

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

4a Monkton Road, Minster

on 6th December 2022 at 7.00pm

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

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

186. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Wright and Pugh (TDC).

187. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st November 2022 be approved and signed.

188. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No members interests recorded.

189. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Community Warden Aylett reported as follows:

- Complaints received about poorly parked vehicles but unfortunately has no power to assist with these.
- Attended Warm spaces with Cllr Gimes.
- A homeless person was reported to be living in a caravan along the top road.

No report was available from the PCSO.

190. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Crow-Brown reported as follows;

- Meeting arranged with Haroona Chughtai, KCC Director of Highways and Transportation has been postponed.
- KCC Highways can only object to planning applications on grounds of severity in accordance with the NPPF. Journey time delay and congestion is not considered a severe impact unless it results in a detriment to safety.
- Mrs Chughtai has advised that alternative cycle routes to Foxborough Lane are being explored and considered, as narrow rural roads that have limited forward visibility are not ideal.

Cllr Smith reported as follows;

- There has been a recent Call for sites publication. Further information will be available in February 2023.
- Praised Minster Action Group for raising the issue of development in the village on Isle of Thanet News.
- Will be away now until February 2023.
- The Post Office is closing and there is some uncertainty about its re-opening date.

Cllr Pugh was not present but provided a report as follows:

- Minster Post Office is temporarily closing and further information will follow.
- Monkton St application – it is disappointing that the planning inspector has overturned TDC's refusal for this site.
- Foxborough Lane – There are major issues with this site including Highways.
- Village Gap – Trying to ascertain if any land between Minster and Monkton is designated a village gap and so stopping the villages joining up.
- Planning reform – The government has announced changes to planning law that will hopefully reduce the pressure on the district to build housing.

191. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. Mrs Gimes thanked the staff and volunteer marshalls for their help with the annual fireworks display. The event was a great success.

A meeting was held with Minster Action Group to discuss working together and the possibility of forming a steering group that can help provide advice on future planning applications. This will be discussed as a future agenda item.

The Carol service at the Lychgate will be held on Monday 12th December.

192. REPORT OF THE CLERK

Nothing to report.

193. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Call for sites diagram and leaflets to advertise food parcels available to those in need.

194. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

The Clerk reported that the Highways Improvement Plan has been reviewed and updated. The remaining balance is £40K and it may be possible to use this towards the proposed cycle path from the village to Cliffsend.

195. CO-OPTION TO COUNCIL

Following two resignations by Councillors, there are two vacancies to fill by co-option and these have been advertised. Applicants will be interviewed following the closing date of 12th December 2022

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

Our comment on the reserved matters application has been submitted. The boundary of the development site at Greenhill Gardens has been fenced off and archaeological work has begun. A gap has been left to pedestrians to continue to allow access to cut through from Greenhill Gardens to the bridle-path. It is not yet known when further work on the housing will take place due to economic circumstances.

197. MINSTER MATTER DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

Following on from the Parish Councils move from the library, Minster Matters were asked to formalise their use of the meeting room to receive deliveries and arrange distribution of the monthly magazine. The cost of £15 per hour is prohibitive. Members considered a request to use space at the Chapel at the cemetery for this purpose.

RESOLVED: That the Chapel at the cemetery can be used for Minster Matter deliveries and distribution.

198. HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the highways committee meeting held on 1st November be received.

199. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the planning committee meeting held on 14th November be received.

200. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Chairman reported that the most recent report of anti-social behaviour involved throwing of tomato ketchup at houses in Tothill Street. CCTV from McDonalds is being reviewed and the incident investigated.

No other reports to the police have been made.

Our current CCTV cameras and system will be reviewed in the new year to consider whether additional or alternative cameras, or camera locations would be useful.

201. 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; There are three locations that provide warmth and food in the village

- RBL on Wednesdays from 12-2pm for a soup lunch and hot drinks.
- Salvation Army on Monday mornings 9.30-11am for hot drinks and cake.
- The library upstairs on Thursday from 1.15-4pm for hot drinks and cake.

Thanks to all the volunteers making food and helping out at these venues. More volunteers would be appreciated.

Food parcels are available for those who need help and nine people have been nominated to receive Christmas parcels. Two families have received urgent food parcels and vouchers to spend in local shops.

Sister Benedict, Minster Abbey also welcome those needing a quiet warm space by appointment.

Thank to Acorn Bowman who have donated £450 to the Winter Hardship instead of sending Christmas cards to their customers.

202. RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL FOR ACOUSTIC PANELS IN THE PAVILION

Following the last meeting, a further quotation was sought for acoustic panels to be installed as two separate areas in the pavilion. It was agreed by email that this was not cost effective and further agreed to proceed with the quotation by R&R Acoustics.

RESOLVED: That the decision to proceed with the quotation of £3764 + VAT for installation of acoustic panels at the pavilion be ratified.

203. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Crow-Brown provided an update as follows;

Applications

F/TH/22/1543 - Land on the South East side of Manston Road

Temporary change of use of land for a period of five years for the siting of storage containers – **NO OBJECTION**

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. (amended) – **NO OBJECTION**

F/TH/22/1454 - Land East of Parking Bay, Canterbury Road West

Temporary change of use of agricultural land to store virgin timber. – **NO OBJECTION as long as the timber is move as soon as possible**

F/TH/22/0558 – Former Paddock, Way hill, Minster – Erection of 1 No. two storey 6-bed detached dwelling (amended)- **OBJECT** as per previous objection to the original proposal- The site is a greenfield site, is outside of the village envelope. It would cause the destruction of an ancient hedgerow to access the site. Extra traffic from the site would add to existing highway safety issues especially at the junction with the Lanes and Way Hill.

Decisions

OL/TH/22/0338 Pouces Manston Road

Outline application for the erection of 1No dwelling including access with all other matters reserved. - **GRANTED**

TH/TPO/17/(1989) 1 St Mildreds Road, Minster

Crown reduction by 40% and removal of the left limb of 2m of the main trunk
GRANTED

204. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC	<p>Cllr Crow Brown reported that Mark Greening, TDC waste business development supervisor was in attendance and provided the following information.</p> <p>TDC trialled electric waste disposal vehicles but they had a limited range and were overheating.</p> <p>Moving away from the use of Bottle banks recycling</p> <p>Thanet has the lowest missed bin collection rates in the country.</p> <p>Attended KALC AGM – motions can be put forward.</p> <p>Guest speakers were Roger Gough, leader of KCC and Matthew Scott, Police and Crime Commissioner.</p>
Minster School	<p>The School Council asked to pass on their thanks for the £100 donation. A presentation will be arranged in the new year.</p>
Twinning Assn.	<p>No representative available.</p>

205. 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 November 2022 be approved.**

206. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Local said that a 150 page document by Michael Gove has been published by the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities. Minster Action Group will be reviewing this document closely.

Barbara Quittenden gave a reminder that the Christmas Event will be held on Saturday 10th December.

Time concluded: 8.07pm

10th January 2022