

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 16th September 2024.
Held at the Tudor Park Hotel, at 7:30pm.

Councillors present: *Dunlop*
 Shelley
 Stark
 Waters
 Wise

Also: Sherrie Babington, Parish Clerk, and Members of the Public.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Cllr Waters was elected as Chairman of the meeting.

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.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Smith, Skinner, MBC Cllrs Naghi, Jones, Thompson and KCC Cllr Prendergast.

2. Parish Councillor Vacancies.

To consider any applications for Co-option.

No applications to consider.

3. Declaration of Interest.

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.

No interests were declared.

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

No dispensations were considered.

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 amendment, these were seconded by Cllr Dunlop and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

To consider any matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

6. Public Participation.

To discuss any questions received by members of the public.

7. Clerks Report.

To receive the Clerks Report.

An email was noted regarding the Car Show, thanking the PC for their financial support and reporting that the show had raised £3106.30 for St Mary's Church.

8. External Reports:

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

Ward Cllrs Naghi, Jones and Thompson gave their apologies to the meeting.

b. To receive the KCC Councillor's Report.

Apologies were received from KCC Cllr Shelina Prendergast.

c. To receive the Police Report.

No report was received.

d. To receive Parish Councillors Reports.

No matters were reported.

9. St Marys Church.

To receive a report on St Marys Church.

No matters were reported.

10. Financial Matters:

a) Financial Statement.

To receive and approve the financial statement and payments.

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.

11. Planning Matters:

a. Planning Application Received

24/503190/FULL - 22 Caring Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NJ
Erection of 4no. front and 1no. rear dormers.

24/503212/FULL - Friningham Farm Friningham Detling Kent ME14 3JD

Retrospective application for the change of use of agricultural buildings to Use Class B2 (general industrial), B8 (storage or distribution) and F1 (learning and non-residential institutions) along with the addition of an area of hardstanding.

b. MBC Planning Decisions

24/502663/FULL

25 Fulbert Drive Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4PU

Garage conversion into habitable space.

Application Permitted

24/501730/FULL

Gorse Tor Detling Hill Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3JG

Demolition of existing residential dwelling and all ancillary outbuildings and erection of a replacement detached dwelling with ancillary parking, cycle and bin storage and associated landscaping.

Application Permitted

24/502803/SUB

17 Peverel Drive Thurnham Kent ME14 4PS

Submission of details to discharge Condition 2 - Biodiversity enhancement of application

24/500854/FULL.

Application Permitted

c. Other Planning Matters.

No other matters to consider.

12. Highway & PROW Matters.

a. To consider general highway and PROW matters.

Cllr Stark gave his view of having a pedestrian island in the centre of the road outside of the Tudor Park Hotel as this would make it safer for pedestrians crossing the road.

It was agreed to raise this with Cllr Smith who was taking highway matters forward for the PC.

b. HIP (Highways Improvement Plan).

To receive an update on the Highways Improvement Plan.

13. Freedom of the Parish Award.

The arrangements for the presentation of the Freedom of the Parish Award were discussed and agreed.

14. Future Agenda Items.

To consider any future items.

PROW diversion – to be discussed at the next PC meeting.

15. Date next Meeting

Monday 21st October 2024

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.15pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....