



THURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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To all Members of the Parish Council.

Notice is hereby given to Members of Thurnham Parish Council, that the next Meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Monday 15th January 2024** at the Tudor Park Hotel, Ashford Road, Thurnham, commencing at 7.30pm. Members are summoned to attend.

Agenda

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.

2. **Parish Councillor Vacancy.**

To consider any applications for Co-option.

3. **Declaration of Interests.**

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.

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

4. **Minutes from last Parish Council Meeting.**

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting and if in order sign as a true record.

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

To consider any matters arising.

6. **Public Participation.**

To discuss any questions received by members of the public.

7. **Clerks Report.**

To receive the Clerks Report.

Community Resilience Plans

The Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) is linking up with Communities Prepared to highlight a series of free online training workshops taking place in the New Year for local community volunteers looking to develop their skills and create their community resilience plans.

We are encouraging parish and town councils, and other community groups, to take part in these courses, to help them become better prepared to respond to a range of potential emergency situations in their local area, from flooding and severe weather to a loss of utilities.

Please find below the details for the upcoming free training sessions offered by Communities Prepared:

*Snow volunteer training session
Wednesday 17 January 2024 6pm*

*Flood Volunteer Session
Thursday 18 January 2024 6pm*

*Community Emergency Planning Workshop – Part 1
Wednesday 24 January 2024 6pm*

*Community Emergency Planning Workshop – Part 2
Wednesday 31 January 2024 6pm*

*Community Emergency Planning Troubleshooting
Wednesday 7 February 2024 6pm*

*Here's the link to visit the Community Prepared website to find out more or register:
www.communitiesprepared.org.uk/events/*

I have also included some links on our website to some support material to help you create or update your emergency community plan if needed.

www.kentprepared.org.uk/community-resilience

*Andrea Allegra
Senior Community Resilience Officer*

8. External Reports:

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

b) To receive the KCC Councillor's Report.

c) To receive the Police Report.

d) To receive Parish Councillors Reports.

9. Joint Parish Group & Local Plan.

To receive a report on the Coordinating Group and Local Plan.

10. St Marys Church.

To receive a report on St Marys Church.

11. Financial Matters:

a) Financial Statement.

To receive and approve the financial statement and payments – Report in meeting papers.

b. 2024/2025 Budget and Precept.

To consider the draft budget and agree the 2024/25 Precept Demand.

12. Planning Matters:

a) Planning applications to consider.

23/505276/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. (part retrospective).

23/505670/FULL The Potted Garden Nursery Ashford Road Bearsted

Demolition and removal of 2(no) buildings and 1(no) shed; erection of single storey building to provide retail space and store/staff facilities; erection of side extension to existing greenhouse to provide café and retail space; erection of single storey toilet block; and amendments to parking layout and associated works.

b) MBC Planning Decisions

23/504918/FULL

Kalmia Thurnham Lane Thurnham Kent ME14 3LG

Removal of carport, conversion of garage into an annexe ancillary to main dwelling with erection of rear extension (within the footprint of the demolished car port) and front porch.

Application Permitted

23/504782/SUB

Scammell Lodge Friningham Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3JD

Submission of details pursuant to condition 3 (Section 278 Agreement for the implementation of the site access works) and condition 4 (details of the proposed surface dressing) in relation to planning permission 20/506149/FULL.

Application Permitted

23/504465/TPOA

21 Caring Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NJ

TPO application to remove the overhanging branches of three Pine back to the boundary line subject to TPO 22 of 2008.

Lesser Works (Trees)

23/505054/FULL

4 Peverel Drive Thurnham Kent ME14 4PS

Erection of first floor side extension.

Application Refused

The Council hereby REFUSES Planning Permission for the above for the following Reason(s):

(1) The proposed extension extends an excessive 4.7m beyond the rear of No.6, at only 0.69m from the boundary, with eave height approximately 5.2m, resultantly the proposed development would possess excessive height and depth in relation to the habitable rooms to the rear of no. 6 Peverel Drive, causing an unsatisfactory, overbearing impact upon outlook. To permit the proposal would therefore be contrary to policies DM1 and DM9 of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan (2017), the design guidance set forth in the Council's adopted Residential Extensions SPD, and the Central Government planning policy contained in The National Planning Policy Framework (2023).

c) Other Planning Matters.

Application No: 23/500899/OUT

Appeal Ref(s):

APP/U2235/W/23/3329481

Proposal: Outline application for the erection a building for storage and distribution (Class B8 use) with a floorspace up to 10,788sqm (Gross External Area), ancillary offices, associated car parking, HGV parking, landscaping and infrastructure (All matters reserved except for access).

Location: Land North of The A20 Ashford Road Hollingbourne

Further to our previous letter we are now able to advise you that the above appeal will be held on: 8 January 2024 and will start at 12:00 at Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1JF .

As an update from the previous appeal Inquiry notification letter dated 29th November, please note that the Inquiry will close on Monday 15th January and not Friday 12th as previously stated. The Inquiry will open at 12pm Monday 8th January 2024 then 10am Tuesday-Friday and at 2pm on Monday 15th January. The Inquiry will be an in-person event at the Town Hall apart from the parties closing statements for the appeal, which will be carried out virtually and are scheduled to take place at 2pm on Monday 15th January. If you wish to watch the closing statements virtually please contact the Local Planning Authority (email: planningtechnicalteam@maidstone.gov.uk or telephone: 01622 602092) for details of how to do so.

The planning inspector is D McCreery MA BA (Hons) MRTPI

You are welcome to attend the Public Inquiry/Informal Hearing and, at the Inspector's discretion may be able to give your views. If you cannot or do not wish to attend, you may have someone attend on your behalf, giving your views in writing. For parking details, you can view this online at [Car Park Locations | Maidstone Borough Council](#).

You may view the application online along with appeal documents at www.maidstone.gov.uk/planningsearch - please use the planning application reference.

Any views you have already made will be considered by the Secretary of State when determining the appeal. The appeal decision will be published on the Planning Portal.

13. Highway & PROW Matters.

a) To consider general highway and PROW matters.

b) HIP (Highways Improvement Plan).

To receive an update on the Highways Improvement Plan.

14. KALC Community Award.

We are delighted to announce that we have now launched the 2024 KALC Community Awards Scheme, with support from Kent County Council, the High Sheriff of Kent, and the Mayor of Medway. This follows a very successful 2023 Awards Scheme, which was adopted by 79 member Councils.

The Award Winners receive a Framed Certificate. The Council can decide whether to present something extra to their winner.

The Council would then need to submit its Nomination to manager@kentalc.gov.uk by Friday 2nd February 2024.

15. Future Agenda Items.

To consider any future items.

16. Date next Meeting – Monday 19th February 2024

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Mrs S Babington
Parish Clerk