

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

4a Monkton Road, Minster

on 1st November 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: Mrs. Gimes (Chairman), Crow-Brown, Jones, Mills, Day, Owen, and Mrs. Fleming

Also present: Kyla Lamb (Clerk to the Council), Clare Wilsdon (Assistant Clerk) Cllrs Smith(TDC) and Wright (KCC)

155. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Quittenden, McCarthy.

156. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th October 2022 be approved and signed.

157. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No members interests recorded.

158. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Community Warden Aylett was not present.

No report was available from the PCSO.

159. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Crow-Brown reported as follows;

- Soaring inflation and increasing demand is affecting KCC's delivery of services.
- Around £1.3 billion of KCC annual budget is subject to inflationary pressure.
- KCC strive to make the most of taxpayers money to provide required services and since 2010 have achieved savings in excess of £820M due to government funding cuts.
- Presenting a balanced budget is harder every year and tough decisions will need to be made.

Cllr Smith reported as follows;

- The Green Doctor bill clinic was cancelled due to low numbers. Another try will be made in the New Year.
- Revised motion for greater control and accountability by Southern Water on planning applications was not debated.
- A protest was held about the growing wood pile.
- A vigil is taking place at Manston detention centre on Wednesday 2nd November.

Cllr Wright reported as follows:

- KCC officers continue to work from home and this is not always during core office working hours.
- Alternative plans for bus routes are being considered.
- Adult social care is in dire straits.

160. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. Mrs Gimes reminded everyone that the annual fireworks display is being held on Friday 4th November. Volunteer marshalls are requested to arrive at 6pm. People are encouraged to attend on foot and it is hoped that there will be less traffic congestion than last year. The anti-social behaviour police have agreed to be in attendance.

Alison Thompson of English Rural has not been able to find any rural exception sites in Minster, but has been contacted by the developer at Hoo Farm to see if they may wish to acquire the seven affordable homes there, and make them available to local people.

An email was received from the Community Liaison Officer for Kent Police to ask about any rising tension over the Manston Detention Centre.

Members were reminded to notify the clerk of any requirement for seats at the Remembrance service on Sunday 13th November.

161. REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk reported that SGN have notified us of work commencing on Laundry Road, in the area of the industrial estate and up to the junction of Foxborough Lane/Bedlam Court Lane and The Lanes. The work will commence in January for approximately nine weeks. Road closures and diversions will be in place.

162. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Barratt David Wilson Homes boards for Land West of Tothill Street development.

163. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

The Clerk reported that the Highways Improvement Plan has been reviewed and updated at the recent Highways committee meeting and sent to Richard Heaps. The balance of 106 funds remaining is £40K.

164. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Following the resignation of Cllrs Paul Torbett and Roy Burden, the required notice of vacancies from Thanet District Council have been advertised. If no response is received by 26th October/9th November then the vacancies can be filled by co-option. People are encouraged to put themselves forward for the vacancies.

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

The Chairman reported that the application for reserved matters has been submitted to TDC. Another meeting with Barratt David-Wilson homes is taking place on Thursday to further discuss the request for a roundabout and the possibility of securing land for

the cemetery extension. A planning meeting will be arranged to discuss the reserved matter application.

Cllr Fleming encouraged members of the public to comment on the application.

166. NEW PARISH OFFICE BUILDING

Members considered the final costs for the Parish Office including additional electric and cabling work for IT equipment, extra sockets and an upgraded communications cabinet, painting of the groundsmans store and additional kitchen units. The total cost still remains less than the original budget.

RESOLVED: To approve the final costs of £2345.45 payable to Stour Valley Construction.

167. PAVILION ACOUSTIC PANELS

Members considered a quotation to install acoustic panels in the pavilion to enable council meetings to be held there instead of at the Library and Neighbourhood centre.

AGREED: To obtain further separate quotations for the two areas within the sports pavilion to consider carrying out the works separately to keep costs down.

168. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Chairman reported that the police have made visits to some youths identified as responsible for recent anti-social behaviour. There will be more police attendance in the village going forward, and the anti-social behaviour officers will attend the fireworks display. More names of youths have been put forward and these are being investigated. Overall there seems to be less incidents reported recently.

169. REQUEST FROM ARCHIES FISH AND CHIP SHOP TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL CCTV.

Members considered a request to install additional CCTV cameras in the village.

AGREED: To review our CCTV for coverage overall and investigate the possibility of swapping some camera types to improve the quality of images, but CCTV cannot be provided to cover businesses or private residences as this is the business or homeowners responsibility.

