

The Minutes of the Meeting of Thurnham Parish Council held on 20th September 2021.
Held at the Marriott Tudor Park hotel, at 7:30pm.

***Councillors present: Baigent
Dunlop
Horne
Skinner
Smith
Stark
Wise***

Also: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Skinner.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received, and reasons for absence accepted from Cllrs Shelley, and KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast.

2. Declaration of Interest.

No interests were declared.

3. Election of Vice Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr Stark to elect Cllr Smith as Vice-Chairman, this is the seconded by Cllr Horne and agreed by all present.
Cllr Smith accepted this position.

4. To appoint Committee, Representatives to Outside Bodies.

These were approved.

5. 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.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

7. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

8. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk's Report was noted by members.

9. External Reports.

a. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor de Wiggondene-Shepperd was not present.

b. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

The Clerk was asked to establish the target date for the repairs of the sinkhole in Fitzwilliam Close.

Action: Clerk to progress.

c. Liaison with external parties

No matters were reported.

10. Joint Parish Group/Local Plan.

Cllr Horne reported the Graham Warren of CPRE has died, he stated that he had been helpful to local parishes on numerous occasions and would be missed.

He reported on the Local Plan and stated that this was due to go before the SPI Committee at MBC on 21st September, it was currently at Regulation 19 Consultation.

He stated that this would go before Full Council on 6th October 21 to take forward.

The Coordinating Team would attend to ask questions regarding the time scales and how views would be taken into account.

Cllr Horne reported that he had attended a Water Seminar by Zoom regarding water resources for the Southeast and he reported on this. He spoke regarding the water supply for the southeast area and reported that he had made representations to their consultation, he spoke of concerns that the water supply was not enough to serve future development.

11. Saint Mary's Church.

Cllr Smith reported that the new vicar was inaugurated at Hollingbourne Church, and he attended on behalf of the Parish Council.

He stated that when he was settled, he would invite him to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

12. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

The financial statement was circulated to all members for consideration. This was proposed by Cllr Horne, seconded by Cllr Smith, and agreed by all present.

b. 2020/2021 Accounts and Annual Return - Ratification

Members ratified the decision taken under delegated authority, to approve the 2020/2021 Accounts and Annual Return. This was circulated to all members, along with the Variances Report,

following the cancellation of the June 2021 PC meeting, due to the change in legislation preventing virtual meetings during the covid lockdown.

- i. *To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21, Section 1 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2021. The Chair of the meeting and the Clerk to sign.*

It was proposed by Cllr Smith to accept and approve the annual Governance Statement for 2020/21, this was seconded by Cllr Horne and agreed by all present.

- ii. *To approve the Statement of Internal Control in support of the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2020/21, Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2021 and the supporting Bank Reconciliation as of 31 March 2021, if necessary, the explanation of the significant variations from last year (2019/20) to this year (2020/21), the explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 on Section 2, and the Exemption Certificate to be submitted to the External Auditor. The Chair of the meeting to sign.*

It was proposed by Cllr Smith to approve the Statement of Internal Control in support of the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2020/21, Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2021 and the supporting Bank Reconciliation as of 31 March 2021 and the explanation of the significant variations from last year (2019/20) to this year (2020/21) and the explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 on Section 2. This was seconded by Cllr Horne and agreed by all present.

13. Parish Council Committee Reports.

a. Planning Matters.

Application Received

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| 21/503267/FULL | Friningham Manor Friningham Farm Detling Maidstone
Conversion of building into 1no. dwelling with partial "demolition of the existing building. Erection of a new two "storey external wall to adapt existing dwelling along with "additional internal and external alterations. |
| 21/503799/FULL | Corbin Business Park Caring Lane Bearsted Kent ME14
Erection of 2 no. light industrial units (Use Class E(g)(ii) "and E(g)(iii)) and associated works. |
| 21/503750/FULL | 141 Hockers Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 5JY
Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a "single storey rear extension to form enlarged kitchen and "dining room, including internal alterations. |
| 21/503816/FULL | 8 Fancy Row Thurnham Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent
Erection of rear conservatory. |
| 21/504113/FULL | Woodcote Ware Street Weaving Maidstone Kent ME14
Side dormer roof extension. |

21/503481/ADV Tudor Hotel Golf and Country Club Ashford Road
Advert Application for replacement of 1 no. panel sign, for "replacement of 1
no. fascia sing and for replacement of 2 "no. flags.

MBC Planning Decisions

21/503816/FULL

8 Fancy Row Thurnham Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 4PL

Erection of rear conservatory.

Application Permitted

21/503750/FULL

141 Hockers Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 5JY

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension to form enlarged
kitchen and dining room, including internal alterations.

Application Permitted

21/503481/ADV

Tudor Hotel Golf and Country Club Ashford Road Bearsted Maidstone Kent ME14 4NQ

Advert Application for replacement of 1 no. panel sign, for replacement of 1 no. fascia sing and for
replacement of 2 no. flags.

Application Permitted

21/503334/REM

Rgva Plot 6 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.

Decided

Application Permitted

21/503267/FULL

Friningham Manor Friningham Farm Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3JD

Conversion of building into 1no. dwelling with partial demolition of the existing building. Erection
of a new two storey external wall to adapt existing dwelling along with additional internal and
external alterations.

Application Permitted

21/503141/FULL

Parsonage Farmhouse Thurnham Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 3LG

Erection of orangery extension.

Application Refused

21/503142/LBC

Parsonage Farmhouse Thurnham Lane Thurnham Maidstone Kent ME14 3LG

Listed building consent for the erection of orangery extension.

Application Refused

b. Highway Matters.

Hockers Lane double yellow lines HIP – Clerk to progress.

14. Future Agenda Items.

Heritage Award – it was agreed to arrange the presentation of the Award for the December PC meeting.

Action: Clerk to action.

Cllr Stark reported that he had attended a meeting of the King George V Memorial Hall and it was progressing well.

Noticeboard at new development – Clerk to follow up with Dandara

Action: Clerk to action.

15. Date of next Meeting.

18th October 2021.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.27pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....