



MINUTES AGREED AT MEETING HELD ON 23RD JUNE 2020 BUT NOT SIGNED

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
ON 9TH JUNE 2020 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak all Parish Council meetings will be held remotely via Zoom virtual conferencing until further notice.

210/20 PRESENT

Cllrs Adam, Barker, Boswell, Jones, Mannington, Newton, Robertson, Stevens, Tippen and Turner. The Clerk and County Cllr Hotson were also in attendance.

211/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Brown and PCSO Nicola Morris.

212/20 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th May 2020 were agreed but would be signed at the next available meeting when the Full Council convenes in person.

213/20 COUNCILLORS INFORMATION

Register of Interest

There were no changes to Cllrs Registers of Interest.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Boswell declared an interest in 216/20 as resident of neighbouring property to Southons Field. Cllr Jones declared an interest in 216/20 as resident of neighbouring property to the playing field. Cllr Barker declared a pecuniary interest in item 217/20 as applicant of this planning application and would leave the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

Granting of Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation of any item on this agenda

214/20 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public in attendance

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the following items:

PUBLIC FORUM

Eric Hotson has been in correspondence via email and will hope to attend most meetings via Zoom in the future. Next year is election year and KCC Members will not be able to make any grants between January to May. Therefore, if the Parish Council or village organisation wishes to submit a grant application this should be done by the end of the year.

Cllr Hotson mentioned parking at the school and is in contact with the Headteacher/Governors regarding the matter.

Cllr Tippen asked about the parking issues at the school in case this needs to be reflected in MPC's Highways Improvement Plan. Cllr Hotson had met with the Deputy Headteacher and Governors in regard to the problems and gave background information. He would arrange a further meeting once the Highways Officer has looked into what could be done.

Cllr Adam raised the outstanding scheme of signage at Church Farm corner. The Clerk to send an email to County Cllr Hotson with details.

Cllr Adam also asked if there was any news from KCC when libraries may reopen. Nothing has been agreed but was under discussion at County Hall at the moment. A further email would be sent regarding this which Cllr Hotson would pass to the Cabinet Member.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting for the remainder of the agenda

19.44 Cllr Newton arrived at the meeting

19.45 County Cllr Hotson left the meeting

215/20 CLERK'S REPORT

In PCSO Nicola Morris' absence the Clerk had provided the crime report for the last month to Cllrs. This included: 5 criminal damage and 1 theft. 6 reports of anti-social behaviour had also been received: males on motorbikes – males had been identified and dealt with together with Section 59 warnings issued and parents aware; youths in a reservoir – police attended and dealt with situation; youths firing catapults – no further information given.

It was also reported that a police dog patrol unit and police officers has patrolled areas within the village on foot (no further information available).

216/20 AMENITIES

Update on any open space issues (Southons Field, Playing Field or Cemetery)

The Clerk and Cllr Tippen had walked around the Playing Field on 2nd June – only issue was a tree on the boundary with The Parsonage. The Clerk had contacted the management company who were looking into what needed doing. The Clerk and Deputy walked around the cemetery on 8th June and spoke to the Cemetery Caretaker who raised no issues. A couple of items were discussed including a new notice board together several of the new roses had died and Cllr Tippen would look into this. Cllr Newton would purchase new bird feeders and corrugated metal for the shed roof.

Other Amenities Issues to report

A couple of issues had occurred at Southons Field including residents using the field after hours. The Clerk to speak to the PCSO to visit when on duty. Several children had moved a lot of branches from the boundary into the field. The caretaker would be asked to try and tape off the area.

The Deputy Clerk was looking into obtain quotes for Legionella testing and Cllrs agreed to include the public conveniences as well as the changing rooms.

217/20 PLANNING

Planning Applications

19:57 Cllr Barker was moved to the Waiting Room whilst the next application was discussed

20/500485/FULL: Station House, Church Green

Demolition of existing garage and store, and erection of a replacement garage and store with first floor annexe – Amendment

No objection raised on the amendments

20.02 Cllr Barker was accepted back into the meeting

20/502041/TCA – Manor House, Albion Road

Large Magnolia in rear garden: Raise the crown by approx. 1m to approx. 2.5 to 3m to give a greater clearance over the lawn and more light to the borders below. Thin the crown by approx. 15-20% to increase light levels to the area below. Any small protruding limbs that stick out from the crown will be sympathetically reduced back into shape.

