

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 17th September 2018
at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel at 7:30 PM.

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

Also: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast and members of the press and public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Daniel Skinner.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Waite, Denham and Smith, and MBC Cllr de Wiggondene.

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 Shelley 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.

St Mary's Church – The Clerk confirmed that the new Vicar of St Mary's Church has been invited to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

5. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

6. Police Report.

Apologies were received from the police.

7. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

He spoke regarding the parking problems at Ware Street and stated that the application to have parking restrictions along that route made by Bearsted Parish Council had not been approved by MBC.

He spoke regarding the copy email from Bearsted Parish Council and asked the Clerk to seek clarity with regards to what they had requested.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council would write to the Borough Council raising concerns about the existing parking problems on the site and the safety of pedestrians when using this route.

Action: Clerk to progress.

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 report to the meeting.

She spoke regarding the KCC Waste Disposal Consultation and urged members and the public to respond to this.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Waite had already responded on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Prendergast spoke regarding the proposed Stem School at the Kims site and stated that this had now been delayed until 2020.

She stated that local schools continued to be pressured.

Cllr Skinner asked if Kent County Council had plans in place for the potential impact of a hard Brexit.

Councillor Prendergast stated that KCC were in constant dialogue with the Government regarding Brexit, and KCC and Highways England were looking at solutions across Kent to deal with the lorries.

Cllr Horne spoke regarding Woodcut Farm and asked if KCC were working for improvements to the access at the site. Councillor Prendergast responded to this question.

Cllr Stark asked who was responsible for clearing the rubbish along the A20. Councillor Prendergast confirmed that this was the responsibility of the Borough Council.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with MBC and request a litter bin near the bus stop at Caring Lane.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Councillor Prendergast spoke regarding the CIL system that was due to come into force on 1st October 2018, she stated that she felt that MBC had set the levels to low. She spoke regarding the governance of the CIL Pot and the priorities of the Borough Council.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Prendergast for her report.

c. Liaison with external parties

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

Cllr Horne reported on the opening of the Art Work at the White Horse Woods, he stated that this was a positive event and he was pleased to see KCC involvement. He suggested that the Parish Council writes a letter of congratulations and thanks regarding this.

Action: Clerk to write a letter of thanks.

10. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

Cllr Horne reported on the MBC Local Plan Review and stated that a letter from KALC would be sent to all parishes to remind them to input comments.

He stated that the Coordinating Team were looking at the issues regarding housing numbers and there was also a need for the Borough Council to re-assess and review the Gypsy and Traveller sites in the Borough.

11. Saint Mary's Church.

No matters were raised.

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 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	£48305.81
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£1262.31
Closing Balance on Current Account	£47043.50

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

<u>Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts</u>	<u>£87309.69</u>
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Parish Council Bank Account.

The Clerk reported that she was in the process of opening the new bank account for the Parish Council.

13. Parish Matters.

a. Play Areas.

No matters were raised.

b. Footpath and Bridleways.

It was reported that the Bridleway KH131 had been closed since 2016 and no work was being undertaken on site. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Kent County Council regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to progress.

14. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

Application Received

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| 18/503813/FULL | Thurnham Court, Thurnham Lane, Thurnham
Erection of a new 6 bay detached garage in the surrounding curtilage of Thurnham Court to consist of 2 open and 4 secured bays with the addition of a log store and potting shed at one end the inclusion of a storage area above. |
| 18/503739/FULL | Roxley House, Ware Street Thurnham
Erection of a new double storey front porch and two storey side and rear extension. |
| 18/504189/FULL | Kent County Showground Detling Hill Detling ME14 3JF
Proposed demolition of existing Beekeeper's Cottage and Erection of multi-purpose exhibition hall (resubmission of 15/504986/FULL). |
| 18/503739/FULL | Roxley House Ware Street Weaving Maidstone Kent
Erection of new double storey front porch, first floor side extension, single storey rear extension and first floor rear extension. |

b. Enforcement Matters.

It was reported that the hoarding was still on site along the M20.

Action: Clerk to liaise with MBC regarding this matter.

Cllr Skinner stated that a Your Move advertising board, advertising and event in July, was still on the fence in Averanches Road, He asked the Clerk to liaise with Your Move regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Cllr Horne spoke regarding the appeal decision for the Land at Stockbury Valley and stated that this should not have been approved. He raised concerns regarding whether MBC had a Gypsy and Traveller Policy and suggested that the Parish Council write to Maidstone to challenge them on this.

Cllr Skinner stated that the Parish Council could raise this with the Borough Council however they needed a clear policy to enable them to defend such appeals effectively.

This was discussed further, and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Maidstone Borough Council asking how they would deal with similar applications in the future.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Cllr Horne referred to the Roxhill application for Barty Farm and a S106 Deed of Agreement that had been signed regarding the Woodland, and he stated that Hollingbourne and Thurnham Parish Council when mentioned in this.

This was discussed and it was suggested that any woodland associated with this site fell into Hollingbourne Parish and therefore it would be appropriate for any transfer of the woodland to be to Hollingbourne Parish Council.

It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Hollingbourne Parish Council to ascertain their views on this matter.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Cllr Horne spoke regarding the new NPPF Regulations and the interpretation of these. He stated that the Parish Council needed to ascertain Maidstone Borough Council 's understanding of paragraph 8 of this document.

He spoke regarding the Binbury Park proposals and referred to the presentation given by the developers at the PC meeting in July 2018. He stated that the Parish Council needed to be prepared for the planning application and he suggested that the Parish Council seeks the cost of engaging a professional company for advice on the application.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that the Clerk would seek a quotation from Richard Eastham regarding professional advice on the planning application.

Action: Clerk to progress.

c. Highway Matters.

No matters were raised.

15. Thinking Day discussion points.

The Clerk was asked to circulate the list put together by Cllr Horne to all members.

Action: Clerk to progress.

16. Future Agenda Items.

Cllr Horne requested that White Horse Woods was placed on the next agenda.

Action: White Horse Wood - agenda item.

17. Date of next Meeting.

15th October 2018.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.48pm.

Signed.....

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