

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 15th February 2021.
By Zoom at 7:30 PM.

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

Also: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington.

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 Cllrs Wise and Smith, MBC Councillor Nick de Wiggondene-Shepperd, KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast 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 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. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

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.

8. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

Cllr Horne reported that the Planning Inquiry for the St Nicolas Church site in Otham had now concluded, and the appeal had been allowed, he stated that the deadline for comments to the High Court was 18th February 2021.

He reported that he had attended the Kent County Agricultural Society AGM by Zoom and reported that a planning application for the Quinn development at Bimbury Park was likely to be resubmitted to MBC next month.

9. Saint Mary's Church.

No matters were reported.

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 Stark, and agreed by all present.

11. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

Application Received

21/500234/REM	Rgva Crismill Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NT Approval of Reserved Matters (Access, Appearance, Landscape, Layout and Scale) for plot 6 only, pursuant to outline application 20/500293/OUT - Outline application for the demolition of existing office building and creation of 3no. self build plots.
20/506149/FULL	Scammell Lodge Friningham Detling ME14 3JD Demolition of existing commercial buildings and erection of 3no. replacement buildings for B1 use, including ancillary parking facilities and improvements to access road.
21/500502/REM	Rgva Crismill Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NT Approval of Reserved Matters (Access, Appearance, Landscape, Layout and Scale) for plot 5 only, pursuant to outline application 20/500293/OUT - Outline application for the demolition of existing office building and creation of 3no. self build plots.

MBC Planning Decisions

20/505743/FULL

Kalmia Thurnham Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 3LG

Erection of a conservatory plus raised patio.

Application Permitted

20/505782/REM

Rgva Crismill Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NT

Approval of Reserved Matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for Plot 4 only, pursuant to outline application 20/500293/OUT (Outline application for the demolition of existing office building and creation of 3no. self build plots).

Application Permitted

20/503470/FULL

Woodlands Stockbury Valley Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7QN

Retrospective planning application for operational earth engineering works, including creation of a 1-1.5m high non-compacted earth bund along the western edge of the access track, a levelled paddock area to the southern part of the site, a 1-1.5m high non-compacted earth bund along the eastern boundary of the paddock, and a 1-4m high compacted earth bund along the southern and western boundaries of the paddock, and creation of access track (Resubmission of

20/501425/FULL)

Application Refused

21/500157/REM

Rgva Crismill Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NT

Approval of Reserved Matters (Access, Appearance, Landscape, Layout and Scale) for plot 5 only, pursuant to outline application 20/500293/OUT - Outline application for the demolition of existing office building and creation of 3no. self build plots.

Application Withdrawn

Cllr Stark reported that the Bearsted Woodland Trust had submitted an amended planning application for a car park within their site.

He stated that he felt that this was a good idea and supported the application.

Members discussed the parking at the site and the damage that they had done to the verge on the A20. Members discussed the management of the car park and whether this would be closed at night and patrolled. It was agreed that in general members were in support of the application.

b. Highway Matters.

Cllr Skinner spoke regarding the flooding issue at Chapel Lane, he stated that Network Rail had now accepted responsibility for this and were dealing with the situation.

He reported that the drains under Bell Bridge were blocked and asked the Clerk to report these to KCC.

Action: Clerk to report to KCC.

12. Community Award.

The Chairman stated that Cllr Duncan was drafting an article for the Downs Mail regarding this award.

13. Future Agenda Items.

Parish Council Communication.

14. Date of next Meeting.

15th March 2021.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.00pm.

Signed.....

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