

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 15th July 2024.
Held at the Tudor Park Hotel, at 7:30pm.

Councillors present: *Duncan*
 Smith
 Stark
 Waters
 Wise

Also: Sherrie Babington, Parish Clerk, MBC Ward Cllrs Mark Naghi and Stephen Thompson, and Members of the Public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Smith.

1. Apologies.

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Dunlop, Shelley, Skinner, MBC Councillor Jones, and KCC Cllr Prendergast.

2. Parish Councillor Vacancies.

To consider any applications for Co-option.

No applications to consider.

3. Declaration of Interest.

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.

No interests were declared.

To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

No dispensations were considered.

4. 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, subject to an agreed amendment, these were seconded by Cllr Waters and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

To consider any matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

6. Public Participation.

To discuss any questions received by members of the public.

Resident and former Parish Councillor John Horne attended the meeting to speak about a letter the PC sent to the Environment Agency when he was on the PC. He stated that to date they had not responded to this letter and circulated a suggested draft follow-up letter to send to the Solicitor of the Environment Agency. He explained the issues and the reasons for the follow-up letter. This was discussed by members, and it was agreed that this should be sent by the PC.

Action: Clerk to action.

A Detling Parish Councillor attended the meeting to introduce himself and to speak to the about joint parish issues.

7. Clerks Report.

To receive the Clerks Report.

8. External Reports:

a. To receive the MBC Ward Councillor's Report.

Ward Cllrs Naghi and Thompson attended the meeting and gave their reports.

They spoke regarding MBC matters and highway issues.

Cllr Thompson spoke regarding Neighbourhood Plans and Resilience Plans and offered to support the PC should they wished to undertake these.

Cllr Smith stated that the PC had already discussed Resilience Plans and had agreed that they would not take this forward.

b. To receive the KCC Councillor's Report.

Apologies were received from KCC Cllr Shelina Prendergast.

c. To receive the Police Report.

No report was received.

d. To receive Parish Councillors Reports.

Cllr Stark reported on the progress of the `king George V Memorial Hall. He stated that the finances were good, and bookings were healthy.

9. St Marys Church.

To receive a report on St Marys Church.

Cllr Smith stated that he had attended a meeting with the Vicar, and he reported in this.

10. Financial Matters:

a) Financial Statement.

To receive and approve the financial statement and payments.

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.

11. Planning Matters:

a. Planning Application Received

24/501899/FULL - Longton Manor Stockbury Valley Stockbury Kent

Change of use of land for stationing of 15(no) static caravan pitches, to be occupied by Gypsies and Traveller families, with associated hard surfacing/parking (Resubmission 23/505726/FULL).

24/502663/FULL - 25 Fulbert Drive Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4PU

Garage conversion into habitable space.

b. MBC Planning Decisions

24/502067/NMAMD

143 Hockers Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 5JY

Nonmaterial amendment to 22/505347/FULL: Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of single storey side and rear extensions. - Proposed change of roof over extension from flat with pitched section to flat roof across all areas and amendments to proposed glazing (windows and doors)

Application Refused

The Council hereby REFUSES the above amendment to the relevant planning application and considers them to be material changes for the following reason (s):

(1) The proposed amendments would involve material changes that would increase the scale, mass, and bulk of the extension which materially alter the design of the extension and have the potential for having a different impact on neighbouring occupiers. A fresh planning application is therefore required

24/501906/LBC

The Granary Chapel Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 4PF

Listed Building Consent for removal of external front stairs, first floor decking and pergola and erection of single storey extension to west side, replacement of windows to existing building.

Application Permitted

24/501906/LBC

The Granary Chapel Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 4PF

Listed Building Consent for removal of external front stairs, first floor decking and pergola and erection of single storey extension to west side, replacement of windows to existing building.

Application Permitted

24/501600/LAWPRO

25 Fulbert Drive Bearsted Kent ME14 4PU

Lawful Development Certificate for proposed garage conversion and replace the existing garage door with window. Repositioning of side door and block up existing.

Application Refused

The Council hereby REFUSES to grant your application dated 16.04.2024 for a certificate of lawful use or development for operations or matters described above in the First Schedule in respect of the land specified in the Second Schedule.

The grounds for refusal are:

(1) Condition (ii) attached to the planning permission for the original dwelling under reference 86/0522 restricts the use of the garage as parking and as the proposal would result in the loss of the garage it is not permitted development and would require submission of a full planning application

24/501120/FULL

4 Peverel Drive Thurnham Kent ME14 4PS

Erection of first floor side extension.

Application Permitted

c. Other Planning Matters.

No other matters to consider.

12. Highway & PROW Matters.

a. To consider general highway and PROW matters.

Thank you for your email with comments from Thurnham Parish Council.

These have been considered by me and a colleague and we were wondering if a representative of the Parish Council would be willing to attend a site visit with ourselves (KCC), other interested parties and potentially the landowner, to discuss the Parish Council's concerns, the proposal and the current situation.

As I'm sure you appreciate, due to the different parties involved this will take some logistical planning, as such for now can I ask if this is something the Parish Council would be happy to do and if so, are there any preferred dates.

Kind Regards

Mr William Barfoot | Definitive Map Officer

It was agreed that Cllr Smith would attend the site meeting and inform other members of the date should they also wish to attend.

b. HIP (Highways Improvement Plan).

To receive an update on the Highways Improvement Plan.

Cllr Smith reported that he was attending meetings with neighbouring parishes to discuss joint highway matters. The double yellow lines at Hockers Lane were part of these discussions and would be included on the PC HIP.

13. Freedom of the Parish Award.

To be discussed as a Confidential item.

14. Future Agenda Items.

To consider any future items.

No matters were discussed.

15. Date next Meeting

Monday 16th September 2024

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.25pm.

Signed.....

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