

## **St Nicholas at Wade with Sarre Parish Council Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Bryant (Chairman), Ageros, Divers, Ms Fallon, North and Radclyffe

Also Present: Cllr Roper (TDC) & Roy Wade (Acting Clerk)

Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Ms Cheniston, Ms Forsyth (PCSO), Tony Gander (KCC Community Warden) & Cllr. Reece-Pugh (TDC) & Sara Archer (Clerk).

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Ageros disclosed a personal interest in planning application No. TH/19/0523 – Huckleberry Farm, Down Barton Road.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

In the last two meetings, there has been some concern regarding the out-build in Manor Road. Paul Valek, KCC Highways field officer for Thanet visited the site with his signage consultant. Both felt that the signs around The Heritage Fields development site were not correct and that they would be seeking some improvement from the developers. This included having the correct height for signs and possibly moving the signs closer to the road on the out-build.

We are still awaiting s.106 from the developers in Manor Road. I have written another email to Thanet District Council and will keep you informed of the outcome. Reply received on Thursday –

“I have spoken to the developer and he has confirmed his intention to pay the contributions. I have this morning received the indexing calculations from our finance department so I can now write to the developer and confirm the amount to be paid. Hopefully we will receive payment in the next couple of weeks”.

I would like to thank the residents that came out on The Litter Pick last month and I am sure that you will agree that the tennis court looks much better now that the clearance and weeding has been done. We are awaiting a quote from a fencing company to put new fencing around the tennis court next year and doing some maintenance work on the gate to the play area.

The second payment from the Parish precept was paid last month and all outstanding accounts have been paid. The bank current account is healthy, and you will see proposals for further expenditure under the finance section.

The Firework display will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7:00 PM. The bar will be open, and the BMP will be providing refreshments. The School PTFA have requested that they run a stall to sell toys and light bands. This will replace the hot dog van that has attended for the last two years. I visited Mrs Smith regarding her horses in the field adjacent to Bell Meadow as Viking Fireworks were concerned about upsetting them. Mrs Smith was most grateful that she was kept informed and will be putting her horses inside this year as they did get restless last year.

We are making progress on the signage for the pavilion. I am awaiting the final drawing from the designers before submitting to sign printers for quotes.

I am pleased to report that we have been successful in our bid for a community tree pack from The Woodland Trust. 270 saplings will be arriving in the Spring for planting. If you have any ideas for sitting please let us know!

Finally, my thanks to Martin and James for getting the work done on the door in The Pavilion so that we can now store The Parish Council Archive in the pavilion under lock and key. Access to this will be through The Clerk with either an officer or councillor being present.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

The Acting Clerk reported (i) An email "Fly Posting & Man Behaving Badly" from Ms. Sonia Smyth and advised that in accordance with normal procedure the e mail would be referred to the Monitoring Officer at T.D.C. and (ii) the Acting Clerk had no further reports/correspondence to report upon.

#### **VILLAGE REPORTS**

- (I) Cllr Radclyffe (a) Litter picking in Sarre (b) Drainage problems resulting from the recent heavy rains; and (c) hedges have been cut back but the cuttings had been left. Cllr Radclyffe had bagged up these cuttings for disposal.
- (II) Cllr. Ageros (a) the information leaflet for Sarre had not yet been produced as information was needed from Kent Highways and Sonia Smyth; (b) he would be discussing with Mr Baxter the proposals for future development in Sarre: he would report further; and (c) he had attended a recent residents' meeting at which concerns were raised at the impact of future development.
- (III) Cllr. Bryant (a) there has been 2 recent accidents resulting from trailers involved in harvesting and possible speeding; and (b) concerns had been raised about parking problems in the Oaks Wantsum Court and he would discuss these concerns with James Wraight (Kent Highways)

#### **THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Roper reported upon (i) the bins in Sarre have been emptied and the effectiveness of the bin sensors was being investigated, (ii) had been appointed to the Travellers Working Party to identify possible travellers' sites and he would report in due course, (iii) Highlighted the excellent exhibition currently at the Turner Gallery, (iv) Ramsgate Port was still having financial problems and it appears that 2 pontoons have been purchased one of which may be used in conjunction with the wind farm activities; and (v) there were concerns at the TDC management structure and the Council (TDC) at its meeting on 10 October would be considering a motion of no confidence in the Leader of the Council.

