

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 13th December 2021.
Held at the Marriott Tudor Park hotel, at 7:30pm.

***Councillors present: Duncan
Dunlop
Horne
Shelley
Smith
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 Cllr Baigent, MBC Councillor Nick de Wiggondene-Shepperd 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 circulated an emailed response from Dandara regarding a parish noticeboard at the new development, stating that they were unable to assist and supply a noticeboard.

This was discussed by members, and it was agreed that the PC would go back to Dandara and ask if they would give permission for the Parish Council to finance and maintain a noticeboard within the development.

Action: Clerk to action.

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 gave his apologies to the meeting and submitted a written report in his absence.

This was noted by members.

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

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

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 the Parish Council had now submitted its response to the Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation and had supported the submission by the Coordinating Group.

9. Saint Mary's Church.

Cllr Smith reported that he had attended the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church and laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

He stated that a Carol Service was due to be held at the Church on 19th December at 10.30am, and he encouraged members to attend this.

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.

b. 2022/2023 Budget and Precept.

The draft budget and Report was circulated to all members for their consideration.

This was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Shelley to approve the budget with a 0% increase to the Band D figure, with a precept figure of £22284.00. This was seconded by Cllr Horne and agreed by all present.

Action: 2022/2023 Precept of £22284 agreed.

11. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

21/505992/FULL

Land Adjoining Gore Meadow and Gore Cottage Ashford Road Bearsted
Kent

- Creation of a permeable surfaced visitor car park in existing meadow field and widening of existing A20 "access (Revised scheme to 21/501102/FULL)
- 21/505655/FULL Cordwainers Caring Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17
Demolition of existing double garage and car port, and erection of a detached annexe for use as ancillary accommodation, including creation of a patio to side.
- 21/505106/FULL 1 Brickfield Cottages Coldblow Lane Thurnham
Demolition of existing bungalow, 1no. outbuilding and 2no. tanks with fencing. Erection of 1no. four-bedroom dwelling with associated works and landscaping.
- 21/506239/OUT Glenrowan House Roundwell Bearsted Maidstone Kent
Outline application for the erection of 2 no. dwellings (Access being sought)
Objection on the grounds of contravening SP17, protection of countryside and setting of AONB.
- 21/506045/FULL Cobham Cottage Water Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent
Demolition of existing dwelling, retention of existing front elevation, and erection of a new dwelling (revised scheme to 20/504381/FULL).
- 21/505894/FULL The Black Horse Inn Pilgrims Way Thurnham Maidstone Kent
Erection of a detached residential dwelling with associated parking.

MBC Planning Decisions

- 21/504914/FULL
Land Adjoining Little Dane Thurnham Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 3LG
Demolition of existing structures and erection of 2(no) dwellings with associated parking, landscaping, and private amenity space (phased to allow for self-build).
Application Refused
- 21/504302/FULL
Little Dane Thurnham Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 3LG
Demolition of existing garage, carport and greenhouse and erection of a self-contained annexe to provide ancillary accommodation.
Application Refused
- 21/505494/FULL
Nether Cottage Ashford Road Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NL
Demolition of existing outbuildings and bungalow and erection of four-bedroom detached chalet bungalow, plus associated parking, and use of existing vehicular access.
- 21/505491/FULL
1 Longfields Drive Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 4PD

Erection of a single storey side and rear extension with conservatory.
Application Permitted

Cllr Dunlop raised her concerns regarding an application for work on a protected tree along Crismill Lane.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should forward to the Planning Committee for their consideration.

Action: Clerk to action.

b. Highway Matters.

The Clerk circulated the plans from KCC for two gateway features within the Parish.

Cllr Horne stated that these were passed to the PC from Bearsted PC for comments.

These were discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council approved of the signs, however they were concerned that these may distract drivers and impact on footpath.

Cllr Horne stated that he would pass on the PC comments to Bearsted PC.

12. Future Agenda Items.

No matters were raised.

13. Date of next Meeting.

24th January 2022.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.15pm.

Signed.....

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