

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
**at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel at 7:30 PM.**

***Councillors present: Baigent  
Duncan  
Horne  
Rani  
Shelley  
Skinner  
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 the Cllr Smith, 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 Horne to accept these as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Rani and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes.**

Cllr Horne reported on the Artwork Project for the Sycamores.

**5. Public Comments and Observations.**

Mary Richards from the Bearsted and Thurnham Society attended the meeting to speak regarding the MBC Call for Sites, she stated that the Society was looking at the sites in detail and would submit their response to MBC. She urged the Parish Council to do something similar.

The Chairman confirmed that a meeting of the JPG had been arranged to consider this on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Resident Peter Waite attended the meeting to inform the Parish Council that he had undertaken maintenance work to the Look Out Point at the White Horse Woods, he confirmed that he had inserted new display boards and the Park Ranger was going to look at the benches, and the work would be completed at the end of November.

The Chairman thanked Peter Waite for his assistance in this matter.

Bearsted Parish Councillor, Frank Jagger attended the meeting to speak regarding Ware Street. He stated that he had met with Cllr Richard Smith on-site to discuss the option of double yellow lines and parking spaces. An informal consultation with residents had taken place, resulting in a number of objections being received, as a result this had slowed the process down. He stated that he believed that the proposed improvements would go ahead as Bearsted Parish Council would push for these.

He raised the issue of the joint working group between Bearsted Parish and Boxley Parish Councils and stated that Thurnham was approached to join this. As a result of the work of the joint meeting, a document had been produced with recommendations regarding the local infrastructure. This was circulated to all members. He said that he would welcome comments on the document from Thurnham PC and also the opportunity to work with the PC on local issues.

The Chairman stated that the report did not mention pedestrians and that was the main concern of the Parish Council. There had been two crashes along Ware Street in the last two months and the parked cars were making the road dangerous as it was reducing visibility for pedestrians and causing cars to speed past the parked cars. He felt that the only reasonable solution was to restrict parking along the whole route.

A discussion took place regarding vehicles speeding along Ware Street.

Cllr Stark stated that he was not aware of speeding along this route.

Mr Jagger suggested that the only solution to establish if speeding was an issue was to undertake a speed survey.

The Chairman thanked Mr Jagger for tending the meeting.

**6. Police Report.**

PCSO Matt Adlington gave his apologies to the meeting.

**7. Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

He referred to correspondence received from a resident regarding a site on Detling Hill. This was circulated and noted.

It was agreed that the information should be passed onto MBC Councillor de Wiggondene-Shepperd.

***Action: Clerk to action.***

**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

Cllr Stark reported on an issue regarding the non collection of the green waste bins along Caring Lane on 24<sup>th</sup> October, he stated that he had reported this to MBC, however no action was taken until two weeks later.

He reported on the progress of the King George V Memorial Hall and reported that the hire charges would increase on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

**10. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.**

Cllr Horne reported that a meeting of the Joint Parish Group would take place on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Tudor Park Hotel at 7.30pm

**11. Saint Mary's Church.**

Cllr Horne recorded his thanks to Cllr Smith for his work to support St Mary's Church.

He stated that the notice board donated to the church by the Parish Council was in need of maintenance and he asked if the PC would tend to this.

The Clerk stated that the Parish Councils Notice boards were also in need of refurbishment.

It was agreed that this item should be placed on the next agenda and quotes should be sought for the maintenance work.

**Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda and seek quotations for the refurbishment work.**

**12. Financial Matters.**

a. Financial Statement.

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	£48723.21
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£1197.55
<b>Closing Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£47525.66</b>

**Cooperative 14 Day Account**

Opening Balance on Current Account	£40278.78
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£0.00
<b>Closing Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£40,278.78</b>

**Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts****£87881.97****b. 2020/2021 Budget.**

The Clerk circulated a draft budget and report to all members for their consideration at the next meeting.

It was agreed that an allocation should be inserted for the refurbishment of the noticeboards and the maintenance of the website.

**Action: Clerk to amend and circulate to all members.**

**13. Parish Matters.****a. Play Areas.**

No matters were raised.

**b. Footpath and Bridleways.**

No matters were raised.

**14. Parish Council Committee Reports.****a. Planning Matters.****Application Received**

19/505267/FULL 21 Shillingheld Close Thurnham Maidstone Kent  
Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension to include rooflights.

**No objections.**

19/504734/FULL 127 Hockers Lane, Thurnham  
Erection of 5no detached dwellings with new access road and associated parking.

**Objections were raised by members.**

**Action: Clerk to draft letter based on the comments of the Planning Committee.**

19/505546/FULL Woodlands 25 Caring Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent  
Erection of a single storey side extension and pitched roof dormer. Internal alterations and changes to fenestration

**No objections.**

19/505428/FULL 2 Fitzwilliam Road Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4PY  
Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of single storey front and rear extensions and creation of first floor side extension.

**No objections.**

19/505527/FULL 15 Caring Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NJ  
Proposed first floor extension with Juliet balcony and rooflights. Existing dormer flat roofs replaced with hipped roofs.

**No objections.**

**Application Decisions by MBC**

19/504626/ADV

Land at Barty Farm Roundwell Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4HN

Advertisement Consent for 1no. V-board sign at The Sycamores development site.

Application Refused

**b. MBC Call for Sites.**

It was agreed that the PC would work as part of the JPG when considering the Call for Sites.

**c. Highway Matters.**

No matters were raised.

**15. Parish Council Website.**

The Clerk reported that the PC Website was currently unavailable, this had been caused as the web host had updated the server and the website in its current form was no longer compatible with it. She reported that the Webmaster was looking into this matter and would report back as a matter of priority.

**16. Future Agenda Items.**

The dates for the 2020 meetings was circulated to members and it was agreed that the date of the February 2020 meeting would be changed from the 17<sup>th</sup> February to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

***Action: Clerk to update and circulate to all members.***

**17. Date of next Meeting.**

9<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

***There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.30pm.***

**Signed.....Dated.....**