

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Detling Parish Council
held on 2nd July 2019 at 7.00pm in Detling Village Hall.**

Councillors present: *Bowie
Bryant
Clayton
Coles
Finn*

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington and Members of the Public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Bowie.

Councillor Bowie opened the meeting and read out a statement regarding the recording and filming during the meeting.

1. Apologies.

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Carla Maynard, MBC Councillor Nick de Wiggondene-Shepperd and KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast.

The Chairman informed members that Parish Councillor Carla Maynard had tendered her resignation to the Parish Council due to work commitments.

Action: Clerk to place Councillor Vacancy on the next agenda.

2. Declaration of Interest.

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.

To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

There were no Interests declared and no Dispensations were considered.

3. Public Comments and Observations.

The meeting is adjourned to enable members of the public to raise issues with the Parish Council. Public Comments and Observations will last a total of 15 minutes with each speaker being given a maximum of 3 minutes to speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.05pm.

A resident spoke regarding the gully cleaning signs in The Street that had been placed there by KCC, he stated that these had been there for the past three weeks and to his knowledge the gullies had not been cleared.

The Clerk was asked to raise this with KCC.

Action: Clerk to progress.

A resident raised concerns regarding the increase in traffic using the Pilgrims Way and stated that a car transporter had been seen using the Pilgrims Way. He suggested that Unsuitable for HGV Signs should be considered. This was discussed by members and it was agreed that this was an issue to be considered with the Highway Improvement Plan.

The issue of parking at the bottom of Hockers Lane was raised as this was causing an issue to drivers approaching the Junction. The Clerk was asked to raise this with Thurnham Parish Council.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.20pm.

4. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting and if in order sign as a true record.

The minutes from the previous meetings held on 4th June 2019 and 18th June 2019 were circulated to all members for consideration and approval.

It was proposed by Cllr Clayton to accept the minutes as a true record, these were seconded by Cllr Finn and agreed by all Councillors.

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes (not reported elsewhere).

Parish Council Risk Assessment – it was agreed that this would be reviewed by Cllrs Finn, Bryant and the Clerk before the 2020/2021 Budget Review. In the meantime, it was agreed that the current Risk Assessment would be approved. (Bowie/Bryant).

Action: Review Meeting to be arranged.

Horish Wood Nature Reserve –John Monk stated that he and Cllr Evernden had met with Sharon Bayne on site and stated that she would be in touch with the PC following her review. The Clerk was asked to seek an update on this matter.

Action: Clerk to action.

The Clerk stated that following the last meeting she had emailed Alison Wainman from KWES to seek an update on their work in the Management Plan, however, to date she had not received a response.

Cllr Finn asked the Clerk to forward him the contact details for Alison Wainman and he would follow this up.

Action: Cllr Finn to action.

6. Presentations from Outside Bodies.

No presentations were given.

7. Financial Matters.

a. To approve the payment of accounts (list to be supplied at the meeting)

The cheques for payment were authorised and approved by members. (Bryant/Finn)

The cheques and invoices were then signed by two authorised signatories.

b. To note the bank account balances as circulated in report supplied at the meeting.

The balances of the Parish Councils bank accounts were noted by members.

Bank Balances

Co-operative Current Account	£70774.94
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£2743.47
Closing Balance	£68031.47
Co-operative Playing Field A/C	£1505.87
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Closing Balance	£1,505.87
Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts	£69537.34

Parish Councils Bank Accounts.

The Clerk informed members that the bank signatories needed to be updated, however this was proving an issue as the forms had been queried by the bank. She circulated a letter to the bank seeking to update the signatories and asked for members approval to send this. This was agreed and the letter was signed.

8. Planning Matters.**a. To consider all Planning Applications received.**

- 19/502810/FULL The Old Piggery Scragged Oak Road Detling Kent ME14
Retrospective application for alterations to roof and materials of existing barn.
- 19/502550/FULL Newlay Farm Scragged Oak Road Detling Maidstone Kent
Construction of a single storey log cabin for use as occasional holiday let, with associated oil tank and sewage treatment plant (Part Retrospective)

b. To note MBC Decisions.

