

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

Councillors present: *Bowie*
Clayton
Evernden
Finn
Maynard

Also, present: *Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, PCSO Matt Adlington and Members of the Public.*

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Bowie.

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 Councillors Howells; MBC Councillor nick de Wiggondene-Shepperd and KCC Councillor Prendergast.

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 Dispensation requests to consider.

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 attended the meeting to speak regarding the lorries parked on the footpath on the A249.

Councillor Bowie stated that KCC were aware of the situation and were looking into closing the lay-by. She suggested that any issues should be reported to Kent County Council stated that an article would be placed the Detling News to explain how residents can report such issues to them.

Concerns were raised regarding bonfires in the village and the inconvenience that these caused to residents. The Chairman asked the Clerk to place an item in the Detling News regarding this.

Action: Clerk to action.

A resident asked why the seat at the top of Hockers Lane had been replaced and what had happened to the original seat.

The Chairman confirmed that the seat had been inspected and was unsafe and therefore had been replaced with a memorial seat purchased to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of WW1.

It was reported that a bench had been flytipped near to the bus stop in Church Lane.

Action: Clerk to report to MBC.

A resident spoke regarding a matter raised at the previous meeting concerning the flagpole.

The Chairman stated that this matter had now been resolved by the Parish Council as the flagpole had been relocated and therefore the matter was now closed.

She stated that any further matters relating to this was not a PC issue and should be discussed outside of a meeting.

The Chairman explained to all present that the flagpole has been relocated to the church to stop any inconvenience to residents.

The Chairman thanked residents for attending the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.23pm.

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 meeting were circulated to all members for consideration and approval.

It was proposed by Cllr Bowie to accept these as a true record, these were seconded by Cllr Maynard 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).

Flint Wall

Cllr Maynard stated that she was trying to find a surveyor to inspect the wall and would report back when she had further information.

Highway Improvement Plan

Cllr Bowie reported that KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast had advised that all highway issues should be listed and then the Parish Councils top ten should be entered on a Highways Improvement Plan as they may be progressed sooner.

Cllr Finn stated that he was working with Tony Watson to action this and they would identify the priority items and submit to KCC, with a copy to Shellina Prendergast.

Cllr Clayton informed members that he had emailed KCC Officer Jennie Watson to seek an update on the completion of the Highway Improvement Plan and had offered to meet with her at KCC Offices.

Speed Cameras

Cllr Clayton spoke regarding speed cameras for use in the parish and stated that these would cost approximately £600. He stated that he was currently seeking costings for the cameras and would arrange for a presentation to take place to members to consider the different camera options.

6. Presentations from Outside Bodies.

No matters were reported.

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

- 19/501035/FULL The Hermitage, Hermitage Lane Detling ME14 3HP
Change of use of existing outbuildings to a car repair and restoration workshop
- 19/501286/FULL Pollyfields Farm Scragged Oak Road Detling Maidstone
Erection of a two-storey outbuilding with 3 bay opening for use as garage, shed/store and first floor home office, with the creation of a turning circle to improve access.
- 19/501423/FULL 42 Hockers Lane Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3JN
Loft conversion including the insertion of a front dormer window and rear dormer window and roof light.

b. To note MBC Decisions.

- 19/500270/FULL
Land West of Croquet Lawn The Street Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3JU
Erection of a two-storey dwelling, detached garage and associated hard standing.
Application Permitted
- 19/500202/SUB
Detling Village Hall Pilgrims Way Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3JY
Submission of details pursuant to Conditions 3: Details of materials, & 4: Arboricultural Method Statement (of original application ref: 18/503272/FULL).
Application Permitted
- 8/505575/FULL
Webbe Cottage The Street Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3JX
Creation of decked area (retrospective).
Application Refused
- 19/500311/FULL
Magpie Bungalow White Hill Road Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3HH
Ancillary accommodation comprising gym, games room and pool changing rooms.
Application Permitted

c. To consider any Appeals and Enforcement Matters.

No matters were reported.

8. Highway Matters.

Cllr Maynard reported that she had attended a meeting regarding the Lower Thames Crossing and she spoke regarding this.

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

The Clerk asked for members approval to raise an additional cheque to J Summerfield for the gardening in the village - £86.50 cheque 447.

This was agreed.

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

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	£53083.87
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Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0
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Less Account for payment	£1630.97
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Closing Balance	£51452.90
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Co-operative Playing Field A/C	£1505.87
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Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
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Closing Balance	£1,505.87
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Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts	£52958.77
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c. 2018/19 Accounts and Annual Return.

The clerk reported that she was in the process of drawing up the annual accounts and these would be presented to a future meeting.

d. Community Shop.

The Chairman stated that items relating to the Community Shop needed to be discussed and she proposed that these be discussed as a Confidential Item at the close of the meeting.

This was seconded by Cllr Clayton and agreed by all present with the exception of Cllr Evernden who stated that he felt that this matter should be discussed in public and not as a Confidential Item.

The Chairman stated that this was contrary to the advice received from the Monitoring Officer and KALC.

Action: Matter to be discussed as a Confidential Item at the close of the meeting.

10. Reports from External Parties.a. Maintenance Report.

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

He stated that the Pilgrims Way Sign has still not been replaced at the entry to the village. The Clerk stated that she would follow this up with Maidstone Borough Council.

Action: Clerk to progress.

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

- b. MBC Ward Councillor Report.
Ward Councillor Nick de Wiggondene-Shepperd gave his apologies to the meeting.
- c. KCC Councillor Report.
KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.
- d. Police Report.
Apologies were received from PCSO Matt Adlington.

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 Clayton reported on the recent KALC Area Committee meeting he had attended. He stated that presentations were given on complaints for parish councillors and training would be given regarding this.

Cllr Bowie reported on the Village Hall Management Committee she had attended on the 19th March.

She reported on the Village Hall activities and stated that they were improving the heating in the Hall and considering redecorating the small meeting room.

She stated that they were looking for a new Secretary and other members for the Management Committee.

Cllr Finn reported on the Kent and Medway Economic Partnership meeting he had attended.

- c. Open Space Committee Report.
The Chairman suggested that Environment Committee start meeting following the Parish Council elections.
This was agreed.
- d. Other Committee Reports.
No matters were raised.

12. Detling Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chairman stated that Councillor de Wiggondene-Shepperd was due to arrange a meeting with the Chairman of Loose Parish Council to discuss their experiences in undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Clayton stated that three volunteers to come forward to assist with the Neighbourhood Plan if the project was undertaken by the Parish Council. It was agreed that he would liaise with the volunteers and let them know the current situation.

13. Annual Meeting of the Parish.

Members noted that the Annual Meeting of the Parish would take place prior to the Statutory Annual Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, the 7th of May 2019 at 7.00pm.

14. Environmental Matters.

To consider the purchase of new noticeboards for Monks Meadow and Scragged Oak Road.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider purchasing new noticeboards for locations in the Parish and the Clerk was asked to circulate details and costs for notice boards options.

Action: Clerk to Action.

15. Items for the next Agenda.

No matters were raised.

16. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 7th May 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 8.10pm.

Signed: _____

Chairman

Dated: _____