councillors present: Baigent
Shelley
Skinner
Smith***

Also: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Skinner.

The Chairman welcomed all to the Meeting.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received, and reasons accepted from Cllr Wise, Duncan, Dunlop, Horne and Stark, the Police, MBC de Wiggondene-Shepperd and KCC Councillor Prendergast.

2. Declaration of Interest.

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all members.

It was proposed by Cllr Smith to accept these as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Shelley and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised, and no public were present.

6. Clerk's Report.

The Clerks Report was noted by members.

IMPORTANT - Government consultations on reforming the planning system

You have been emailed the NALC policy briefing papers regarding the Government's 3 consultations on reform of the planning system:

- Changes to the current planning system (NALC deadline for responses 17 September)
- Planning for the future - the planning white paper (NALC deadline for responses 15 October)
- Transparency and competition: a call for evidence on data on land control
- (NALC deadline for responses 16 October)

We would encourage all member councils to consider the attached NALC briefings and the Government consultation documents and respond to NALC by emailing policycomms@nalc.gov.uk. Please note the individual deadlines above and copy us in to your response (chief.executive@kentalc.gov.uk) so that we can take it into consideration in our response. We would also encourage you to respond directly to Government and copy your response to your local MP.

7. External Reports.

a. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor de Wiggondene gave his apologies to the meeting.

b. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. Liaison with external parties

No matters were reported.

8. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

It was reported that the draft Call for Sites information had been published. Cllr Smith spoke regarding this and the sites that were identified along Ware Street, he confirmed that Apple Tree House was included in the draft report.

Cllr Skinner stated that the report did not include the Binbury Park site due to the AONB.

9. Saint Mary's Church.

No matters were raised.

10. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

The financial statement was circulated to all members for consideration. This was proposed by Cllr Shelley, seconded by Cllr Baigent, and agreed by all present.

11. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

Application Received

20/503470/FULL Woodlands Stockbury Valley Stockbury Sittingbourne
Retrospective planning application for operational earth engineering works, including creation of a 1-1.5m high non-compacted earth bund along the

western edge of the access track, a levelled paddock area to the southern part of the site, a 1-1.5m high non-compacted earth bund along the eastern boundary of the paddock, and a 1-4m high compacted earth bund along the southern and western boundaries of the paddock. (Resubmission of 20/501425/FULL)

PC Objections raised.

- 20/502889/FULL Scammell Lodge Friningham Detling Maidstone Kent
Removal of existing residential caravan and ancillary structures for the siting of 7no. new residential mobile homes with associated parking.
- 20/504089/FULL White Horse Wood Country Park Detling Hill Detling Kent
Section 73 - Application for Variation of condition 2 (Sculptures Removal Date) pursuant to application 18/502386/FULL for - The installation of 2 no. sculptures between 8 and 10m tall.
- 20/504082/FULL Lysander 3 Ace High Close Thurnham Maidstone Kent
Erection of single storey building with inside pool (Resubmission of 20/502080/FULL)

MBC Planning Decisions

20/503229/LBC

Crismill Manor Crismill Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NT

Listed Building Consent for internal and external works and erection of single storey rear extension to existing annex building

Application Refused

20/503228/FULL

Crismill Manor Crismill Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NT

Alterations and single storey rear extension to existing annex building.

Application Refused

20/503702/AGRIC

Land Adjacent to Water Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 4PW

Prior notification for the erection of 1no. agricultural building. For its prior approval to: - Siting, design, and external appearance.

Application Refused

20/503174/TPOA

Hawthorns Crismill Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NT

Tree Preservation Order Application: - One Hazel Tree - Reduce width by 2m and height by 3m.

The tree is 14m high and 8m wide. After treatment will be 11m by 6m.

Application Permitted

20/503064/FULL

Lysander 3 Ace High Close Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 3ND

Erection of first floor side extension.

Application Permitted

20/503837/SUB

Land Opposite St Anns Chapel Lane Thurnham Kent ME14 4PF

Submission of details pursuant to condition 3 (details of materials) of application 20/501286/FULL.

Application Permitted

20/502865/FULL

Woodlands 25 Caring Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NJ

Erection of carport alongside existing converted double garage

Application Refused

20/502860/FULL

Land to East of Chapel Lane Thurnham Kent

Residential development of 2 no. detached dwellings.

Application Refused

20/501815/FULL

Cold Blow Farm Coldblow Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 3LR

Retrospective application for retention of residential conversion works and use of part of existing

Application Permitted

20/502648/SUB

Land Opposite St Anns Chapel Lane Thurnham Kent ME14 4PF

Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 3 Materials, Condition 4 Fencing, walling and other boundary treatments and Condition 11 Storage of refuse subject to 20/501286/FULL.

Split - Part Allowed/Part Refused

20/502544/FULL

1 Aldington Cottages Pilgrims Way Thurnham ME14 3LN

Erection of a single storey front and side extension to create a new bathroom and utility, and replacement of existing conservatory with a new orangery.

Application Permitted

20/502345/FULL

Woodlands 25 Caring Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NJ

Installation of outdoor swim spa.

Application Permitted

b. Highway Matters.

It was reported that the temporary pedestrian lights at New Cut Road had no effect on traffic at present.

c. Parking on Ware Street.

This was discussed and the Clerk stated she had sought an update regarding from Bearsted Parish Council, and they had confirmed that to date no further action had been taken due to Covid.

12. Parish Council Website.

The Clerk confirmed that following discussions at the last meeting, she had contact HugoFox regarding the copy right for the website content, and it had been confirmed that the Parish Council retained copy right to its own documents and content.

She reported that she was looking into the need for an SSL Certificate and was seeking the advice of a website developer.

The Clerk reported that the website was due to be amended to meet the Accessibility Regulations, and she would be working to make this complaint by 22nd September 2020 to meet the deadlines.

13. Policy Review.

The Chairman stayed that the policies would be reviewed at the October PC meeting.

14. Future Agenda Items.

No matters were raised.

15. Date of next Meeting.

19th October 2020.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.15pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....