

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Library & Neighbourhood Centre,

4a Monkton Road, Minster

on 14th January 2020 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors: Mrs. Gimes (Chairman), Day, Quittenden, Dr. Jones, Crow-Brown, Sharp, Burden, Owen, McCarthy.

Also present: Cllr Roper, Kyla Lamb (Clerk to the Council), Clare Wilsdon (Assistant Clerk to the Council), Community Warden Aaron Kluibenschadl, Community Warden Karl Aylett.

249. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Pugh and Ward (TDC), Cllr Hurst (KCC), PCSO Adrian Butterworth.

250. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

251. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared.

252. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Roper reported as follows:

- Parkway Station; Recently attended a briefing. A consultation will be held ending 20/01/20 and KCC will make a decision whether to proceed on 27/01/20. 50% of users are expected to be from other stations and 50% are expected from new housing in the area. Estimated cost has now trebled to £34.5m but it is hoped that costs can be reduced. Funding stands at £7.5m from KCC, £14m from a Local Growth Fund and £2m from TDC. 300 car parking spaces will be provided with completion expected in December 2022. Minster Station should not be affected by the new station which will be unmanned. There is currently no bus route serving the proposed location.
- Mount Pleasant, Tothill Street; An application has not been made for a travellers site but another application has been made for an MOT/Tyre facility retaining the food van and some other business use. The overview and Scrutiny committee recommended that a public consultation be held over the possible siting of three Traveller sites but at a Cabinet meeting it was decided that just a consultation of Local Councils should be made.
- Manston DCO – Decision is expected by the end of the week.

Cllr Pugh was not present but provided an email, read out by the Chairman as follows:

- He was delighted to see the new application for Mount Pleasant, Tothill Street as it is a more appropriate use than Traveller pitches.
- Manston DCO; looking forward to the decision this week and seeing planes at Manston again in the future.

- Missed waste collections – numerous complaints being made in Minster over Christmas and the New year. These collections should now have been made but he is happy to deal with any additional complaints.
- Thanet Elms in Monkton Road – a tree officer will be contacting Cllr Jones about securing TPO's on these trees.

253. **RURAL SPEEDWATCH**

Resolved that the Meeting closed at 7.10pm to allow Rob Searle to address the Council.

Rob Searle introduced himself as the Thanet Speedwatch Co-ordinator. Nine sessions have been held in Minster between 8.30-9.30am with 84 vehicles travelling over the 36mph threshold. Following a meeting of TRRG today where the availability of equipment was discussed, Rob recommended that we join a group of other local Parish Councils who have agreed to pay an annual contribution of £360 per council. This contribution is made towards the upkeep and maintenance of a pool of equipment for use by the Speedwatch volunteer groups, when required. More volunteers are needed for Speedwatch and anyone wishing to join can go online to sign up at www.communityspeedwatch.org. Rob will send an updated poster to the Clerk for inclusion in Minster Matters. Community warden Aaron Kluibenschadl commented that the local wardens are often happy to help with Speedwatch groups when available.

Meeting reopened at 7.26pm.

RESOLVED: That the contribution of £360 be made to Speedwatch.

254. **POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT**

PCSO Adrian Butterworth was not present but provided a report as follows, read out by the Chairman:

- Crimes of Note; Number plate theft from Orchard Close.
Criminal damage to a shed in Brockmans Close.
Number plate theft in Foxborough Lane.
- Anti-social behaviour; Youths on bikes causing mayhem by riding in large groups and doing wheelies in the road. Damage to vehicles also reported.
Parking on pavements, blocking pedestrians in Augustine Road
- Items of good work; Attended community Christmas events including Baby bounce and rhyme and the Twinning Association meal.
- Updates; Fly-tipping in Marsh Farm Road has resulted in two prosecutions where fines and community service orders have been issued.

Community Warden Aaron Kluibenschadl reported that he has now been promoted to Team Leader for Thanet and Swale and will be based with Margate Task Force. Aaron thanked the Council for supporting his role over the years and

introduced, Karl Aylett, who has a newly created role of Community Connector, funded by the European Lottery. This role will be Minster based for 18.5 hours per week and the remaining 18.5 hours in Ramsgate.

The Chairman thanked Aaron on behalf of the village and the Council for his support to the community.

255. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. Mrs Gimes reported as follows;

- The collection made at the Fireworks display for the Christmas Lights was much appreciated and a thank you card had been received from Ann Thomson and Karen Brazil
- Attended the TRRG meeting and possible suitable locations for tree-planting are being sought.
- A public meeting would be held over the Parkway station and the possible Travellers site.
- Thanet Community Land Trust are a recently incorporated business who source suitable land for building affordable housing in locations where it is needed. They have a £10K grant from TDC and their first project is proposed at St Marys Road car park subject to acquiring the land, owned by TDC which has been earmarked for development into three bungalows with a local lettings plan.

