



## St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



### Approved Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Councillors G. Bryant (Chairman), L. Ageros, L. Fallon, D. Divers, P. Radclyffe, G. Goy  
**Also, Present:** Sara Archer – Clerk, District Cllr R. Pugh plus 3 members of the public.

#### **85/20-21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Ticia Cheniston who was unwell.

#### **86/20-21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

#### **87/20-21 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held via zoom on 13<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Subject to the following amendments:

**Addendum added by the Chairman regarding the purchase of the memorial bench at Sarre, and additional thanks expressed to Graham North to the minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

**These were proposed by Cllr Fallon, seconded by Cllr Divers, all present agreed and therefore the minutes would be signed by the Chairman as a correct record when able.**

#### **88/20-21 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Bryant read his report as follows:

Well, of course, Lockdown is with us again and we appreciate the difficulties that this brings. I presented The Parish Council poppy wreath at the church on Remembrance Sunday. There was nobody else in the church and it was a most unusual way of remembering those that gave their lives for our freedom. My thanks to Peter for laying the other wreath at The Flagpole in Sarre.

Lockdown has meant that football cannot be played at Bell Meadow until at least 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This has given us the opportunity to reseed and we will be white lining again nearer this date.

The no littering signs seem to have had some affect in Potten Street along with cutting back on the slip road off The Thanet Way. On a litter pick on Saturday, we found very little rubbish in this area apart from a load of tyres that the cutback had exposed. You will have noticed that one of the lights has been renewed in Bell Meadow. We are grateful to EE Saunders for this work that has made the footpath safer. I am in the process of getting further quotes for the lamp posts around the tennis court to be refurbished.

I met representatives from Reculver Cricket Club last week and hope to be able to give some positive news at the next PC meeting.

Sara, Peter, and I met a representative from The Church Commissioners in Sarre two weeks ago to further discuss the purchase of the land around the flagpole and beyond. As soon as we have any further news, a proposal will be made to the full council.

#### **89/20-21 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk advised the Christmas Trees had been ordered for the villages and would be delivered during the middle of November this year, slightly earlier than usual to spread some festive cheer!

The headstone vases for the cemetery had been received and were in storage for anyone to request a replacement as necessary. KCC were holding an online Highways Seminar on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Councillors were asked to register their interest with the Clerk who would arrange attendance with KCC.

The Clerk confirmed she had been corresponding with Kompan with regards to the replacement parts for the damaged overhead zipline, however, it was proving difficult to source the parts, discussions were on-going and the Clerk would continue to chase. Cllr Fallon volunteered to also follow this issue up and make enquiries with Playdale to source an alternative if necessary.

The Clerk reported that work was progressing to transfer the website to the new Hugofox platform. Matt was working hard on the technical aspects of the transfer and it was hoped the new site would go live within the next few weeks. Molly Hollman would be providing new photographs for inclusion on the website.

Progress was being made regarding the road signs for Sarre. Highways had been approached about the variation in wording which had now been approved and were looking into positioning the signs on metal poles behind the new gates in order not to cover up the gates and to be more aesthetically pleasing. A rough estimate of the repositioning including the signs, posts and traffic management was £900. The existing lamppost could not be used because of wind loading and the structural integrity of the post. Councillors considered the proposal and agreed to instruct KCC to go ahead with the separate sign at each site.

**RESOLVED: To instruct KCC to install road signs on posts next to the gates in Sarre.**

KALC had issued information regarding their AGM which would be held online via zoom on 28th November, 10am. Two representatives were invited. Councillors interested in attending were asked to inform the Clerk who would make the necessary arrangements. Cllr Ageros would attend on behalf of the PC.

TDC had resumed a weekly conference call in order to update Parish Councils on their services during lockdown. Business grants would be made available for small businesses affected by Covid-19, Enforcement Officers were monitoring businesses to ensure the new regulations were followed and the test centres at Manston and Dreamland remained operational.

Correspondence had been received from a resident in Sarre regarding the apparent disappointing lack of attendance of the handyman at Sarre despite reassurance that the village would be prioritised. The Clerk would contact the handyman team and remind them to attend Sarre regularly.

The Clerk also confirmed she was now in receipt of a hard copy of the Local Plan.

The Clerk advised she had received confirmation from TDC that they would not accept the first offer made by the Parish Council for the transfer of Bell Meadow. A valuation was required to assess the value of the land with the community use restrictions. The Clerk had been in contact with the Clerk at Birchington who had recently acquired their recreational facilities, however, as they had historically owned the land, they were not required to make an offer. They are however, currently looking at transferring some land that generates an income and have been advised that TDC would multiply the income generated by 10 to work out an acceptable offer. District Cllr Pugh advised he would contact the Corporate Asset Management Team on behalf of the PC to negotiate a suitable offer.

#### **90/20-21 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Radclyffe reported he had litter picked and cleaned the drains of leaves following the recent storms. He had also laid a wreath on Remembrance Day. A road sweeper would be requested from TDC to sweep the roads in Sarre. Cllr Ageros advised that if the PC were to take on the extra piece of land beside the flagpole they should be mindful of the trees and ensure they are cut back before acquiring the land.

#### **91/20-21 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Cllr Hart advised the new waste trucks were now operational. Schools in the area had seen a high number of cases of covid-19, residents were reminded to wear masks and take the necessary precautions. The covid-19 wardens were monitoring the local area and enforcing the regulations accordingly.

Cllr Pugh confirmed he would look further into the transfer of Bell Meadow on behalf of the PC.

It had been brought to his attention that missed bin collections in some streets in St Nicholas remained an issue. Cllr Pugh was liaising with the Director of Operational Services to address the problem.

TDC had taken the decision to close some public toilets in the district, particularly those close to the beaches, due to covid-19.

