

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
**at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel at 7:30 PM.**

***Councillors present: Baigent  
Denham  
Horne  
Shelley  
Smith  
Stark  
Waite  
Wise***

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

***The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Richard Smith.***

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Skinner, KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast, MBC Councillor Nick de Wiggondene and the Police.

**2. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr Stark declared an interest in the Planning application for G Forces.

**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.**

Cllr Denham spoke regarding the Bearsted Christmas Fair and stated that the stall holders were charged for the use of the Village Green.

He raised concerns that this would set a precedent for charging for the use of the Green.

The Chairman advised Cllr Denham to raise this with Bearsted Parish Council.

**6. Police Report.**

Cllr Denham reported that he was due to attend a meeting with the Police and would report back to the next meeting.

**7. Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

**8. Clerk's Report.**

The Clerks Report was noted by members.

An email from Stockbury Parish Council was discussed seeking the support of Thurnham Parish Council at the forthcoming Joint Transportation Board Meeting.

Members noted the ongoing problems with parking at the Aerodrome Approach Road and agreed to support Stockbury Parish Council in relation to the JTB questions regarding double yellow lines.

Cllr Denham spoke regarding the need for a Lorry Park to stop the illegal parking, this was discussed, and it was agreed that it was a Kent wide issue and needed to be addressed by Highways England.

**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 Waite reported that he had attended a Leaders Meeting.

**10. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.**

Cllr Horne reported that the PINS Inquiry for Waterside Park due to be heard on 6<sup>th</sup> February had been deferred for three months pending High Court action.

He stated that Roxhill had submitted their defence stating that the case had no grounds to challenge the Inspectors conclusion as the Local Plan was sound.

He confirmed that in addition MBC had submitted a response in agreement with Roxhill and that there were also no Highways objections to Junction 8.

He confirmed that the Joint Parish Group Meeting was due to take place in February.

**11. Saint Mary's Church.**

No matters were raised.

**12. 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

£42083.74

Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£995.01
<b>Closing Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£41088.73</b>

#### **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** **£81354.92**

### **13. Parish Matters.**

#### **a. Play Areas.**

No matter were raised.

#### **b. Footpath and Bridleways.**

No matters were raised.

### **14. Parish Council Committee Reports.**

#### **a. Planning Matters.**

#### **Application Received**

#### **17/506136/FULL**

#### **Radar Studio Coldblow Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent**

Minor Material Amendment to condition 2 of 17/501842/FULL (Demolition of the existing artist studio and X-ray facility and construction of two single-storey Two-bedroom contemporary residential dwellings alongside associated parking, access, and landscaping works at Coldblow Lane, Thurnham) - Arrangement for plot 6 to be altered to be the same as Plot 7 with duo pitched roof. This style is more in keeping with the theme of the development and provides greater opportunity to install PV cells on the roof. The currently approved fully hipped roof on this lower building appears incongruous with and overshadowed by the other dwellings on the development. Plot 6 to be in accordance with drawing 1991-501-A

#### **17/506452/FULL**

#### **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.

#### **17/506480/FULL**

#### **16 Shillingheld Close Thurnham Maidstone Kent**

First floor side extension and internal alterations.

**17/506430/FULL**

**G Forces Web Management Ltd Corbin Business Park**

Change of use of land and erection of vehicle preparation building.

Members discussed the planning application for G Forces. Concerns were raised regarding the parking on site and the potential loss of parking spaces.

Cllr Horne stated that he had attended a past meeting and it had been stated that the company would engage in training opportunities for young people and the new application appeared to contradict this.

It was agreed that further details should be sought from MBC to ascertain how the activities on site comply with the current planning conditions.

**18/500180/FULL**

**8 Fulbert Drive, Thurnham.**

Single storey rear extension and garage conversion.

### **MBC Decisions**

**17/505542/FULL**

The Black Horse Inn Pilgrims Way Thurnham ME14 3LD

Erection of two storey outbuilding to provide 4no. guest rooms.

**Application Permitted**

**17/504924/ADV**

Longton Wood Stockbury Valley Stockbury Kent ME9 7QP

Advert Application for retention of a banner attached to frame.

**Application Permitted**

### **b. Highways Matters.**

Cllr Stark spoke regarding the vehicles parking on the verges near to the Bearsted Woodland Trust Land. The Clerk stated that this matter had been raised with KCC.

Cllr Waite stated that the horse Crossing Sign was still missing on the A20 Ashford Road.

**Action: Clerk to report to Kent Highways.**

Cllr Waite reported that the drains were blocked along Caring Lane causing a flood at the bridge.

**Action: Clerk to report to Kent Highways.**

### **15. Future Agenda Items.**

Parking on Ware Street – Cllr Smith reported that the Chairman, Cllr Skinner was liaising with Bearsted Parish Council regarding this matter.

The Clerk reported that Data Protection would be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

**Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.**

16. Date of next Meeting.  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

*There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.28pm.*

Signed.....

Dated.....