



THURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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To all Members of the Parish Council.

Notice is hereby given to Members of Thurnham Parish Council, that the next Meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Monday 20th May 2024** at the Tudor Park Hotel, Ashford Road, Thurnham, commencing at 7.30pm. Members are summoned to attend.

Agenda

1. **To receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Elected Councillors.**
2. **To elect a chairman.**
To receive and consider nominations for Chairman.
3. **To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
4. **To elect a vice-chairman.**
To receive and consider nominations for Vice-Chairman.
5. **Apologies.**
Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.
6. **To appoint Committees & Representatives to outside bodies.**
7. **Parish Councillor Vacancies.**
To consider any applications for Co-option.
8. **Declaration of Interests.**
To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.

To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.
9. **Minutes from last Parish Council Meeting.**
To consider the minutes of the previous meeting and if in order sign as a true record.
10. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
To consider any matters arising.

11. **Public Participation.**
To discuss any questions received by members of the public.
12. **Clerks Report.**
To receive the Clerks Report.
13. **External Reports:**
 - a) To receive the MBC Ward Councillor's Report.
 - b) To receive the KCC Councillor's Report.
 - c) To receive the Police Report.
 - d) To receive Parish Councillors Reports.
14. **Joint Parish Group & Local Plan.**
To receive a report on the Coordinating Group and Local Plan.
15. **St Marys Church.**
To receive a report on St Marys Church.
16. **Financial Matters:**
 - a) Financial Statement.
To receive and approve the financial statement and payments.
 - b) Request for a Grant/Donation.
 - c) 2023/2024 Accounts, Internal Controls and AGAR.
To receive and agree the 2023/2024 Accounts, Internal Controls and AGAR.
17. **Planning Matters:**
 - a) Planning Application Received
*23/505534/FULL - Land North East Of The M20 And South East Of Water Lane Thurnham Kent
Proposed engineering operations for excavation of soils and deposited materials, and regrading and restoration of land (resubmission 22/502512/FULL).*

*24/500854/FULL - 17 Peverel Drive Thurnham Kent ME14 4PS
Erection of a part two storey side and/part first floor side extension with conversion of existing garage.*

*24/501120/FULL - 4 Peverel Drive Thurnham Kent ME14 4PS
Erection of first floor side extension.*

*24/501905/FULL - The Granary Chapel Lane Thurnham Kent ME14 4PF
Removal of external front stairs, first floor decking and pergola. Erection of single storey extension to west side, replacement of windows to existing building.*
 - b) MBC Planning Decisions
*24/500854/FULL
17 Peverel Drive Thurnham Kent ME14 4PS*

Erection of a part two storey side and/part first floor side extension with conversion of existing garage.

Application Permitted

24/500806/SUB

Kalmia Thurnham Lane Thurnham Kent ME14 3LG

Submission of details to discharge condition 8 (renewable energy) and 9 (landscape scheme) of planning application 23/504918/FULL.

Application Permitted

24/500444/TPOA

The Lodge Water Lane Thurnham Kent ME14 3LT

TPO application to fell three English Oak trees designated as T1, T2 and T3 within tree preservation order TPO No. 14 of 2007.

Application Refused

Following consideration of your application the Local Planning Authority has REFUSED

CONSENT under Tree Preservation Order Number 14 OF 2007 for the tree work referred to above. The grounds for such refusal are:

(1) The Council considers that the three Oak trees (listed as T1/T2/T3 in the application and in the TPO schedule) make a positive contribution to local landscape/sylvan quality and amenity of the area. The proposed felling works would be to the detriment of those attributes. The application is not supported by any arboricultural evidence to suggest that the tree presents a current, identifiable hazard or that it is reasonable to fell trees of perceived amenity on the grounds stated in the application.

Therefore, the Council does not consider that the reasons and supporting evidence for the proposed works are sufficiently robust to outweigh the loss of amenity that would result, which would be to the detriment of the sylvan character and amenity of the area and would therefore be contrary to policies intended to confer protection to trees and tree cover, specifically Maidstone Borough Local Plan October 2017 - Policy DM 3, Local Plan Review, draft plan for submission (Regulation 22) dated October 2021, Maidstone Landscape Character Assessment (March 2012 amended 19 July 2013) and Supplement (2012- Saved Sections of the Landscape Character Assessment and Landscape Guidelines 2000) together with Government Policy: Planning Practice Guidance; Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas

c) Other Planning Matters.

18. Highway & PROW Matters.

a) To consider general highway and PROW matters.

b) HIP (Highways Improvement Plan).

To receive an update on the Highways Improvement Plan.

19. Future Agenda Items.

To consider any future items.

20. Date next Meeting – Monday 17th June 2024

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