

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 19th February 2018
at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel at 7:30 PM.**

***Councillors present: Denham
Horne
Skinner
Stark
Waite***

Also: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Daniel Skinner.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Smith, Shelley, Baigent and Wise , MBC Councillor Nick de Wiggondene 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 Denham 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 public comments were raised.

6. Police Report.

No matters were raised.

7. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

He reported that a Tri Parish Group meeting had been arranged for the 28th February and Cllrs Horne and Waite would be attending to represent the Parish Council.

Ware Street – Cllr Skinner reported that he had held a site meeting with a Bearsted Parish Councillor who was due to come back to him after consulting with the Parish Council.

He stated that parking on Ware Street has been particularly bad and causing problems with congestion at the Bell Bridge.

Cllr Denham stated that commuter parking was taking place during the day on Ware Street now.

The Chairman stated that he would make contact with Bearsted Parish Council to see what options they would put forward to deal with the issue.

Councillor Prendergast suggested that the issue was taken to the Joint Transportation Board to seek their support in taking action.

The Chairman stated that the site was within Bearsed and their Parish Council was divided over this matter. He reiterated his concern for pedestrians using this route.

Action: Chairman to contact Bearsted Parish Council.

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 report to the meeting.

She reported on the Kent Council Council budget and the likely increase in the council tax.

She spoke regarding the bus services consultation that had taken place in November 2017 and stated that there has been no changes at present.

Cllr Waite spoke regarding the community bus services and stated that these were successful if a team of volunteers were available.

Cllr Stark spoke regarding the poor quality of the road markings of the A20 between Leeds Castle roundabout and Harrietsham. The Clerk was asked to report these to KCC.

Action: Clerk to report to KCC.

A discussion took place regarding fly tipping issues within Thurnham.

Councillor Prendergast gave her apologies and left the meeting.

c. Liaison with external parties

Cllr Waite reported that he had attended a Leaders Meeting. He reported that the scheme was due to end in March 2019.

Cllr Stark reported on the King George V Memorial Hall meeting he had attended. He reported that the finances were good and the maintenance was being attended to.

10. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

Cllr Horne reported that a Joint Parish group meeting had been held on the 7th February 2018.

He stated that Gary Thomas from CPRE gave a helpful summary of the housing and employment numbers in the Local Plan.

He reported that Richard Knox Johnson from CPRE had given a presentation and the news that their application for a Judicial Review Order had been refused by the Planning Inspector as they felt the MBC Local Plan had been dealt with satisfactorily.

He stated that he was disappointed at this decision.

He reported that the CPRE legal bill would possibly come to £28,000 and no Appeal was being considered.

Cllr Horne spoke regarding the MBC Local Plan and the housing numbers of 17,760, he stated that with the new DCLG Consultation a further 7000 houses could be added to this number.

He spoke regarding the housing numbers for London Boroughs and the implications of the overspill in Maidstone.

He stated that the present infrastructure in Maidstone was inadequate to deal with the existing population.

Cllr Skinner referred to the previous meeting where an allocation of £750 was approved by members towards CPRE Judicial Review. He asked members to approve the release of these funds to assist with their legal fees.

This was proposed by Cllr Horne, seconded by Cllr Denham and agreed by all present. It was further agreed that a cheque for £750 would be raised at the meeting.

Action: Clerk to raise cheque for £750 for CPRE.

11. Saint Mary's Church.

It was reported that a meeting was due to take place in the next few weeks to meet the newly appointed vicar.

12. Data Protection Regulations.

The Clerk reported in the new Data Protection Regulation and how the PC needed to comply with these.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the details should be forwarded onto the Chairman who would seek further clarification regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to action.

13. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

The financial statement was circulated to all members for consideration. This was proposed by Cllr Stark, seconded by Cllr Waite, 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	£41016.73
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£2013.18
Closing Balance on Current Account	£39003.55

Cooperative 14 Day Account

Opening Balance on Current Account	£40266.19
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£0.00
Closing Balance on Current Account	£40,266.19

Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts **£79269.74**

14. Parish Matters.*a. Play Areas.*

No matter were raised.

b. Footpath and Bridleways.

No matters were raised.

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

18/50081/FULL	Bletchingley Weaving Street, Weaving Single Storey conservatory to the rear of property.
18/500617/FULL	Milgate House Ashford Road Bearsted ME14 4NN Erection of a greenhouse.
18/500794/FULL	10 Creve Coeur Close Thurnham Maidstone Kent Erection of a single storey side and rear extension.

MBC Decisions**17/506430/FULL**

G Forces Web Management Ltd Corbin Business Park Caring Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent
Change of use of land and erection of vehicle preparation building.

Application Permitted

17/506480/FULL

16 Shillingheld Close Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 4QA
First floor side extension and internal alterations.

Application Permitted

06596034

1 Popes Wood Thurnham ME14 3PW

The demolition of the existing outbuilding and recreational structure and construction of a two bedroom detached bungalow alongside associated parking, access and landscaping works.

Application Permitted

17/503967/SUB

Radar Studio Coldblow Lane Thurnham ME14 3LR

Submission of details pursuant to Conditions 3: Details of materials to be used for external surfaces, 6: Details of proposed slab levels, 7: Details of scheme to deal with risks associated with contamination of the site, 9: Surface water drainage details, 12: Foul sewage treatment details, 13: Ecological enhancement measures, 14: Lighting details, and 16: Details of renewable energy sources. (original application ref: 17/503972/FULL).

Split - Part Allowed/Part Refused

16/508409/LBC

Parsonage Farmhouse Thurnham Lane Thurnham ME14 3LG

Listed Building Consent for the installation of 2 new ground floor windows

Application Permitted

Cllr Waite spoke regarding planning enforcement matters and stated that the property Silverhill along Caring Lane had erected stables without planning consent and now a larger building had also been erected.

It was agreed that the Clerk would bring this to the attention of Planning Enforcement.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Hoarding Sign on M20 – Cllr Waite raised concerns that the large sign was still visible in a field on the M20. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Kent County Council/ Maidstone Borough Council regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Cllr Stark stated that he welcomed the proposal to have a Marks & Spencer is at Junction 7.

He spoke regarding the reinstatement work undertaken by Virgin Media and stated that the poor quality of this had caused problems in Bearsted.

b. Highways Matters.

Cllr Denham spoke regarding the A249 and the king of labour. He suggested that the closest layby is could be reopened to assist with the problem.

A general discussion took place regarding this matter.

16. Future Agenda Items.

It was agreed that the following items would be placed on the next agenda:

a. Fly-tipping.

Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.

17. Date of next Meeting.

19th March 2018.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.38pm.

Signed.....

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