#### **KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Cllr Reece-Pugh was not in attendance and the Acting Clerk read his report to Council which dealt with (i) Development on the Length (Proposed 34 units) – he had called in the application and would be speaking against the proposal when it was put to the Planning Committee; and (ii) Turning in Manor Road complaints from residents that cars from the new development are

turning left as they come onto Manor Road which is contrary to the traffic advisory signs. The concerns have been raised with KCC highways.

### **KENT COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY WARDEN & PCSO REPORT**

The Acting Clerk read the report of Tony Gander which dealt with (i) a large dog loose in Sarre, (ii) a report to highways in respect of the uneven surface outside the Village Hall: these remedial works have now been carried out, (iii) Manor Road site meeting with KCC Highways regarding various issues, (iv) partnership home safety checks carried out with Kent Fire & Rescue, (v) working with Community Payback in the Village; and (vi) fly tipping reported to KCC/TDC.

### **PAVILION SUB COMMITTEE**

Cllr. North reported that it was hoped to run the Christmas Quiz. Also, Members were advised that the wi fi issues were being investigated and a report back would be made. In respect of the DDA legislation it was still not certain that the Act applied to Pavilion: bookings for the Pavilion were still very good. The redecoration of the Pavilion was being carried.

### **CIVIC SPACES COMMITTEE**

It was agreed to disband the Civic Spaces Committee and issues relating to it to be reported to Council.

### **TIME BANKING**

Mark Lawrance addressed Council on the concept of time banking and on his experience operating a scheme in Falmouth. Mark responded to questions raised by Members including administration and security safeguards.

It was agreed to set up a Working Party to consider in more detail the possible introduction of a time banking initiative and to report to Council thereon.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Council consider the following applications:

- (i) TH/19/0523 – Huckleberry Farm, Down Barton Road – Erection of 1 x 4-bedroom dwelling – **No comments as the period for comments has expired. It was noted that Councillors had been informed and had responded to inform the clerk of possible objections.**
- (ii) TH/19/1231 – Land North East of The Length – Erection of 34 dwellings etc. – **OBJECT – development is unsustainable, concerns over traffic movements and the site will have problems with water/drainage.**
- (iii) TPO/TH/19/1288 – Barn Wood, Down Barton Road – **Refer to tree preservation officer**
- (iv) TPO/TH/8 (2004) – Reduction to crown of horse chestnut – **Refer to tree preservation officer for comments.**
- (v) of previous applications: TH/19/0892 Coney Lodge – application withdrawn.

### **FINANCE**

The Clerk had circulated (i) the monthly bank reconciliation between the cash book and bank accounts.

**RESOLVED: To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for September (Moved Cllr. Radclyffe and seconded by Cllr. North.**

(ii) Council received and noted the Q2 budget report.

(iii) **Resolved: That the report of the Speedwatch Co-ordinator be received and a grant of £360 be agreed towards the cost of operational equipment. Funds should be remitted to Thanet Rural Regeneration Group (TRRG) to act as trustees. Mr Searle, The Speedwatch Co-Ordinatore stated that TRRG banking details had already been sent to the clerk.**

(iv) The Chairman reported that the handyman had undertaken some repairs to the planters opposite the church but it was necessary to look to the future and purchase planters that would have a life of 25 years. The Chairman submitted quotations for the planters and indicated that they could be bought, sited and planted out by 11 November, Remembrance Day. This matter had been discussed at the previous meeting but was now more urgent due to the poor state of the current planters. *It was agreed that as David Ogilvie Engineering is the only supplier of this type of furniture that only one quote was available.*

**RESOLVED: The quotation from David Ogilvie Engineering Ltd in the sum of £2,498 Be approved and the necessary order placed.**

(v) **Notice Boards:** The Chairman reported on the need for a double notice board and that the existing single board could be resited in the Park. Members were also advised of a quotation from Greenbarnes Ltd. In the sum of £1560.01 for the purchase of the board.

**RESOLVED: The quotation from Grenbarnes Ltd be approved and the necessary order placed.**

**Cllr. Ageros abstained from voting on this item.**

(vi) **Dog Waste Bins – RESOLVED: That the Council do not proceed with the purchase of of 2 bins.**

#### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Resident 1: Queried the siting of the new board and it was **AGREED to continue to site the new board in Potten Street Road but closer to the hedge for highway safety reasons.**

Resident 2: (i) asked whether the Council would object to the narrowing of the road at The Length; and (ii) enquired as to whether the Chairman had any relationship to St Nicholas Farm. The Chairman replied that he knew the owner of the farm.

Resident 3: Asked about the siting of the 2 bins at Sarre and was advised that TDC were looking into the issues raised by residents.

**Time concluded: 9.22**