

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 15th July 2019
at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel at 7:30 PM.

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

Also: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Skinner.

The Chairman welcomed all to the Meeting.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from the Police and KCC Councillor 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 Smith and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr Horne informed members that he was now unable to attend the Mayors Garden Party as it clashed with a Water meeting.

Action: Clerk to tender his apologies.

5. Parish Councillor Vacancies.

The Chairman welcomed new Councillor Ruth Duncan to the meeting.

He stated that there was still one vacancy on the Parish Council and any applications for this would be considered at the September Parish Council Meeting.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

7. Police Report.

PCSO Matt Adlington gave his apologies to the meeting.

8. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

9. Clerk's Report.

The Clerks Report was noted by members.

Local Plan Review

Cllr Horne stated that he would attend the Local Plan Review Meeting at MBC on 22nd July 19.

He spoke regarding matters to be raised at this meeting and stated that the Joint Parish Group would respond on behalf of Parish Councils.

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.

Cllr Horne spoke regarding the Quiet Lanes Scheme and stated that at the last meeting KCC Cllr Prendergast suggested that there may be other ways of achieving this. He stated that he would be pleased to know what other means there were.

Cllr Smith stated that she had mentioned other options such as encouraging farmers to grow their hedges to make an impact on the road.

c. Liaison with external parties

No matters were reported.

11. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

Cllr Horne spoke regarding the Maidstone Borough Councils Local Plan Review.

12. Saint Mary's Church.

Cllr Smith reported on the progress of St Marys Church.

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 Stark, 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	£53729.77
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00

Less Account for payment	£2203.51
Closing Balance on Current Account	£51526.26

Cooperative 14 Day Account

Opening Balance on Current Account	£40278.78
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£0.00
Closing Balance on Current Account	£40,278.78

<u>Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts</u>	<u>£91805.04</u>
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14. Parish Matters.

a. Play Areas.

No matters were raised.

b. Footpath and Bridleways.

Members noted correspondence received from KCC regarding a footpath diversion for KH141.

15. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

Application Received

19/503201/FULL 11 Caring Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NJ Erection of a single storey rear extension and part garage conversion to a habitable space with pitched roof.

Application Decisions by MBC

9/501646/FULL

Nether Milgate Ashford Road Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NN
Erection of timber cabin to be used as an annex to the main house.
Application Refused

19/501560/FULL

4 Chapel Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 4PF
Erection of a two-storey pitched roof side and rear extension.
Application Refused

b. Highway Matters.

Cllr Stark reported that he had cut back overgrown vegetation along Caring Lane to improve the sightlines.

He stated that following a complaint from a resident that used a mobility scooter, he had requested that KCC clear a dropped kerb covered in grass, and this had been actioned.

He asked the Clerk to follow up the progress of the litter bin request for the top of Caring Lane near to the bus stop

Action: Clerk to action.

c. Parking on Ware Street.

The Chairman reported that due to a water leak, there had been issues with Ware Street because of road works, these had now been completed.

Cllr Smith informed members that a meeting with Bearsted Parish Council had taken place over five weeks ago and he asked the Clerk to seek an update on the progress with Ware Street since the meeting.

Action: Clerk to action.

16. Road Names for New Development at Barty Farm.

The Clerk circulated correspondence from Maidstone Borough Council seeking the Parish Councils input in naming the roads for the new housing development at Barty Farm.

This was discussed by members and it was agreed that the Parish Council would wish to ensure that the address of the development was Thurnham, Maidstone, Kent.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council would liaise with Kate Kersey for the suggested names as she had knowledge of the history of Thurnham.

Action: Clerk to liaise respond to MBC re address of development and contact Kate Kersey regarding the suggested names for the roads.

17. Thinking Day discussion points.

It was agreed that we would consider this at a future meeting.

18. Future Agenda Items.

No matters were raised.

19. Date of next Meeting.

16th September 2019.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.10pm.

Signed.....

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