

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held via Zoom Remote Meetings

on 2nd February 2021 at 7.00pm

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

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

223. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Kearns, Cllr Roper (TDC) and PCSO Adrian Butterworth

224. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman when able to do so.

225. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared.

226. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Community Warden Karl Aylett reported as follows:

- January was a quiet month.
- Job role is somewhat stifled as the usual duties undertaken are limited by Covid restrictions.
- Limited calls to the skatepark for a persistent number of older youths who believe that the current rules and restrictions do not apply to them.
- Dealt with a hoarding issue alongside Kent Fire & Rescue and also assisted a housing association dealing with a neighbourhood dispute.

Cllr Crow-Brown asked whether Karl had been made aware of some recent abuse suffered by his neighbours over access to a caravan.

Cllr Crow-Brown also commented that he had received reports of hare-coursing on the marshes. Karl responded that both he and PCSO Adrian Butterworth have been made aware of this.

PCSO Adrian Butterworth was not present.

227. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Pugh reported as follows;

- TDC may offer a loan of between £700K-£1.5M to Your Leisure to keep the company afloat as they are experiencing financial struggles due to Covid.

- There are proposed changes to planning rules, including a possible charge being made for the submission of paper copy representations from consultees and the abolition of displaying yellow planning notices at sites for which a planning application has been received. A public consultation will be held.
- Complaints have been received about light pollution from Thanet Earth. Any complaints that we may receive can be forwarded to him.

Cllr Quittenden asked if the May elections are expected to go ahead as planned. Cllr Pugh responded that they may be delayed until September 2021.

228. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. Mrs Gimes reported that both Clerks and the pitch caretaker are to be placed temporarily on flexible furlough, working reduced hours due to the current reduction in workload as a result of the pandemic.

229. REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk reported that following the Council meeting in February, a quotation of £221 + VAT has been received and accepted for the annual service of St Marys Church clock. The census will take place on 21st March 2021.

230. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

None.

231. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

The Clerk reported that the yellow lines have passed their consultation period and awaiting installation.

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

The Clerk reported that Andreea Plant (TDC) had advised that their solicitor was waiting for a response from our Solicitor with regards to completion of the asset-transfer. This has been followed up and our Solicitor will now respond.

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

This application is to be called in to the Planning Committee at TDC when a slot becomes available.

234. KALC 2021 COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME

Members were reminded to consider nominations for the KALC Community Award as nominations must be submitted by 12th February 2021.

AGREED; That a nomination should be made for Karen Brazil and Jenny Sutton from Attwells.

235. LITTLE EXPLORERS PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY

The Clerk reported that due to the difficulties during the pandemic, Kim Dolman has taken the decision to permanently close the pre-school on 10th February 2021.

236. COVID-19 UPDATE ON CURRENT SITUATION

Nothing to report.

237. SKATEPARK ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The skatepark remains closed in line with current Government restrictions.

The Chairman reported that an email has been received from TW Services confirming that the installation of the bund is likely to take place in March or April when the weather is drier.

Cllr Torbett confirmed that he has received email confirmation of the financial contribution for planting and landscaping from Sunningdale and he will forward this to the Clerk.

Cllr Day asked whether any of the persistent offenders who continue to use the skatepark despite its closure, have received fines. Community Warden Karl responded that this was unlikely but that PCSO Adrian Butterworth would be able to confirm this.

238. PLANS FOR PARISH OFFICE AT THE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that receipt of the Design Statement was expected this week. Our planning application will then be submitted.

239. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following applications;

Applications

TCA/TH/21/0029 - Garden Cottage, Durlock, Minster, RAMSGATE

1No Silver Birch (T2) - Crown lift to 5.3m over the private road and footpath, crown reduce by 2.5m in height and width, clear small branches around streetlight to maximise efficiency, 2No cherry plums (T3) - Reduce crown by 1.5m, thin out epicormic shoots, crossing and rubbing branches by up to 1.5m, 1No cherry (T4) - Reduce crown on western side by 1.8m, thin crown of epicormic shoots, rubbing or crossing branches by 1.8m

RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION

FH/TH/20/1706 - 85 Monkton Road, RAMSGATE, Kent, CT12 4EE

Erection of first floor pitched roof extension to rear above ground floor extension to provide first floor accommodation within enlarged roof

RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION

F/TH/21/0081 - High Quality Lifestyles, Ebbsfleet House, Ebbsfleet Lane, RAMSGATE

Erection of two-storey flat roof side extension, single storey flat roof rear extension and single storey flat roof front extension (porch) following removal of laundry room.

RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION

FH/TH/21/0038 67 Tothill Street, Minster, RAMSGATE, Kent

Loft conversion forming rear dormer and balcony with access to existing flat roof. New metal staircase to boiler room. Erection of open carport to front of dwelling. Enlarged Entry porch and alterations to the garage front elevation.

RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION

Decisions

F/TH/20/1608 - McDonalds Restaurant and Drive Through, Laundry Road

Erection of 2.3 metre high external bin enclosure with timber effect cladding and metal gates to eastern elevation, replacement of existing speakers and free standing digital signs, installation of 2No. new customer order displays and erection of goal post height restrictor following removal of existing signage together with alterations to kerb lines and addition of block paving – **GRANTED**

A/TH/20/1609 - McDonalds Restaurant and Drive Through, Laundry Road

Erection and display of digital drive thru signage comprising 1No internally illuminated 15" digital screen to Booth 1, and 5No internally illuminated freestanding signs – **GRANTED**

FH/TH/20/1616 - 21 Molineux Road, Minster, RAMSGATE, Kent

Erection of a single storey pitched roof side extension – **GRANTED**

FH/TH/20/1521 – 5 Cornelis Drive, Minster

Erection of a single storey extension. – **GRANTED**

F/TH/20/1437 6 Mannock Drive, Ramsgate

Erection of a single storey rear extension together with driveway to the front– **GRANTED**

F/TH/20/1407 Land Adjacent To 39 High Street, Minster, RAMSGATE, Kent

Variation of conditions 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 attached to planning application F/TH/13/0787 for the erection of two storey dwelling, together with associated landscaping, following demolition of existing garage to allow for changes to layout, design, parking, refuse storage facilities and materials– **GRANTED**

240. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC

Cllr Quittenden reported as follows;

To date, no meeting has been held. Cllr Quittenden expressed his concern at this.

Minster School	Cllr Kearns was not present to provide an update.
Village Hall	Nothing to report
Twinning Assn.	Nothing to report.

241. REPORT OF THE RFO

RESOLVED:

- (a) the Bank balance statement be received and noted,**
- (b) the statement of Receipts and Payments for the month of January 2021 be approved.**

242. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jack Wraith was in attendance on behalf of Attwells. Mr Wraith explained that Clive Attwell was trading as a sole trader and upon his death in January, the business now forms part of his estate. It will therefore close on 13th February 2021. Due to inheritance complexities, it may be some time before the business can be sold. Karen Brazil cannot see a way forward to keep it open.

Clive's funeral will be held via zoom on 15th February 2021.

Members agreed to consider an appropriate way to remember Clive and his contribution to the community.

Cllr Quittenden explained that he had moved on an articulated lorry that had parked in the High Street car-park at the weekend.

Cllr Quittenden reported that the Non-Domestic Rating (Public Lavatories) Bill had its second hearing in the House of Lords and is now at Committee Stage.

Cllr Quittenden reported that there may be some areas in the High Street car park, garden section that may be suitable for wildflower planting, upon the completion of the asset transfer. Cllr Pugh agreed to assist with chasing the asset transfer to completion.

Time concluded: 7.50pm

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