

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 16th July 2018
at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel at 7:30 PM.

***Councillors present: Baigent
Denham
Horne
Shelley
Skinner
Smith
Wise***

Also: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, Representative from Quinn Estates, KCC Councillor Prendergast and members of the press and public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Daniel Skinner.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Waite and Stark and MBC Cllr de Wighondene.

2. Declaration of Interest.

No interests were declared.

3. Presentation on the Bimbury Park proposals by Quinn Estates.

The Chairman welcomed Representatives from Quinn Estates to the meeting and invited them to give a presentation to the meeting.

Following the presentation members of the public were given the opportunity to ask questions.

4. 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 Wise and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

No matters were raised.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

7. Police Report.

Apologies were received from the police.

8. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

9. Clerk's Report.

The Clerks Report was noted by members.

10. 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 report to the meeting.

c. Liaison with external parties

No matters were raised.

11. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

Cllr Horne reported that the Coordinating Group was preparing a response to the MBC questionnaire regarding the Local Plan process and he reported on this.

12. Saint Mary's Church.

The Clerk was asked to invite the new Vicar of St Mary's Church to attend a future meeting.

Action: Clerk to progress.

13. 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.

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

Bank Balances**Cooperative Community Direct Plus Account**

Opening Balance on Current Account	£50270.99
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£1965.18
Closing Balance on Current Account	£48305.81

Cooperative 14 Day Account

Opening Balance on Current Account	£40266.19
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£0.00

Closing Balance on Current Account £40,266.19

Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts **£88572.00**

Parish Council Bank Account.

The Clerk reported that she was in the process of opening the new bank account for the Parish Council.

b. Grant request for Bearsted PC Playscheme.

The Clerk informed members that she had emailed Bearsted PC to seek further details regarding the number of children attending the playscheme from Thurnham, however she had not received a response.

Members discussed this and it was agreed that no further action would be taken.

14. Parish Matters.

a. Play Areas.

No matters were raised.

b. Footpath and Bridleways.

No matters were raised.

16. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

Application Received

18/502029/FULL/JOBA

Land Adjacent to Fancy Cottages and Claymore Thurnham Lane

Erection of detached house and associated works (Revision to- 14/500927/FULL) to allow change of roof design to create a bedroom and en-suite in the loft space including a rear dormer window and front roof window.

18/503054/FULL

10 Port Close, Thurnham

Erection of a single storey front and rear extension.

MBC Decisions

18/502281/FULL

Radar Studio Coldblow Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 3LR

Erection of two dwellings with associated parking.

Application Permitted

18/501636/FULL

Blenheim 5 Ace High Close Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 3ND

Erection of a single storey rear extension with balcony above.
Application Permitted

b. Enforcement Matters.

The Clerk updated members on the enforcement action regarding Longton Woods.

c. Highway Matters.

No matters were raised.

17. Thinking Day discussion points.

Cllr Horne circulated a paper on his thoughts for a Thinking Day for the Parish Council.

This was discussed by members.

Cllr Horne suggested a Saturday morning meeting to discuss the points identified on his report and to hear speakers on the selected subjects.

Cllr Smith stated that he felt that it may be more beneficial for the PC to discuss the points at the beginning of the PC meetings as he felt that residents input was useful.

Cllr Horne stated that he had identified some issues that would need PC discussion and he felt that this warranted a separate meeting.

Cllr Shelley suggested that Parish Councillors should consider the points put forward by Cllr Horne as there may be some other items that members wished to add to the list.

This was discussed further and the Chairman asked members to consider the list put forward by Cllr Horne and email the Clerk their comments.

This was agreed by members.

18. Future Agenda Items.

No matters were raised.

19. Date of next Meeting.

17th September 2018.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.27pm.

Signed.....

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