

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

4a Monkton Road, Minster

on 4th February 2020 at 7.00 pm

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

Also present: Kyla Lamb (Clerk to the Council), Clare Wilsdon (Assistant Clerk to the Council), PCSO Adrian Butterworth

282. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Roper and Hart (TDC), Cllr Hurst (KCC).

282. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

283. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared.

284. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

PCSO Adrian Butterworth reported as follows;

- Crimes of Note; Tools stolen from a van in Station Road
Theft from Post Office
Theft of number plates from vehicles in Brockmans
Close car-park
Burglary at Attwells Newsagents. Nothing taken but
damage caused.
- Anti-social behaviour Persons making off without payment from the Co-op
garage (associated with the number plate thefts).
- Other incidents; Weather related calls due to fallen trees
- Items of good work; Fly-tipping in Bedlam Court Lane was reported and
removed within 24 hours.
- Updates; Still receiving calls from scam victims and persons
Being approached by rogue traders.

PCSO Butterworth was the first to attend at Attwells when he came on duty. The Chairman was concerned at the lack of initial response and will write to Kent Police.

285. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Hurst had provided an update via email on Kent Police, read out by the Chairman:

- Number of Kent Police Officers will rise to over 3,800, exceeding 2010 levels.
- Kent Police carry out difficult and dangerous tasks to keep us safe and should be backed with the resources they need.
- Kent Police are the best-rated Police Force by independent inspectors.
- 181 Police officers, 36 PCSO's and 100 Police staff to be recruited.
- Focus is on county lines, crime prevention, visibility, schools, investigations and vulnerability.

286. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. Mrs Gimes reported as follows;

- A thank you card was received from the Scouts, for the donation made from the collection at the fireworks display.
- There are currently two vacancies for Councillors. These vacancies can be filled by co-option.
- The new Chairman's chain is progressing but is not expected to be finished for another couple of months.
- Minster FC have thanked the council for their continued support of the team including the Clerk and Neil.
- A response was received from the Environmental Agency in relation to the possibility of a transfer of ownership of the bridge over the River Stour that would enable this to be retained. Discussions are taking place with Richborough Connection Project.

287. REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk reported that following remedial work, the 3G pitch has now been placed on the FA Register for a further 3 years.

288. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

None.

289. VE 75 CELEBRATIONS

The Chairman reported that preparation is ongoing for the 'Picnic In the Park,' to be held on Friday 8th May 2020. Musical entertainment including Hotsy Totsy, Paul Cornwall and the Village Voices has been organised. There will be a bar in the Pavilion and coffee and ice-cream will be on sale. There may be contributions from the WI, Minster FC, and the school. More volunteers are needed to help.

290. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

Nothing to update.

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

Expected completion date is April 2020.

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

The expiry date for this application was 31/01/2020.

293. COMMUNITY ORCHARD SIGN AND REPLACEMENT TREES

Councillor Sharp reported that she has pruned all the fruit trees in the Orchard. There are two missing trees and two that have been snapped off. Cllr Sharp has obtained the cost to replace these trees from three different nurseries. Members considered a request to purchase replacements and additionally a 'No Ball Games' sign to prevent further damage in the Orchard.

RESOLVED: To purchase four replacement trees at a cost of £103.40, and two signs.

The Council thanked Councillor Sharp for her efforts.

294. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 14^h January 2020 be received.

295. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported the following planning applications received and decisions since the last meeting-;

Applications

FH/TH/20/0098 – Ashenmeade, Wayborough Hill- Erection of a two storey and single storey front extension, first floor side extension with alterations to roof together with erection of a detached garage- **NO OBJECTION**

FH/Th/20/0073 – 27 Greenhill Gardens, Minster – Erection of a single storey rear extension and insertion of window to north side elevation. **NO OBJECTION**

Decisions

19/1684 – 7 Southall Close Minster – Erection of two storey side extension following demolition of existing conservatory, single story rear extension to existing outbuilding and associated alterations – **GRANTED**

19/1682 – 1 Church Street, Minster – 1 Silverbirch crown reduce by 1.5m – **GRANTED**

19/1476 – 7 Burgess Close, Minster – 1 sycamore reduce by 30/40% - **GRANTED**

19/1415 – Land adjacent 6 Sevenscore Farm Cottages Ebbsfleet – Erection of two storey 4-bed detached dwelling together with erection of single storey detached double garage. - **REFUSED**

296. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC	Cllr Quittenden reported that a meeting is to be held on 12 th March 2020.
Minster School	Nothing to report
Village Hall	Nothing to report.
Twinning Assn.	Cllr Burden reported that the quiz to be held at the RBL on 22 nd February 2020 is almost full.

297. 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 January 2020 be approved.

The Council thanked the staff for installation of the drop-posts at the cemetery and the new notice board at the entrance to the Monkton Road car-park.

298. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs Tomkins expressed her concerns about the lack of lighting at the bottom of Prospect Road since a lamp-post was removed.

Mr Watler is glad to hear that the bridge over the River Stour may be retained.

Mr Warren thanked the council for the highway works carried out in Molineux Road but said there are still issues with vehicles being parked on the grass verges.

Cllr Jones suggested that funding should be sought in order to plant more trees.

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Time concluded: 7.45 p.m.