170. WINTER HARDSHIP FUND

The Chairman updated members on the progress of the provision of warm spaces for people who need help during the winter and the current energy crisis as follows;

The Salvation Army are providing a warm space and hot food in the morning and at lunchtime on Monday.

The WI will provide tea and cake one afternoon per week at the Library and Neighbourhood centre.

The RBL will provide a soup lunch with hot drinks on Wednesday starting 9/11/22

171. PLAY AREA RESURFACING

Further to our staff members recent attendance on a playground inspection course, and an incident on one of our climbing frames, members considered a quotation to replace the play area surfacing with a safer bound rubber mulch surface.

RESOLVED: To approve the quotation received of £8900. The cost to be funded by £1000 each, members grant from Cllrs Crow-Brown and Cllr Wright and the balance from reserves set aside for play area expenditure.

172. MINSTER BOWLS CLUB REQUEST TO PROVIDE ADVERTISING BANNERS/BOARDS ON THE INWARD FACING FENCE AT THE BOWLS CLUB

As the Bowls Club is owned by the Parish Council and leased to the Bowls club, a request was considered to allow them to place advertising boards on the inward facing fences.

RESOLVED: Agreed that boards can be placed as requested.

173. MINSTER SCHOOL COUNCIL DONATION

Members considered a donation of £100 to the School Council from the Clarkes Educational Fund.

RESOLVED: £100 donation approved for the School Council payable from the Clarkes Educational Fund held in reserves..

174. KALC AGM 19TH NOVEMBER 2022

The Clerk requested whether any members wished to attend (two representatives are allowed)

AGREED: Cllr Crow-Brown will attend

175. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Crow-Brown provided an update as follows;

Applications

F/TH/22/1426 The Stables The Mill House Way Hill Minster

Erection of 1No. 5 bed two storey dwelling following demolition of existing stables –
OBJECT – on the same grounds as the previous application.

FH/TH/22/1292 - 68 Cheney Road, Minster, Ramsgate

Erection of a two storey rear extension and a single storey side extension linking house to garage together with alterations to roof. – **NO OBJECTION**

R/TH/22/1393 Land On The West Side Of Tothill Street

Application for the reserved matters of outline permission OL/TH/18/1488 "Outline application for the erection of up to 214no. dwellings, cemetery expansion, and associated access, with all other matters reserved" for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale – **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD**

Decisions

TH/TPO/1(1991)G1 - 48 Monkton Road, Minster
12No Sycamore (T1-T12) – Pollard - **GRANTED**

F/TH/22/1157 Land North West Of Mannock Drive Manston Road West Minster
Proposal Erection of 2 two storey detached dwellings including associated car parking, landscaping and provision of new Manston Park visitor car parking area, together with provision of new footpath **REFUSED**

F/TH/22/1012 Mount Pleasant Lorry Park Tothill Street
Proposal Erection of a two storey Gymnasium (Use Class E) with associated parking and outdoor minigolf course - **Withdrawn**

176. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC	<p>Cllr Crow Brown reported that KCC Highways officers representatives have not been attending the Joint Transportation Board meetings.</p> <p>The Chairman of Monkton Parish Council has raised issues over 150m of sewerage issues.</p> <p>KCC will not remove graffiti from signs unless it is offensive.</p> <p>All seven parish councils have now submitted Highways Improvement Plans with Minster having been the first to use the plan.</p>
Minster School	Nothing to report.
Twinning Assn.	No representative available.

177. 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 October 2022 be approved.**

178. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Harris said that a refugee was detained at McDonalds after escaping from Manston Detention Centre

Mr Harris asked what happens to the children once they are identified as causing anti-social behaviour. The Chairman responded that they are given verbal and written warnings.

Mr Smith said that anti-social behaviour is not being taken seriously enough.

Mr Brown said that the road sign for the train station and Marshside Scout Camp is still missing.

Mr Ingleton speaking on behalf of the Minster Action Group asked whether the Parish Council would be rigorously putting forward the case for a roundabout at the meeting

with Barratt David-Wilson Homes this week. The Chairman responded that they would be.

Mr Ingleton raised concerns that with TDC about to publish a call for sites, Minster may be likely to take a hit.

Mr Ingleton encouraged a review of the recent decision to not form a Neighbourhood Plan, as he believes this may assist with influencing future development.

Time concluded: 8.48pm

6th December 2022