



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors D. Divers (Interim Chairman), G. Goy, L. Fallon, P. Radclyffe

Also, Present: Sara Archer – Clerk, plus 2 members of the public.

36/21-22 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The Clerk advised that due to the resignation of Gordon Bryant at the last meeting, a new Chair was required to be elected. Councillor Divers, as Vice and Interim Chair was nominated for the position and duly accepted.

RESOLVED: To elect Cllr David Divers as Chairperson with immediate effect. This was proposed by Cllr Fallon, and Seconded by Cllr Radclyffe, all were in agreement.

37/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Lee Ageros offered his apologies due to an unexpected incident. District Councillors Trevor Roper & David Hart.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council were in receipt of an email from Cllr Roper advising that he had resigned from his position as District Councillor.

38/21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

39/21-22 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th July 2021. These were proposed by Cllr Fallon, seconded by Cllr Goy, all present agreed and therefore the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

40/21-22 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Divers extended grateful thanks on behalf of the Parish Council and Community, to Gordon Bryant, for the considerable amount of work and effort he had offered whilst fulfilling his position on the Parish Council. Many projects had come to fruition and many were also in the pipeline.

It was hoped that more people could be attracted to join the Parish Council as there were now a number of vacancies.

41/21-22 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that an invitation had been received from Birchington Parish Council to their Neighbourhood Plan event, which would be held on 17th August, 6pm in the Village Centre. Information had also been received from KCC regarding a road safety event at Manston Airport on 15th September and a Speedwatch presentation online via MS Teams on 1st September. It was noted that the Speedwatch Co-Ordinator, Rob Searle, had resigned from the position, however, this was to be confirmed.

42/21-22 COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Radclyffe confirmed he had litter picked in Sarre and requested the roadsweeper attended. KCC had attended to the drains following some recent flooding and further prevention measures were being explored by Highways. Cllr Radclyffe enquired about the potential speed awareness measures being considered on the Highways Improvement Plan. Concern had been raised with regard to the pollution and noise of increased traffic in the Village. The roundabout required remarking, all Councillors and Clerk would report this issue online. Cllr Radclyffe also advised he had carried out some maintenance work at the Village Hall.

43/21-22 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT

No reports available.

44/21-22 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No reports available.

45/21-22 SARRE FLAGPOLE UPDATE

The Clerk reported she had met with Cllr Ageros, the Chair of the Resident's Association and two representatives from the Church Commission with regard to the potential purchase of land in Sarre for community use, and the gifting of the flagpole land to the Parish Council. The representative's confirmed that no land other than that of the flagpole had been offered to the Parish Council or for sale. The potential for purchasing land near the Sarre Windmill was discussed at the site meeting and it was confirmed that offers would be considered although the land was not currently on the market. Discussion took place regarding expenses and the need for additional funding options to be explored. It was agreed to pursue the gifting of the flagpole land at this moment and to look into additional land for the community, at a later date.

46/21-22 BUS SHELTER

Cllr Fallon advised that the grant application to KCC had been submitted and confirmation that the monies had been awarded were awaited. Once this was in hand, the shelter could be ordered and progressed accordingly.

47/21-22 BELL MEADOW PAVILION COMMITTEE

Cllr Divers and Radclyffe had attended the meeting in the absence of Cllr Ageros.

The bar licence and food hygiene certificate were now outstanding.

The front door required attention and the lock to be changed. This was agreed to proceed as soon as possible.

The signage was being revisited and quotes would be obtained by the Committee, for consideration.

The potential for upgrading the tennis courts to a multi-use games area was being explored.

It was felt the cleanliness of the building had not been maintained adequately and due to a change in the personal circumstances of the cleaner, a vacancy may arise.

The handyman would be contacted to investigate the leak above the fire exit doors.

A few odd jobs and the installation of the sink would be carried out in due course.

48/21-22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) There had not been any planning applications received at the time of publishing the agenda, however, F/TH/21/1156 and L/TH/21/1157 had been received and circulated on the day of the meeting. Councillors were asked to consider the applications and submit their comments to the Clerk accordingly.

b) None received.

49/21-22 FINANCE

(a) The Clerk presented the monthly bank reconciliation between the cash book and bank accounts.

RESOLVED: To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for July. (Proposed: Cllr Radclyffe, seconded Cllr Goy).

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

Westgate Security - BMP	96.10
McCabe Ford Williams – Audit/Payroll	775.20
HMRC – Employee PAYE	210.08
G. Bryant – Cllr Allowance	89.90
George Bryant – Cleaner Salary	116.56
M. Savage – Handyman Salary	163.84
N. Sangster – Handyman Salary	336.37
J. Read – Handyman Salary	76.66
S. Archer – Clerk Salary inc o/s payment	3464.05
Business Stream - BMP	22.64
KALC – Training	60.00
Lloyds CC – Direct debit	131.41
Lipscomb Cars – Deposit Handyman Van	500.00

Receipts:

HMRC VAT Refund	£2965.12
KALC Grant – Website set up fee	£50.00
BMP Hire fee	£25.00
Cemetery fee	£40.00
BMP Cream Tea Event	£143.35
BMP Hire (Minster FC)	£30.00
BMP Hire (Herne Bay Harriers)	£30.00
BMP Hire (Minster FC)	£44.00
BMP Hire (Hobbs)	£44.00

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

50/21-22 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- The meeting were informed that the cleaner had not attended on three occasions to carry out his duties as he was unable to access the building due to no keys being made available. The Chair of the Committee would be approached to ensure a set of keys were kept in the key safe at all times. It was confirmed that the cleaning was at the direction of the Chair of the Committee and the cleaner would be asked to meet and discuss the requirements as necessary.
- The grit bin at Summer Road required filling to ensure it did not keep blowing into the field.
- The content of the Highways Improvement Plan was questioned and clarified that a number of road safety improvements had been submitted for consideration including the reduction of the speed limits to 20mph, double yellow lines at the entrance to The Length, speed signs, road markings.
- It was indicated that the Emergency Plan required updating, this would be included on the next agenda.
- Congratulations were offered to the Clerk who had been in post for 4 years.

The meeting was concluded by the Chairman at 8:54pm.