Cllr Roper confirmed TDC had used an extra £3 million to cope with the implications of Covid-19, therefore, the budget was very tight. Representatives from Riveroak had attended a meeting with TDC to present the plans for the airport. Operation Brock was due to resume, remaining in place until at least June 2021. A judicial review was to take place, the date was yet to be confirmed. It was envisaged that flights would begin in 2023 dependant on the civil aviation authority. Potentially 600 jobs would be created when the airport re-opens. 24000 freight movements a year are expected when the airport is fully operational, (4-5 per hour) between 6am -11pm. The RAF museum is likely to be relocated. A Manston Skills and Employment Board would be launched with a training facility on site.

#### **92/20-21 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Liz Hurst reported the number of cases of Covid in Kent were rising, updates were available online at the following address: [www.kent.gov.uk/covidcases](http://www.kent.gov.uk/covidcases) This was putting the hospitals in a difficult position. The focus remained on vulnerable and ensuring they were supported, along with Kent children to make sure they did not go hungry during the pandemic.

KCC had raised significant objections to the new white paper for planning to the Secretary of State.

Winter Highways preparations were underway in case of snow.

A 'Knock and Check' Scheme was being introduced to raise awareness of the elderly and vulnerable who may need help during the winter months.

### 93/20-21 EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Divers confirmed he was in receipt of the previous safety inspection for the play equipment and would be carrying out a further inspection in December.

A few amendments were required on the Emergency Plan to update the document and bring it into line with the existing Parish Council members. It was suggested a copy of the document was left in all named shelters and a copy produced for the School.

An electronic version of the Plan would be forwarded to Cllr Divers in order to make the necessary amendments.

It was agreed that the food provision was no longer necessary.

### 94/20-21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Council considered the following applications:

**TCA/TH/20/1425 - The Elms Farmhouse, Canterbury Road, BIRCHINGTON**

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*Refer to Tree Officer*

b) None received.

### 95/20-21 BUS SHELTER – A28 CANTERBURY ROAD

Cllr Fallon advised of the issue regarding the damaged bus shelter on the A28 Canterbury Road. Stagecoach, Canterbury City Council, KCC and TDC had been approached however, all companies denied any responsibility for the shelter. The Clerk confirmed a designated grant was available from KCC for bus shelters and would forward the information to Cllr Fallon for consideration. Cllr Fallon would make enquiries to ascertain responsibility for the shelter and also with Cllr Hurst regarding funding.

The location of the shelter was discussed, Cllr Bryant would approach the land owner to enquire whether the shelter could be moved further onto the field.

### 96/20-21 FINANCE

(a) The Clerk presented the monthly bank reconciliation between the cash book and bank accounts. This had been sent to Cllr Radclyffe for inspection prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED: To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for October. (Proposed: Cllr Fallon, seconded Cllr Radclyffe).**

(b) The Clerk presented the monthly payment schedule which included the following invoices:

M. Savage (Handyman's salary & expenses)	250.11
S. Archer (Clerk's salary & expenses)	784.62
J. Read (Asst. Handyman's salary & expenses)	207.53
George Bryant (Cleaner's salary)	116.56
Lloyds Bank (Credit Card)	233.79
Workwear Express (Handyman Uniform)	240.42
G. Bryant (Reimbursement)	16.73
Thanet Stone (Headstone vases)	210.00
M. Feekings (Website Admin)	9.01
Nationwide (Savings Account)	10,000.00
Sedgewick Turner (BMP & V Hall Valuations)	500.00
Sign Shed (Sign for Play Area)	23.40

#### **Receipts:**

Cemetery fees	105.00
Cemetery fees	15247.00
Hire fees	150.00
Hire fees	220.15
Cemetery fees	220.00
Cemetery fees	90.00

**RESOLVED: To approve payment of invoices included in the monthly payment schedule for November (Proposed: Cllr Divers, Seconded: Cllr Radclyffe)**

(c) The replacement planters and Gardening Club recommendations were discussed. The style and colour were considered, it was agreed to purchase a large red 'bucket' style planter for each site from David Olgilvie. Cllr Bryant would contact the suppliers regarding the wording to be included on the planters. A base for the planters was discussed, the Clerk would contact the handyman for his recommendation. A planter for Sarre was also discussed, Cllr Ageros would consider the location with Cllr Radclyffe and other Sarre residents and update at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED: To purchase four tall bucket style red planters from David Olgilvie with a budget of £4500 (Proposed: Cllr Bryant Seconded: Cllr Fallon)**

(d) Cllr Fallon confirmed she had circulated the three quotes for the barrier fencing for the new ariel runway. The quotes were considered and the recommendation was to instruct colour fencing who can provide a 900mm high powder coated fence which would blend well with the existing fence and has a 20yr guarantee with a bolt together construction.

**RESOLVED: To purchase the fencing from Colour Fencing as recommended by the project leader for £3152 inc VAT. ( A vote was taken, 5 approved the recommendation, 1 abstention) Proposed: Cllr Bryant, Seconded Cllr Radclyffe**

#### **97/20-21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

- An update was requested regarding the Sarre memorial bench. Cllr Ageros confirmed he was making enquiries and would provide an update at the next meeting.

- An update regarding the footpath TE5B was requested. The overgrowth was considered a hazard and was obstructed with debris. KCC had been notified, a site visit would be requested with the Footpaths Officer. The Clerk was following up the concerns.

- The recent resignation of Graham North was noted and suggested he was thanked publicly on the website. The Chairman confirmed he had conveyed his thanks which had been minuted and these were duly available on the website.

- The date for a meeting for the Bell Meadow Committee was queried. The Clerk confirmed a meeting would be arranged within the next two weeks and publicised accordingly.

The meeting was concluded by The Chairman at 9:14pm.