

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 18th October 2021.
Held at the Marriott Tudor Park hotel, at 7:30pm.

***Councillors present: Baigent
Duncan
Horne
Shelley
Skinner
Stark
Wise***

Also: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Skinner.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received, and reasons for absence accepted from Cllrs Smith, Dunlop, and KCC Councillor Shellina 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 Stark to accept these as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Horne and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Noticeboard – The Clerk confirmed that. She had once again emailed Dandara regarding a parish noticeboard at the new development.

Double yellow lines at Hockers Lane – the Clerk reported that she would submit this on the new Hip when this had been issued by KCC.

5. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

6. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk's Report was noted by members.

7. External Reports.

a. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor de Wiggondene-Shepperd was not present.

The Chairman noted that MBC Councillor De Wiggondene-Shepperd had not attended a Parish Council meeting for a long period, and he stated that he would make contact with his about this.

b. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. Police Report.

No police report was given.

d. Liaison with external parties

No matters were reported.

8. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

Cllr Horne reported on the work of the Coordinating Group in relation to the Local Plan. He stated that they were currently working on the response to the Regulation 19 Consultation and were due to put forward some well reasoned representations in their response.

9. Saint Mary's Church.

No matters were reported.

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 Stark, and agreed by all present.

11. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

Application Received

21/504914/FULL Land Adjoining Little Dane Thurnham Lane Thurnham
Demolition of existing structures and the erection of 2no. "new dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and "private amenity space (phased to allow for self build).

18/504836/EIOUT Binbury Park Bimbury Lane Detling Maidstone Kent
Outline application (with all matters reserved apart from access) for the Erection of up to 1,750 dwellings including affordable housing, 46,000 sq.m of Commercial space, a hotel, a local centre, a new primary school, a park, and ride facility, Strategic.

It was agreed that the PC Objections still stand.

21/504302/FULL Little Dane Thurnham Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent
Demolition of existing garage, carport, and greenhouse "and erection of a self-contained annexe to provide "ancillary accommodation.

21/505494/FULL Nether Cottage Ashford Road Bearsted Maidstone Kent
Demolition of existing outbuildings and bungalow and "erection of four-bedroom detached chalet bungalow, plus "associated parking and use of existing vehicular access.

MBC Planning Decisions

21/504941/AGRIC
Field To the North of Detling Aerodrome Industrial Estate Detling Hill Detling Kent
Prior Notification for proposed steel frame agricultural building. For its prior approval to: siting, design, and external appearance.
Prior Approval Refused

21/504113/FULL
Woodcote Ware Street Weaving Maidstone Kent ME14 5LA
Erection of a side dormer roof extension.
Application Permitted

21/503816/FULL
8 Fancy Row Thurnham Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 4PL
Erection of rear conservatory.
Application Permitted

21/503799/FULL
Corbin Business Park Caring Lane Bearsted Kent ME14 4NJ
Erection of 2(no) light industrial units (Use Class E(g)(ii) and E(g)(iii)) and associated works.
Application Permitted

b. Highway Matters.

Cllr Stark reported that the planning application for the car park at the Woodland Trust land had been approved, and this would assist with the parking issues at the site.

12. Future Agenda Items.

Heritage Award – It was agreed to arrange the presentation of the Award for the December PC meeting.

Action: Clerk to arrange.

It was reported that the PROW adjacent to the Tudor Park Hotel was still blocked by barbed wire. The Clerk was asked to raise this with KCC.

Action: Clerk to report to KCC.

13. Date of next Meeting.
15th November 2021.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.00pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....