

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 16th September 2019
at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel at 7:30 PM.**

***Councillors present: Baigent
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 Smith until Cllr Skinner arrived at 7.40pm.

The Chairman welcomed all to the Meeting.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from the Cllr Duncan, the Police, MBC Councillor de Wiggondene-Shepperd 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 Horne 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. Parish Councillor Vacancies.

The Clerk informed members that one application had been received for the vacancy and details were circulated to all members. She confirmed that the applicant was unable to attend the meeting and had given her permission for the vacancy to be considered in her absence.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the vacancy would be considered at the next meeting when the applicant was present.

Action: Clerk to invite applicant to attend the October Parish Council Meeting.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

7. Police Report.

PCSO Matt Adlington gave his apologies to the meeting.

8. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

He informed members that he had been asked to give a reading at Bearsted Church Christmas Service in December.

9. Clerk's Report.

The Clerks Report was noted by members.

10. 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 apologies to the meeting.

c. Liaison with external parties

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

He stated that the floor in the main hall had been resurfaced., and trees were to be removed from the car park and this was being resurfaced.

11. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

Cllr Horne spoke regarding the Maidstone Borough Councils Local Plan Review.

He stated that the JPG response to the DEFRA Water Consultation has been submitted and this had been circulated to members for information.

He spoke regarding the Local Plan Review Consultation and stated a draft response had been drawn up for the JPG, this had been circulated to all members Parishes for approval.

He explained this to members and stated that the draft could be submitted by Parishes along with their own comments.

This was discussed by members and it was agreed that this would be supported by Thurnham PC and submitted as its response to the Local Plan Consultation.

Action: Clerk to submit TPC response to the Local Plan.

12. Saint Mary's Church.

No matters were reported.

13. 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	£51368.29
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£1402.14
Closing Balance on Current Account	£49966.15

Cooperative 14 Day Account

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

<u>Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts</u>	<u>£90322.46</u>
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14. Parish Matters.*a. Play Areas.*

No matters were raised.

b. Footpath and Bridleways.

No matters were raised.

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

19/504402/FULL 2 Friars Cottage Thurnham Lane Thurnham Maidstone
Raising of the ground level of the side garden with steps and a path. (Part retrospective)

Application Decisions by MBC

19/503201/FULL

11 Caring Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NJ

Erection of a single storey rear extension and part garage conversion to a habitable space with pitched roof.

Application Permitted

18/505541/FULL

Land Opposite St Anns Chapel Lane Thurnham Kent ME14 4PF

Erection of a chalet style residential property with detached garage and landscaping.

Application Permitted

Members raised concerns regarding the approval of this application when objections had been raised by Thurnham and Bearsted Parish Councils. They raised concerns that the approval would set a precedent in the area and result in other applications being submitted. Cllr Smith stated that he would look into the history of the site.

b. Highway Matters.

Cllr Stark reported that the A20 had been resurfaced between Junction 8 and Roundwell and then dug up again for the installation of the power supply for the new housing development.

He spoke regarding the poor driving standards through the roadworks whilst the resurfacing was taking place.

He reported that the litter bin at the bus stop in Caring Lane had not yet been installed.

Action: Clerk to follow up with MBC.

c. Parking on Ware Street.

Cllr Stark reported that there were 13 cars parked along Ware Street causing an issue during the week.

The Chairman stated that Bearsted Parish Council were undertaking a consultation to seek feedback on their proposals for parking restrictions on Ware Street. A copy of the proposals had been circulated to all members.

Cllr Smith spoke regarding the site meeting he had attended with Bearsted Parish Council, and he explained the proposals they had put forward.

The Chairman stated that he still had concerns for the safety of residents crossing the road through parked cars, and he felt that double yellow lines on both sides of the road was the only safe option.

This was discussed further and agreed. The Clerk was asked to write to Bearsted Parish Council to give the views of the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to action.

16. Thinking Day discussion points.

It was agreed that we would consider this at a future meeting.

17. Future Agenda Items.

No matters were raised.

18. Date of next Meeting.

21st October 2019.

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

Signed.....Dated.....