9/502330/SUB

The Stables East Court The Street Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3JX
Submission of details pursuant to conditions 2 (materials); 3 (boundary treatments); 4 (landscaping scheme); 6 (biodiversity enhancements); 7 (renewables); 9 (noise); 10 (air quality); 11 (obscure glazed windows); 13 (electric vehicle charging points) for original planning application ref: 18/504192/FULL.
Application Permitted

19/501975/SUB

The Stables East Court The Street Detling ME14 3JX
Submission of details for condition 2 (materials) pursuant to 18/504192/FULL.
Application Withdrawn

19/501756/FULL

Chestnut Wood Farm Scragged Oak Road Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3HL
Erection of a horse-riding lunge pen (retrospective).
Application Permitted

19/502023/FULL

20 Queensway Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3LA
Erection of part single part two storey side extension.

Application Permitted

A discussion took place regarding the number of retrospective planning applications being submitted for properties in Detling and it was agreed that the Parish Council would rigorously look at all retrospective planning applications when consulted by MBC.

It was agreed that the Clerk would place an item regarding this in the Detling News.

Action: Clerk to action.

c. To consider any Appeals and Enforcement Matters.

No matters were reported.

9. Highway Matters.

Cllr Clayton spoke regarding the sites for the speed cameras in the village. He stated that he would endeavour to plot the proposed locations on a plan for members.

Closure of lay-by on A249 – Cllr Bowie reported that this was now being progressed by KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast.

M2 Junction 5 Consultation - Cllr Bowie stated that Parish Councillors should participate in the M2 Junction 5 Consultation.

10. Reports from External Parties.

a. KCC Councillor Report.

Apologies were received from KCC Councillor Prendergast.

b. MBC Councillor Report.

Apologies were received from MBC Councillor de Wiggondene-Shepperd.

c. Maintenance Report.

Tony Taylor gave his report to the meeting on the maintenance that he had undertaken around the parish.

The Chairman thanked Tony Taylor for his work for the parish.

d. Police Report.

PCSO Matt Adlington gave his apologies to the meeting.

Cllr Finn reported on the theft of two bay trees from his property in the Street.

11. Parish Council Reports.

a. Clerk's/Correspondence Report.

To consider items of correspondence received relevant to the Parish Council.

The Clerks report was noted by members.

b. Chairman's/ Councillors Report.

Members who have attended any meeting on behalf of the Parish Council are invited to give their report to the meeting.

Cllr Finn reported on the Business Advisory Board for Kent.

c. Open Spaces Committee Report.

Cllr Finn stated that a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee would take place in August.

He reported that he had met regarding a biodiversity request at Horish Wood and a Biodiversity Strategy was being drawn up for Horish Wood and Monks Meadow.

He spoke regarding Horish Wood and the need for this to be maintained, he suggested that there were options that could be considered by the PC and these would be discussed at the Open Spaces Committee Meeting.

He asked the Clerk to circulate details regarding the Access to Natural Green Space Standard to all Councillors.

Action: Clerk to progress.

It was reported that the Pilgrims Way sign was still missing, and the electrical cables were still exposed near to the A249.

Cllr Bryant stated that he had visited Monks Meadow, and this was looking well maintained he stated that dog bag dispensers had been installed by residents.

d. Other Committee Reports.

No matters were raised.

12. Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Bowie reported that she and Cllr Clayton were due to attend a meeting with Loose Parish Council regarding Neighbourhood Plans and she would report back to the next meeting. She stated that they were willing to give Detling support during the Parish Plan process.

13. Items for the next Agenda.

Replacement Board for Monks Meadow – The Clerk was asked to seek the cost of a replacement board from Monks Meadow from Cennox Signs as the current one had faded.

Action: Clerk to action.

14. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 in the Meeting Room of Detling Village Hall at 7.00pm.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.25pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____