

The Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 16th May 2022.
Held at the Marriott Tudor Park hotel, at 7:30pm.

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

Also: Members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Skinner.

1. Election of Chairman.

Cllr Stark proposed Cllr Skinner as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Smith, and agreed by all present.

Cllr Skinner accepted this position and took the Chair.

2. Chairman Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Skinner signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr Skinner proposed Cllr Smith as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Stark, and agreed by all present.

Cllr Smith accepted this position.

4. Apologies.

Apologies were received, and reasons for absence accepted from Cllr Dunlop, Duncan, and KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast.

5. Committees, Representatives and Outside Bodies.

The appointment of Committees, Representatives and Outside Bodies were deferred to the next meeting

6. Declaration of Interest.

No interests were declared.

7. 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 of the meeting.

8. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Noticeboard – Members agreed the cost and design of the noticeboard for the Sycamores development.

Litter Pick, Community Pay Back Scheme – Clerk to liaise with the Community Payback Scheme regarding the cost of portaloos for the litter pick and the possibility of the PC financing these.

9. Public Comments and Observations.

Representatives from the Sycamores Residents Association attended the meeting to speak with the Parish Council regarding their organisation and their request for a noticeboard at the development.

The Chairman thanked them for their report and stated that the PC had approved the noticeboard and this project would be progressed in the coming months.

10. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk's Report was noted by members.

11. External Reports.

a. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor de Wiggondene-Shepperd was not present at the meeting.

b. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. Police Report.

No police report was given.

d. Liaison with external parties

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

12. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

Cllr Horne reported on the timetable for the Local Plan Inquiry and the Planning Inspector.

He informed members that SE Water published their Environmental Assessment Report, he explained what this covered.

13. Saint Mary's Church.

Cllr Smith reported on a meeting in the church to discuss its future. He stated that the church needed a new roof at a cost of approximately 1 million.

He stated that he was now working with the church to assist with their finances and accounts.

14. 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.

Members noted and discussed the CIL payments received from MBC.

b. Financial request from Bearsted Parish Council – Play Scheme.

Correspondence from Bearsted Parish Council was circulated seeking a donation towards their summer play scheme.

It was proposed by Cllr Stark to make a donation of £250 towards the play scheme.

This was seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed by all present.

Action: Donation of £250 approved.

c. Financial request from Bearsted Parish Council – Highway Signs.

Correspondence from Bearsted Parish Council was circulated seeking a donation towards their Highway signs.

It was proposed by Cllr Skinner to make a donation of £500 towards the Highway signs.

This was seconded by Cllr Shelley and agreed by all present.

Action: Donation of £500 approved.

d. 2021/2022 Accounts and Annual Return.

The Clerk informed members that the Accounts and Annual Return were being finalised for audit and would be presented to the next meeting for approval.

15. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

22/501425/FULL Glenrowan House Roundwell Bearsted Kent ME14 4HL

Conversion of office/storage building with insertion of roof lights and changes to fenestration to create a separate dwelling with amenity space and parking (Part retrospective).

22/501875/FULL 11 Mamignot Close Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 4PT

Erection of a first-floor side extension.

22/501463/FULL Gorse Tor Detling Hill Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3JG

Conversion of 2 no. Buildings into garage/store and habitable space ancillary to the main dwelling.

MBC Planning Decisions

22/500356/OUT

Land At Thurnham Lane Thurnham Kent ME14 3LD

Outline application for the erection of 1no. three-bedroom bungalow with cycle storage shelter and Bin storage attached, associated hardstanding for two car parking spaces, the creation of two bunds and associated landscaping (Access being sought).

Application Refused

18/504836/EIOUT

Binbury Park Bimbury Lane Detling Maidstone Kent

outline application (with all matters reserved apart from access) for the erection of up to 1,725 dwellings including affordable housing, 46,000 sq.m of commercial space, a hotel, a local centre, a new primary school, a park and ride facility, strategic highways improvements including new Kent Showground access/egress, accesses/roads including a new bridleway bridge, parking, associated open space, landscaping, services, and Sustainable Drainage Systems. In addition, the proposals include a publicly accessible country park including the Binbury Motte and Bailey Castle Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Application Refused

b. Highway Matters.

Cllr Stark reported that he had cut back the vegetation to improve the visibility on the corner of Caring Lane.

c. Quiet Lanes Scheme.

Cllr Smith reported that a meeting had taken place with Kent Highways regarding the Quiet Lanes Scheme and a traffic survey along Pilgrims Way, Thurnham Lane and Water Lane would be undertaken.

16. Heritage Award.

No matters were discussed.

17. Litter Pick – Community Pay Back.

The Clerk reported that a meeting with residents and the Community Pay Back Scheme had taken place, they were willing to litter pick the lanes if the PC were to finance some portaloos and sought permission from the landowners.

This was discussed and the Clerk was asked to establish further details from the Community Pay back Scheme regarding cost and process.

Action: Clerk to action.

18. Future Agenda Items.

No matters were raised.

19. Date of next Meeting.

20th June 2022.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.35pm.

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