

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.  
Held at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel, at 7:30pm.

*Councillors present:*      *Dunlop*  
                                     *Horne*  
                                     *Shelley*  
                                     *Skinner*  
                                     *Smith*  
                                     *Wise*

*Also: Mrs Babington, Clerk.*

*The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Skinner.*

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Baigent, Duncan, Stark and KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast.

The Charman informed members that Cllr Baigent had resigned for the PC with immediate effect.

**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 Smith and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

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

The Sycamores Notice Board – Members discussed correspondence from a resident complaining about the location of the PC noticeboard at The Sycamores.

Members agreed that they didn't have the power to move it without a request from the Resident Association and Management Company.

The PC asked for support for another car show to support St Mary's Church on Monday 28 August by giving a contribution of £300 toward the portaloo.

It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**5. Public Comments and Observations.**

No matters were raised.

6. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk's Report was noted by members.

7. 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 submitted a report on the progress of the King George V Memorial Hall.

Cllr Horne reported that he had represented the Parish Council and given a Reading at the Church Christmas Service.

8. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

Cllr Horne John Horne reported on the Local Plan and the work of the Coordinating Group.

Inspector issued a letter Matters Issues and Questions in early Feb.

Assessment of land next to KFF.

Comment put to SE Water on their Water Management Plan.

MBC are supposed to adopt reference to that in their Local Plan.

9. Saint Mary's Church.

Cllr Smith reported on the financial position of the church.

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 Smith, and agreed by all present.

11. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

23/500408/FULL - The Moorings Firs Lane Hollingbourne Kent ME17 1XJ

Erection of 1no. residential dwellinghouse (Use Class C3)

***PC Objection submitted.***

23/500338/TPOA - Little Lauriston Crismill Lane Bearsted Kent ME14 4NT

TPO Application to lift the crown of One Sycamore Tree (T1) to 4m.

23/500588/FULL - Thornham Friars Pilgrims Way Thurnham Kent ME14 3LN

Section 73 - Application for removal of condition 11 (Tree Planting) pursuant to 22/501954/FULL for

- Erection of a car barn and alterations to utility roof; installation of cast iron railings to the

perimeter wall; new perimeter wall with electrically operated sliding gates; conversion of a stable block into ancillary annexe accommodation; conversion of garden shed into a workshop, outdoor bar and log store; erection of a pavilion; retrospective permission for a greenhouse, replacement of existing grass tennis court with a new hard surface court.

MBC Planning Decisions

22/505426/SUB

Thornham Friars Pilgrims Way Thurnham Kent ME14 3LN

Submission of details to discharge condition 14 (Archaeological watching brief) of planning application: 22/501954/FULL.

Application Permitted

22/505277/LDCEX

Cold Blow Farm Coldblow Lane Thurnham Kent ME14 3LR

Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) for residential use of converted barn.

Application Refused

The Council hereby REFUSES to grant your application dated 09.11.2022 for a certificate of lawful use or development for operations or matters described above in the First Schedule in respect of the land specified in the Second Schedule and edged in red on the plan attached. within the meaning of Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

The grounds for refusal are:

(1) The evidence submitted in support of the application is not sufficiently precise and unambiguous to justify the grant of a Lawful Development Certificate, nor does it demonstrate, on the balance of probability, continuous use as an independent self-contained residential dwellinghouse for a period of not less than four years prior to 9th November 2022 of the area within the submitted red line plan (property known as the 'Flint Cottage').

22/505225/TPOA

Land Adjacent to The Pines Caring Lane Bearsted Kent ME14 4NJ.

TPO Application to raise the crown of Five Mature Oak Trees (T1-6). Proposed to lift crowns to a height of 3m. The crowns currently rests/sweeps the ground making it impossible to walk the land or maintain the ground around the stem.

Application Permitted

22/505138/FULL

2 Caring Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NJ

Loft conversion including raising of roof gable, insertion of rear dormer and rooflights to front roof scope. Erection of a single storey rear extension and pitched roof to existing garage.

Application Permitted

22/505861/LBC

The Studio Parsonage Farmhouse Thurnham Lane Thurnham Kent ME14 3LG

Listed Building Consent for works associated with the conversion of an open fronted car barn to provide an extension to the existing self-catering holiday accommodation.

Application Permitted

22/505798/FULL

Cosy Cot Firs Lane Hollingbourne Maidstone Kent ME17 1XJ

Loft conversion with rear dormer and 4no. roof lights to front elevation.

Application Permitted

b. Highway Matters.

Cllr Stark noted extra works on A20 showed lack of coordination.

c. Highways Improvement Plan.

Cllr Smith reported on the progress re the HIP.

12. Parish Council Publicity.

The Clerk reported that the Bearsted and Thurnham Parish News had agreed to the PC sending in their submissions with no cost. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft an item for the publication and circulate to the Chairman and Cllr Smith.

***Action: Clerk to progress.***

13. Heritage Award.

Centenary of Kent Agricultural Society. Note and congratulate them. They would be happy to accept a nomination. Proposed Horne Seconded Cllr Smith. Unanimously agreed.

John to forward details to the Clerk.

14. Future Agenda Items.

No matters were raised.

15. Date of next Meeting.

20th March 2023.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.50pm.

Signed.....

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