256. REPORT OF THE CLERK

Nothing to report.

257. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Diagram of planned improvements at Laundry Road/Tothill Street junction.

258. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Chairman reported that a further vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Cllr Whybrow. The required notice of vacancy has been advertised and if no response is received by 27th January 2020 then both vacancies can be filled by co-option.

259. FIREWORKS

Cllr Jones asked members to consider whether the continuance of the annual Fireworks display was appropriate in view of current events in Australia.

AGREED: That the annual, free of charge display should continue as it encourages the public to attend this organised, advertised display rather than holding their own private displays that potentially upset neighbours and their animals. The village event also encourages people to use local pubs and restaurants.

260. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

Following the Highways survey undertaken at the end of last year, a list of issues/items to be addressed has been compiled and a meeting held with Richard Heaps and Paul Hubbard of Kent Highways. A Highways committee meeting will be arranged to further prioritise and progress these items.

261. AGENCY PAYMENT RENEWAL AND TAKING OVER THE HIGH STREET AND MONKTON ROAD CAR PARKS AND PUBLIC TOILET

The solicitors have emailed to update us with an expected completion date of April 2020.

262. PROPOSED TRAVELLER SITE

No application for a proposed Traveller site has been received. However, a new application for an alternative use of the site has been received and is awaiting a decision. No further action in relation to a Traveller site is expected.

263. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR LAND WEST OF TOTHILL STREET OL/TH/18/1488

The expiry date for this application has been extended to the end of January 2020. The Northern section of the land has been enclosed with a low-level electric fence.

264. KALC 2020 COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME

Members were asked to consider any possible nominations for this awards scheme as the form needs to be submitted by Friday 31st January 2020. Names of several possibilities were put forward.

AGREED: That a nomination should be made for Deborah Forsyth for setting up the 'Village Voices Community Choir'.

265. ENVE CANINE TRAINING

Members were asked to consider a request from Enve Canine Training to extend their use of the Pavilion/Recreation ground on Saturdays to include the internal use of the Pavilion and changing rooms for 'scentwork' training.

AGREED: That the pavilion/changing rooms can be used as requested on a trial basis of 6 weeks initially, in order to assess any possible mess/damage that may be caused. This use should not interfere with the footballers use of the changing rooms and any mess/damage in these areas must be cleaned/made good.

266. PARKWAY STATION APPLICATION KCC/TH/0256/2019

Members considered a draft response to the above planning application for the construction of a new rail station consisting of two platforms connected via an underpass.

RESOLVED: That the draft response should be sent with the additional comments on the loss of trees.

267. DRAFT THANET LOCAL PLAN MAIN MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION

Members considered a draft response by the Chairman, to the above consultation.

RESOLVED: That the draft response be sent with additional comments on the total number of houses required.

268. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2020 and the recommendations within them be approved including Minute numbers 237, 238, 239.

269. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported the following decisions for applications that had been before the TDC Planning Committee:-

19/0925 – Land adjacent former Primrose Cottage, Wayborough Hill – Erection of a two storey 3-bed dwelling with associated parking following demolition of existing stables – **GRANTED**

19/0737 – Land rear of 42A Tothill Street, Minster – Erection of 1no. single storey 2 bed detached dwelling with associated parking – **REFUSED**

19/0729 – The Mill House, Way Hill – Change of use of existing stables to a single dwelling – **GRANTED**

19/0215 – Land South of Laundry Road, Minster – Erection of a coffee shop with drive through – **GRANTED** This included a S278 agreement to improve the road layout at Laundry Road/ Tothill junction.

270. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC	Cllr Quittenden reported that a meeting is expected to be held in March 2020
Minster School	Nothing to report
Village Hall	Cllr Sharp reported that the CCTV camera that no longer works has been removed from the building.
Twinning Assn.	Cllr Burden reported that several members will be attending the Mayors speech in Armbouts Cappel on Friday. Tables are available for the quiz to be held at the RBL on 22 nd February 2020.

271. REPORT OF THE RFO

RESOLVED: That the Bank balance statement and received and noted, (b) the statement of Receipts and Payments for the month of December 2019 be approved.

272. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Sharp asked where the rest of funding for the proposed Parkway station is to come from.

Mr Watler suggested that the elderly were encouraged to make provision for emergencies such as locking themselves out of their property.
Mr Brett advised that a tree has fallen on to the road in Grinsell Hill/Cottingham Road.
Mr Brett suggested that the proposed application for a Travellers was a smoke- screen for the actual planned application that has now been received.

4th February 2020

Time concluded: 8.26 p.m.