

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 18th June 2018
at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel at 7:30 PM.

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

Also: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, Representative from CPRE, MBC Councillor de Wiggondene and members of the press and public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Daniel Skinner.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Waite, Baigent, Denham and KCC Cllr Prendergast.

2. Declaration of Interest.

No interests were declared.

3. Presentation of the Heritage Award.

Cllr Horne spoke regarding the Heritage Award and the reasons for presenting this to CPRE Kent. Gary Thomas from CPRE spoke regarding the acceptance of the Heritage Award. He paid credit to Thurnham Parish Council for the support given to the organisation. The Chairman presented the award on behalf of the Parish Council.

4. 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, subject to an agreed alteration, this was seconded by Cllr Shelley and agreed by all present. The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr Horne spoke regarding the White Horse Woods and stated that the proposals to form a Trust to oversee the Woodland was due to be discussed by Stockbury Parish Council at its forthcoming meeting.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

7. Police Report.

Apologies were received from the police.

8. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

9. Clerk's Report.

The Clerks Report was noted by members.

10. External Reports.

a. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor de Wiggondene gave his report to the meeting.

He reported on the changes to the Park and Ride and stated that these would be reviewed by the Borough Council in November to ascertain whether there was a financial difference.

He reported that the Local Plan was due to be reviewed every five years and there was a need to find 7500 more homes.

A discussion took place regarding the Park and Ride and the Local Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm for refreshments.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.25pm

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 on an incident regarding a stolen post box along the Ashford Road. He stated that Royal Mail had reported this to the police.

11. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

No matters were raised.

12. Saint Mary's Church.

No matters were raised. It was noted that the PC had expected the new Vicar to attend the meeting.

13. General Data Protection Regulations.

No matters were raised.

14. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

The financial statement was circulated to all members for consideration. This was proposed by Cllr Stark, 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	£51583.85
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£1312.86
Closing Balance on Current Account	£50270.99

Cooperative 14 Day Account

Opening Balance on Current Account	£40266.19
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£0.00
Closing Balance on Current Account	£40,266.19

Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts **£90537.18**

Parish Council Bank Account.

It was agreed that the Clerk would open a new bank account with the HSBC Bank and all Councillors would be signatories to the account.

Action: Clerk to action.

b. **Grant request for Bearsted PC Playscheme.**

Members discussed a grant request from Bearsted Parish Council for their Summer Playscheme. It was agreed that before the grant was considered the Parish Council would like to know more details regarding the number of children attending from Thurnham.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Bearsted Parish Council.

15. Parish Matters.

a. **Play Areas.**

No matters were raised.

b. **Footpath and Bridleways.**

No matters were raised.

16. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. **Planning Matters.**

Application Received

18/502860/OUT Barty Farm Roundwell Bearsted Maidstone Kent

Variation of Conditions 5 (Surface Materials), 7 (Landscaping), 19 (Foul and Surface Water Drainage), and 31 (Approved plans) of application 14/506/738/OUT (Outline application for the erection of 100 dwellings) to allow for flexibility on open space and landscape details, include additional alterations to the listed wall at Barty house, and alter the time for the delivery of approved surface materials and drainage.

- 18/502850/LBC Barty House Nursing Home & Land at Barty Farm**
Listed Building Consent for alterations to boundary wall, relocation of gas cabinet and provision of landscaping to facilitate improved access.
- 18/502386/FULL White Horse Wood Detling Hill Detling Kent**
The installation of 2 no. sculptures between 8 and 10 m tall.
- 18/502886/FULL Nether Milgate Ashford Road Bearsted Maidstone Kent**
Proposed all-weather manage.

b. Enforcement Matters.

The Clerk updated members on the enforcement action regarding Longton Woods.

c. Highway Matters.

Cllr Stark reported that the problem with the bright lights near Common Wood House had now been resolved.

17. Thinking Day discussion points.

Cllr Horne stated that he would put a paper to the next meeting.

18. Future Agenda Items.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would invite Quinn Estates to attend the next meeting to give a presentation to members.

The Clerk was asked to email Quinn Estates regarding this.

Action: Clerk to action.

19. Date of next Meeting.

16th July 2018.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.57pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....