

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 16th November 2020
By Zoom at 7:30 PM.

***Councillors present: Baigent
Dunlop
Duncan
Horne
Shelley
Skinner
Smith
Stark***

Also: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, and Joanne Tribley Bearsted Parish Councillor.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Skinner.

The Chairman welcomed all to the Meeting.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received, and reasons for absence accepted from Cllr Wise, KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast, MBC Councillor Nick de Wiggondene-Shepperd and the Police.

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 Shelley to accept these as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Dunlop 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, and no public were present.

Cllr Smith stated that he had been given the contact details of the new representative for the Bearsted and Thurnham Society and he would pass on the dates of PC meetings to him for information.

6. Clerk's Report.

The Clerks Report was noted by members.

7. External Reports.

a. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor de Wiggondene-Shepperd 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

No matters were reported.

With members permission, the Chairman brought forward agenda item 11b to enable the parking on Ware Street to be discussed.

11c. Parking on Ware Street.

The Chairman welcomed Bearsted Parish Councillor Joanne Tribley to the meeting to speak regarding the parking on Ware Street.

Cllr Tribley stated that she was the Chairman of the Bearsted Highways Committee and had attended the meeting to update the PC on the issues that they were currently addressing.

She spoke regarding the A20 Speeding Survey and the Ware Street parking.

She reported that Bearsted PC were currently progressing the double yellow lines along Ware Street, and CIL funds had been allocated for this by BPC. A formal consultation was now due to be undertaken by KCC.

She stated that the double yellow lines would run for 36 meters from the bottom of Sandy Lane to the start of the cottages on the northern side of Ware Street where there was a blind spot.

Cllr Skinner thanked Bearsted Parish Council for progressing this matter and thanked Cllr Tribley for attending the meeting to update members.

8. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

Cllr Horne reported that the team was currently working in relation to Planning Inquiry for the St Nicolas Church site in Otham.

He stated that the appeal was due to start on 23rd November 2020.

He reported that SE Water was holding a review on their Drought Plan and stated that he would circulate the details if members wished to participate.

He stated that he would endeavour to attend the Local Plan Consultation event on behalf of the Parish Council.

He referred to a paper he had circulated regarding the planning application for Woodcut Farm and stated that he felt that the PC should be making representations to this.
Cllr Skinner stated that the Planning Committee would look at this and make comments if necessary.

9. Saint Mary's Church.

Cllr Smith reported that he had attended a small service at St Mary's Church and laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

He stated that a service would now be held at the church between 10 and 12am on every other Sunday.

10. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

The financial statement was circulated to all members for consideration. This was proposed by Cllr Shelley, seconded by Cllr Horne, and agreed by all present.

b. 2021/2022 Budget and Precept.

The Clerk informed members that she would circulate the draft budget for members consideration before the next meeting. The Precept needed to be approved by January 2021.

Action: Clerk to action.

11. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

Application Received

20/505189/FULL Brickfield Cottages Coldblow Lane Thurnham Kent
Erection of a car barn and log store with storage above.

No objections.

MBC Planning Decisions

20/504082/FULL
Lysander 3 Ace High Close Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 3ND
Erection of single storey building with inside pool (Resubmission of 20/502080/FULL)
Application Permitted

20/504002/LBC
Parsonage Farmhouse Thurnham Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 3LG
Listed Building Consent for replacement windows to property and formation of one new window opening to left side.
Application Refused

20/504001/FULL

Parsonage Farmhouse Thurnham Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 3LG
Replacement windows to property and formation of one new window opening to left side.
Application Refused

20/503960/NMAMD

The Willows Development Barty Way Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 4HN
Non-material amendment: House design amendments to Plots 54, 58, 87 and 91 (original application ref: 18/506167/REM).
Application Permitted

20/504089/FULL

White Horse Wood Country Park Detling Hill Detling Kent ME14 3JE
Section 73 - Application for Variation of condition 2 (Sculptures Removal Date) pursuant to application 18/502386/FULL for - The installation of 2 no. sculptures between 8 and 10m tall.
Application Permitted

b. Highway Matters.

Cllr Smith stated that at the previous meeting he was asked to look at the Quiet Lanes Scheme, and he had started to progress this.

c. Parking on Ware Street.

No further matters were discussed.

12. Policy Review.

The Parish Council policies were circulated and discussed.

The Chairman reported that these had now been reviewed by members and he proposed that these were adopted by the PC, this was seconded by Cllr Shelley and agreed by all present.

13. Future Agenda Items.

No matters were raised.

14. Date of next Meeting.

14th December 2020.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.10pm.

Signed.....

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