

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 20th January 2020
at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel at 7:30 PM.

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

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

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Skinner.

The Chairman welcomed all to the Meeting.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Horne, the Police, and KCC Councillor Prendergast .

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 Wise 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.

No matters were raised.

6. Police Report.

PCSO Matt Adlington gave his apologies to the meeting.

7. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

8. Clerk's Report.

The Clerks Report was noted by members.

9. External Reports.**a. MBC Ward Councillors Report.**

MBC Councillor de Wiggondene was not present at the meeting.

b. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. Liaison with external parties

No matters were reported.

10. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Horne was due to attend a meeting with a representative from Stockbury Parish Council and MBC Officers to discuss the Call for Sites.

11. Saint Mary's Church.

No matters were reported.

12. Financial Matters.**a. Financial Statement.**

The Clerk reported that the financial statement included a payment of £135.15 for the emergency repairs to the notice board on the Ashford Road that was damaged during strong winds.

The financial statement was circulated to all members for consideration. This was proposed by Cllr Stark, seconded by Cllr Shelley, 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	£46494.66
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£1241.17
Closing Balance on Current Account	£45253.49

Cooperative 14 Day Account

Opening Balance on Current Account	£40356.31
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£0.00
Closing Balance on Current Account	£40356.31

<u>Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts</u>	<u>£85609.80</u>
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13. Parish Matters.

a. Play Areas.

No matters were raised.

b. Footpath and Bridleways.

It was reported that the Footpaths on Ware Street needed sweeping. The Clerk stated that she would report this to MBC.

Cllr Shelley spoke regarding the dog bins on the Woodland Trust land and stated that an issue regarding the emptying of these had been raised with them.

14. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

Application Received

19/506240/FULL 4 Chapel Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 4PF
Retrospective change of use of land to residential (Class C3) with associated ground works, creation of a vehicular access, and erection of a retaining wall.

19/506390/FULL 2 Keepers Cottage Thurnham Lane Thurnham Maidstone
Erection of 1no. detached garage with log store, widening of existing access with insertion of double gate and creation of new parking area.

Application Decisions by MBC

17/504923/FULL
Longton Wood Stockbury Valley Stockbury Kent ME9 7QP
Part retrospective and part proposed application for change of use of woodland to airsoft activity centre and erection of associated structures (retrospective) and proposed change of use for camping, filming, re-enacting, woodcraft, Duke of Edinburgh and life skills.
Application Refused

b. Highway Matters.

Ware Street parking – Cllr Smith stated that he would attend the next Bearsted Parish Council meeting to seek an update on their progress with the proposed work on Ware Street.

Cllr Smith spoke regarding the signs on the A20 stating that the M20 was closed, diverting traffic via Bluebell Hill which would result in traffic being diverted through New Cut.

15. Parish Council Website.

The Clerk reported that she was due to attend a training event regarding websites and the accessibility requirements and would report back to the next meeting.

16. Parish Council Notice boards.

The Clerk reported that she was in the process of seeking quotations for the refurbishment of the PC notice boards and would report these to the next meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the locations of the Notice boards and it was agreed that the one located at the Black Horse should be removed as this was not in a good location.

Action: Clerk to progress.

17. Parish Council Policy Review.

It was agreed that the Clerk would email the policies to all members and the item would be placed on the March agenda for review.

Action: Clerk to progress.

18. Litter Bins.

The Clerk reported that MBC were willing to install a bin at the bus stop at the top of Caring Lane if the Parish Council financed this at a cost of £320, they would then take over the responsibility of maintenance and the emptying of this.

She stated that MBC said it was not possible to have a bin installed on Castle Hill as operative vehicles would not be able to access this.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would finance the bin at the bus stop at a cost of £320. This was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Shelley.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with the residents at Castle Hill to inform them of the MBC decision.

Action: Clerk to action.

19. Future Agenda Items.

It was agreed that the following items would be placed on the next agenda:

- Ware Street Parking.

Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.

20. Date of next Meeting.

24th February 2020.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.20pm.

Signed.....

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