

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 19th April 2021.
By Zoom at 7:30 PM.

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

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 Wise, Smith, MBC Councillor Nick de Wiggondene-Shepperd, KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast and the Police.

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 Dunlop and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Binbury Park – The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Councils objections had been submitted to MBC for this planning application.

Cllr Horne referred to the email circulated from the Planning Officer regarding the revisions to the application, and he suggested that a further side note should be submitted to support the PC objections dealing with these new issues put forward by the developer.

He referred to the papers submitted by Quinn regarding the AONB and stated that he felt that these could be rebuffed.

This was discussed and agreed by members.

Action: Cllr Horne to draft a further submission to the objection.

5. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

6. Clerk's Report.

The Clerks Report was noted by members.

7. External Reports.

a. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor de Wiggondene-Shepperd 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.

Cllr Horne reported on the work of the Coordinating Team in relation to the Duty to Cooperate.

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

21/501302/FULL Corbin Business Park Caring Lane Bearsted Kent ME14
Erection of two light industrial units (Use Class E(g)(ii) and E(g)(iii).

Cllr Stark declared an interest in this planning application and withdrew from discussions.

Cllr Horne spoke regarding the original planning application for the site and stated that it had been strongly opposed by the Parish Council.

The application was discussed by members, and it was agreed that the PC would raise objections as the proposals amounted to an inappropriate development in the rural area.

Action: PC objections to be submitted.

21/501932/LBC Parsonage Farmhouse Thurnham Lane Thurnham
Listed Building Consent for replacement windows to property and formation of one new window opening to left side (resubmission of 20/504002/LBC).

21/501931/FULL Parsonage Farmhouse Thurnham Lane Thurnham
Consent for replacement windows to property and formation of one new
window opening to left side (resubmission of 20/504002/LBC).

MBC Planning Decisions

21/500813/SUB
Rgva Crismill Lane Bearsted ME14 4NT
Submission of details pursuant to condition 14 (Boundary details) and condition 15 (Biodiversity
enhancements) in relation to planning permission 20/500293/OUT.
Split - Part Allowed/Part Refused

21/500647/FULL
23 Fulbert Drive Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4PU
Erection of a first-floor side extension.
Application Permitted

20/505233/SUB
Barty Farm Roundwell Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4HN
Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 18 (Archaeology) Subject to 18/502860/OUT.
Application Permitted

b. Highway Matters.
No matters were raised.

12. Community Award.

Members discuss the idea of presenting a Community Award to recognise the work and
achievements of a member of the Parish. The Clerk spoke regarding the KALCs Annual Community
Award and suggested that the PC could submit an applicant for this each year. This was discussed and
agreed.

Action: Clerk to circulate the details when the KALC publicised the Award.

13. Future Agenda Items.

Cllr Duncan spoke regarding St Mary's Church and suggested that this could be promoted by holding
a Farmers Market.

14. Date of next Meeting.

May 2021.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.17pm.

Signed.....

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