

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel at 7:30 PM.**

***Councillors present: Baigent  
Shelley  
Skinner  
Smith  
Stark  
Waite  
Wise***

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

***The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Skinner.***

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Horne and Denham, KCC Cllr Prendergast, and MBC Cllr de Wiggondene-Shepperd.

**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 Shelley and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

**5. Public Comments and Observations.**

A resident attended the meeting to speak regarding a planning application for the land opposite St Annes Chapel Lane.

The Chairman stated that he had viewed the application and had concerns as this was for a development in the countryside and this would set a precedent.

He stated that the application still had to be determined by the PC Planning Committee.

**6. Police Report.**

Apologies were received from the police.

**7. Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

He thanked the Vice Chairman for his assistance in dealing with the Binbury Park application and confirmed that the Parish Council's response was on the agenda for approval before being submitted to the Borough Council.

He reported that he would be giving a reading at the Church Carol Concert on Sunday 16th December on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Smith stated that the Archbishop of Canterbury was due to attend the Sunday Service at the Church.

#### **8. Clerk's Report.**

The Clerks Report was noted by members.

#### **9. 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 apologies to the meeting.

##### *c. Liaison with external parties*

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

He reported that Roger Vidler has relinquished his role as Secretary and Treasurer for the Memorial Hall and the roles had now been filled.

He reported that the finances for the hall were healthy.

Cllr Waite reported on the Leader Fund and stated that this finished on the 29th May and all grants had to be agreed before this date.

He reported that the Downs and Marshes had been successful in allocating all their funds and that further funds may be allocated before the deadline.

#### **10. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.**

Cllr Waite stated that the Traffic Management Plan for Woodcut Farm had been accepted by Maidstone Borough Council and Kent County Council but it had not been checked.

He suggested that the Parish Council meet jointly with Hollingbourne Parish Council to put a case together to KCC. He stated that he and Cllr Horne would action this on behalf of the Parish Council. This was agreed by members.

***Action: Clerk to liaise with Hollingbourne Parish Council Clerk.***

#### **11. Saint Mary's Church.**

Members thanked Cllr Waite for laying the wreath at St Mary's Church on Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr Smith stated he would liaise with the Archdeacon regarding the new Vicars invitation to a Parish Council meeting.

#### **12. Financial Matters.**

##### *a. Financial Statement.*

The financial statement was circulated to all members for consideration. This was proposed by Cllr Shelley, seconded by Cllr Smith, 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	£44958.80
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£1206.63
<b>Closing Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£43752.17</b>

#### **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

**Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts** **£84030.95**

*b. 2019/2020 Budget.*

The Clerk circulated a draft Budget and Report to members for their consideration. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would redraft the budget to show a 5% increase on the precept and circulate to members for formal agreement at the next Parish Council meeting.

***Action: Clerk to place items on next agenda.***

### **13. Parish Matters.**

*a. Play Areas.*

A discussion took place regarding the play at Averanches Road. Members discussed the Ransom Strip and the problems that this would cause if this was ever opened up for traffic.

Cllr Skinner stated that he had spoken with Shelina Prendergast regarding temporary traffic signs left in the Parish and stated that these were the responsibility of Highways England and would be removed.

*b. Footpath and Bridleways.*

No matters were raised.

### **14. Parish Council Committee Reports.**

*a. Binbury Park*

Cllr Smith spoke regarding the draft objection letter for the Binbury Park Planning application circulated to members.

This was discussed and it was agreed that this should be submitted without change. Cllr Smith stated that he would forward this to the Clerk for formal submission to MBC.

**Action: Clerk to submit objection letter to the Borough Council.**

*b. Planning Matters.*

**Application Received**

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| 18/504836/EIOUT | Binbury Park Bimbury Lane Detling Maidstone Kent<br>Outline application (with all matters reserved apart from Access) for the erection of up to 1,750 dwellings including Affordable housing, 46,000 sq. M of commercial space, a Hotel, a local centre, a new primary school, a park and Ride facility.....  |
| 18/505555/FULL  | The Black Horse Inn Pilgrims Way Thurnham Maidstone<br>Removal of existing wedding facility and erection of a bungalow  |
| 18/505556/LBC   | The Black Horse Inn Pilgrims Way Thurnham Maidstone<br>Removal of existing wedding facility and erection of a bungalow  |
| 18/505893/FULL  | Nether Milgate Ashford Road Bearsted Maidstone Kent<br>Proposed development of an all-weather 20x60m arena. (Resubmission of 18/502886/FULL)  |
| 18/506089/FULL  | 1 Thurnham Oast Aldington Lane Thurnham Maidstone<br>Part change of use of agricultural field to equestrian use.  |
| 18/506167/REM   | Land at Barty Farm Roundwell Bearsted Maidstone Kent<br>Approval of Reserved Matters for Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale pursuant of 18/502860/OUT for the erection of 100 residential dwellings and associated works including internal road network, associated highway works, landscaping, utilities and drainage infrastructure, car and cycle parking and waste storage. |
| 18/505721/FULL  | Summer Place Caring Lane Thurnham<br>Erection of two bed detached chalet bungalow and detached double garage.   |
| 18/506313/FULL  | Cobham Cottage Water Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent<br>Erection of part single storey, part two storey rear extension with associated internal/external alterations (Resubmission of 18/500254/FULL)  |
| 18/505541/FULL  | Land Opposite St Anns Chapel Lane Thurnham Kent<br>Erection of a chalet style residential property with detached garage and landscaping.  |

c. Enforcement Matters.

Members discussed the issue with vehicles parking on the verges outside of the Woodland Trust land. It was agreed that the parking was not such a problem at present.

d. Highway Matters.

No matters were raised.

15. White Horse Woods.

No matters were raised.

16. Thinking Day discussion points.

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

17. Future Agenda Items.

No matters were raised.

18. Date of next Meeting.

21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

*There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.30pm.*

Signed.....

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