No objection

20/502075/SUB – Little Hertsfield, Staplehurst Road

Submission of details pursuant to condition 5 (Biodiversity) in relation to planning permission
20/500167/FULL

Noted

20/502125/FULL: Beech Barn, Sheephurst Lane

Erection of a replacement garden store

No objection

20/502144/PNEXT: Khernfields Farmhouse, Tilden Lane

Prior notification for a proposed single storey rear extension which (a) extends by 7.9 metres beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling; (b) has a maximum height of 3.4 metres from the natural ground level; and (c) has a height of 2.4 metres at the eaves from the natural ground level.

Although this is submitted as a prior notification, the Parish Council remains concerned about the potential cumulative effects of the various piecemeal planning applications and other prior notifications at this property which is set in the open countryside with views in almost all directions from several public rights of way as well as Tilden Lane.

20/502152/LBC: Beech Barn, Sheephurst Lane

Listed Building consent for the erection of a replacement garden store

No objection

MBC Planning Decisions

20/501112/FULL – Branns Farmhouse, Goudhurst Road – Granted

20/501474/FULL – Widehurst Farm, Thorn Road – Granted (CiL Liable)

20/501498/FULL – 1 Colenso Villas, Goudhurst Road – Granted

20/501513/FULL – Khernfields Farmhouse, Tilden Lane – Granted

20/501557/FULL – Units 7 & 10 Wheelbarrow Ind. Estate – Granted (CiL Liable)

20/501583/FULL – Khernfields Farmhouse, Tilden Lane – Refused

Other Planning Issues

No other Planning Issues to report

218/20 FINANCE**Bank Statements**Revenue

Nat West (as at 3rd June 2020) £15,975.74

Unity Bank (as at 9th June 2020) £143,926.86

Capital

Santander (as at 27th March 2020) £47,006.69

Payments for Approval

Previously circulated to Cllrs prior to meeting

Electronic payments

Stanleys Garage – Fuel and miscellaneous £146.20

Rialtas (RBS) – Financial software annual subscription £148.80

Homeleigh – Top Soil for Southons Field £63.59

Paul Waring – Rolling/Mowing Southons/Playing Field £379.98

Viking – PPE/Office/Newsletter supplies £127.96

Viking – Cleaning supplies £10.38

Golden Hill Nurseries – Plants for Troughs £107.00

RJP Cleaning – Public Conv. cleaning £635.00

Graham Carey – Grounds maintenance £573.00

Employees – June Salaries £4,995.05

HMRC – PAYE/NIC May £1,281.72

SLCC – Website Accessibility Webinar x 2 £144.00

SLCC – Document Accessibility Webinar £36.00

Rams Hill – New Cemetery mower £459.00

Marden Memorial Hall – Office Rent £295.00

Total: £9,402.60

A transfer of revenue from Unity to Nat West of £30,000 was agreed. Invoices were agreed and Cllrs Stevens and Tippen would authorise.

219/20 OTHER URGENT PARISH MATTERS:

For Decision/Discussion

Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)

Cllrs Adam, Boswell, Tippen and Turner, together with the Clerk, met via Zoom on 2nd June to discuss this document in more detail. All Cllrs were asked to view the document and to make comment prior to this meeting.

Cllr Tippen reported that a productive meeting was held to discuss the priority criteria/scoring system for each item.

Cllrs were asked for comments to be forwarded to Cllr Tippen for amending the HIP and to try to expand on one item each.

For Information

Newsletter

The Deputy Clerk had started on the newsletter and Cllrs had agreed what roads they were able to cover for delivery.

Allotments

Zoom meeting planned for 18th June with the Sub-Group.

Other

The Deputy Clerk would be asked to post the link from .gov.uk website re public transport changes (face coverings mandatory) to Facebook.

Cllr Newton asked if there was an update from Redrow regarding the naming of one of the footpaths at The Parsonage “Simmons Way”. No information has been received from Redrow but the Clerk was continuing to chase.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date:

Signed:

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The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 23rd June 2020