

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 18th March 2019
at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel at 7:30 PM.

***Councillors present: Denham
Skinner
Smith
Stark
Waite
Wise***

Also: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Skinner.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Baigent, Horne, Shelley, KCC Cllr Shellina Prendergast and MBC Cllr Nick de Wiggondene-Shepperd.

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 Stark to accept these as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Waite 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.

6. Police Report.

PCSO Matt Adlington gave his apologies to the meeting.

7. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

He reported that a letter had been received from Boxley Parish Council regarding the formation of a Joint Working Group concentrating on traffic and asking whether Thurnham wished to be part of this. This was discussed by members and it was suggested that this could be addressed as a subgroup of the JPG.

The Clerk was asked to place this as an item on the next agenda.

Action: Clerk to progress.

8. Clerk's Report.

The Clerks Report was noted by members.

Bearsted Parish Council request for financial contribution towards their Summer Play Scheme – it was agreed that the PC would not progress this as previously they were unable to supply figures of the numbers of Thurnham attending the Scheme.

Letter from residents of Castle Hill regarding antisocial behaviour – it was agreed that the PC would refer this matter to the Police for their action.

Action: Clerk to liaise with PCSO.

9. 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

Cllr Stark reported on the progress of the King George V Memorial Hall.

He stated that the hall was doing well and reported on the sad news regarding the loss of their former Chairman, Mike Anthony, following a short illness.

10. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

Cllr Waite reported that a document regarding Section 106 Agreements was being considered by the Coordinating Group and he would report back to the next meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the Local Plan Review currently being undertaken by MBC.

11. Request from Boxley Parish Council to form a Joint Working Group.

No further matters were raised.

12. Saint Mary's Church.

Cllr Smith stated that he had written to the Archdeacon regarding the new Vicar for St Mary's Church and other matters.

13. Financial Matters.***a. Financial Statement.***

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

The cheques for payment were then signed by two authorised signatories.

Bank Balances**Cooperative Community Direct Plus Account**

Opening Balance on Current Account	£41069.12
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£1068.69
Closing Balance on Current Account	£40000.43

Cooperative 14 Day Account

Opening Balance on Current Account	£40278.78
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£0.00
Closing Balance on Current Account	£40,278.78

Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts **£80279.21**

The Clerk reported that the online application to open a new bank account from the Parish Council had failed as an application had to be completed over the telephone. It was therefore agreed that this would be progressed again following the Parish Elections.

14. Parish Matters.

a. Play Areas.

No matters were raised.

b. Footpath and Bridleways.

No matters were raised.

15. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

Applications Received

19/500626/FULL	Springfield Roundwell Bearsted Erection of a detached dwelling with associated access, parking and turning area.
19/500147/Full	137 Hockers Lane, Thurnham Erection of a new chalet style dwelling.
19/500657/FULL	3 Aldington Court Cottages Pilgrims Way Thurnham Demolition of existing rear extension and coal shed Erection of single storey rear extension.
17/504923/FULL	Longton Wood Stockbury Valley Stockbury Kent ME9 7QP Retrospective application for change of use of woodland to airsoft activity centre and erection of associated structures, camping, filming, re-enacting, woodcraft, Duke of Edinburgh and life skills.

- 19/500817/FULL 12 Mamignot Close Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 4PT
Creation of first floor side extension with front and rear dormer windows, enlargement and alterations to existing conservatory to form single storey rear extension.
- 18/506656/FULL Popesfield Bearsted Road Weaving Kent
Erection of a new two-storey primary school and special educational needs Secondary school with formation of new access onto Bearsted Road, together with associated car parking and drop off area, pedestrian access, drainage, areas for formal and informal

Application Decisions by MBC

19/500130/FULL
Rgva Crismill Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NT
Demolition of existing office building and erection of three detached dwellings together with associated parking, access and landscaping.
Application Withdrawn

19/500020/FULL
Nether Lodge Ashford Road Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NN
Erection of new boundary wall and railings, demolition of existing and new wall, piers and gates to entrance of Milgate Park.
Application Permitted

18/506167/REM
Land at Barty Farm Roundwell Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4HN
Approval of Reserved Matters for Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale pursuant of 18/502860/OUT for the erection of 100 residential dwellings and associated works including internal road network, associated highway works, landscaping, utilities and drainage infrastructure, car and cycle parking and waste storage.
Application Permitted

b. Popes Wood School Planning application.

Members considered the revised details for the application for the Schools at Popes Wood. The Chairman stated that the proposed access to the school had now been revised and access was via the KIMS site.

He raised concerns at the loss of the nature reserve and the increase in traffic is the application was allowed and stated that he would very reluctantly support the application with the new proposed access.

He asked members for their views.

Cllr Shelley spoke regarding the proposals and the number of additional vehicles this would attract. It was noted that there was a need for additional schools in the area.

The application was discussed, and it was agreed by members that the PC should withdraw its objections to the application if satisfactory action was taken to ensure that traffic is managed to ensure that there was no parking along Bearsted Road.

Action: Clerk to liaise with MBC.

c. Enforcement Matters.

No matters were raised.

d. Highway Matters.

Cllr Stark reported that the flooding problem at Roundwell had now been resolved.

He asked whether the new bin for the bus stop on Ashford Road had been progressed. The Clerk confirmed that a request had been submitted to MBC.

Cllr Denham asked if any action had been taken regarding the dangerous parking on Ware Street. The Chairman confirmed that no action had been taken by Bearsted PC after their request for parking bays had been turned down by MBC.

It was agreed that the PC would submit a Highways Improvement Plan for double yellow lines along this route.

Action: Clerk to Action.

16. Thinking Day discussion points.

The Clerk was asked to purchase a book of Thurnham history.

Action: Clerk to action.

17. Thurnham Heritage Award.

The Chairman asked members to consider a recipient for the Thurnham Heritage Award for 2019.

18. Parish Council Elections.

The Clerk reminded members of the timetable for the forthcoming Parish Council elections.

19 Future Agenda Items.

The following was agreed as an agenda item for the April PC meeting:

- 2018/19 Accounts and Annual Return.

20. Date of next Meeting.

29th April 2019.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.30pm.

Signed.....

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