

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 24th February 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 Duncan and Baigent, 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 Shelley and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

The Clerk reported that the litter bin for the bus stop on the Ashford Road had been ordered.

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 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 on the King George V Memorial Hall and the new pricing structure.

10. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

Cllr Horne reported that he had attended a meeting at MBC with Stockbury Parish Council to discuss the Call for Sites, he circulated a report to all members.

He spoke regarding the development in the area and the application for development of 227 homes at Bicknor Farm in Otham. He stated that KCC had raised objections to this as the road was so narrow it could not accommodate two-way traffic. The emergency services had also objected.

He stated that the JPG had drafted an objection for 440 Homes for the Land West of Church Lane Otham and suggested that Thurnham may also wish to raise objections.

This was discussed and agreed.

Members thanked Cllr Horne for his work on behalf of the PC.

11. Saint Mary's Church.

Cllr Smith reported that there was a service taking place at St Mary's Church on Sunday 2nd March 2020.

12. 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.

The cheques for payment were then signed by two authorised signatories.

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| <u>Bank Balances</u> | | | | £ | £ | £ |
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| <u>Cooperative Community Direct Plus Account</u> | | | | | | |
| Opening Balance on Current Account | | | | 45253.49 | | |
| Less/Add Account transfers/deposits | | | | 0.00 | 45253.49 | |
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| Less Account for payment | | | | | 1381.95 | |
| Closing Balance on Current Account | | | | | | £ 43,871.54 |
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| <u>Cooperative 14 Day Account</u> | | | | | | |
| Opening Balance on Current Account | | | | 40356.31 | | |
| Less/Add Account transfers/deposits | | | | 0.00 | 40356.31 | |
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| Less Account for payment | | | | | 0.00 | |
| Closing Balance on Current Account | | | | | | £ 40,356.31 |
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| <u>Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts</u> | | | | | | £ 84,227.85 |

13. Parish Matters.

a. Play Areas.

No matters were raised.

b. Footpath and Bridleways.

Cllr Dunlop spoke regarding the vehicles parking the pavements and verges along the A20 near to the Woodland Trust land, bollards had been put in to prevent this, however the parking had now moved further along the road.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter to the Woodland Trust regarding this issue.

Action: Clerk to action.

14. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

Application Received

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| 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) amended plans. |
| 20/500293/OUT | Rgva Crismill Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NT Outline application for the demolition of existing office building and creation of 3no. self-build plots (all matters reserved). |

19/506388/FULL Land at Water Lane Thurnham Kent ME14 3LT
Erection of a new livestock yard comprising 2no. new livestock buildings and
1no. hay/straw store, new vehicular access and alterations to ground levels.

The Chairman reported that the Bearsted and Thurnham Society had raised objections to this application, and this was discussed. It was agreed that the Planning Committee would consider this application.

20/500250/FULL Woodlands 25 Caring Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent
Demolition and replacement of existing stables and associated use buildings.

Application Decisions by MBC

19/504254/SUB
Barty Farm Roundwell Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4HN
Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 14 Part A (Management & Maintenance of POS)
Subject to 18/502860/OUT
Application Permitted

19/505836/FULL
Scammell Lodge Friningham Detling ME14 3JD
Demolition of existing commercial buildings and the erection of 2no. replacement buildings for B1 use, including ancillary parking facilities and improvements to access road.
Application Permitted

19/505839/NMAMD
Cobham Cottage Water Lane Thurnham ME14 3LU
Non-Material Amendment being minor alterations to internal layout and external elevations
subject to 18/506313/FULL
Application Permitted

b. Highway Matters.

Cllr Horne spoke regarding Smart Motorways, he stated that the continued work on the M20 was contrary to the recent advice on Smart Motorways and he had taken this up with Helen Whateley. He stated that M20 be completed but not operated until the Government had completed its Review.

b. Parking on Ware Street.

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.

The Clerk was asked to contact Bearsted PC to seek an update on this matter.

Action: Clerk to progress.

15. Parish Council Website.

The Clerk reported on the accessibility requirements for websites and stated that she was currently seeking quotations for a new website with Hugo Fox.

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 request to have a litter bin at Castle Hill and the response from MBC stating that this was not possible.

Cllr Smith suggested that MBC may have notices that could be placed in the area to ask people to take their litter home with them.

Action: Clerk to liaise with MBC regarding this matter.

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. Future Agenda Items.

No matters were raised.

19. Date of next Meeting.

16th March 2020.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.40pm.

Signed.....

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