



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



Approved Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Bell Meadow Pavilion, St Nicholas-at-Wade on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors G. Bryant (Chairman), L. Ageros, G. North, P. Radclyffe, L. Fallon, D. Divers, P. Cheniston

Also, Present: Sara Archer – Clerk, District Cllr T. Roper plus 4 members of the public.

156/19-20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from KCC Cllr Liz Hurst, District Cllrs David Hart & Reece Pugh, PCSO Forsyth & Community Warden Tony Gander.

157/19-20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Ageros and Cheniston declared an interest regarding item 168/19-20 (c) as they were members of the Gardening Club and therefore would not be taking part in the discussions.

158/19-20 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th February 2020. These were proposed by Cllr Fallon, seconded by Cllr Radclyffe, all present agreed and therefore signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

159/19-20 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Bryant read his report as follows:

Another hectic month with much going on:

- Two boxes of tree and hedge saplings arrived at my house last week from The Woodlands Trust. You will recall that I announced late last year that I had applied for these and were granted the full allocation. I am most grateful to The Gardening Club who have agreed to plant these temporarily in their allotment until we are ready to distribute them amongst the community.
- I have been in extended communications with Kent Highways over the gates in Sarre. I am pleased to report that Kent Highways have agreed to our request to start this road calming measure without a Highways Improvement Plan. Subject to the landowner's permission, gates will be placed on the A28, south of Sarre and on the A253 to the east of the village outside Mill House. Gates cannot be placed on the north side of the A28 due to steep embankments. The cost of this scheme is about £4,500. The road markings in Sarre are in poor condition. I am suggesting that these should be repaired through the KCC Highways fault reporting scheme and I would like to encourage all residents to report this on-line. I did this a few weeks ago without any success as the report has now been filled as 'risk assessed – no action required'. We need to keep pushing this as much as possible.
- I am reluctant to spend further money now as we are still awaiting s106 money from TDC. I have been in touch with TDC and am increasingly frustrated by the lack of action being taken to release this money. This, of course, has an impact on the Sarre road calming as our reserves are tied up on ninety days' notice savings account and we do not have enough funding on our current account to give the go-ahead.
- Work continues to go ahead with the VE Day celebrations with a further group meeting on Saturday morning.
- Due to the bad conduct shown by a resident at the last Parish Council meeting, I took advice from Kent Police and duly reported the threatening behaviour on 101. This is now an ongoing investigation and has been allocated for further review. Just a reminder to residents that the public question time is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, should residents not adhere to requests to uphold to the principles of these meetings, the PQT may not form part of the agenda and any further disruptions may lead to meetings being closed.
- The memorial area opposite the church was resurfaced by Kent Highways today. My thanks to Sunningdale Developments in Manor Road for moving the planters for us.
- If you have not heard already, joint recipient of our Community Award, Pat Wilson died yesterday after spending a short while in Margate Hospital. Our condolences are with Gavin at this sad time.

160/19-20 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on the various activities carried out by the handymen. An invitation had been received from CPRE to a meeting of the district committee which would be held on 28th March, 2pm in Margate. The Clerk also advised that Tony Gander would no longer be the Community Warden for the Parish as he had recently accepted a job with the Kent Fire & Rescue Service. He was wished well in his new role.

161/19-20 VILLAGE REPORTS

Councillor Radclyffe reported he had been litter picking and although the river level was high, it was not of concern at the moment.

Councillor Ageros advised he had rotavated the area in the Cemetery and planted some of the saplings in the Gardening Club allotment. At the recent ROSSA meeting, Sarre residents present were supportive of the traffic calming measures. The Chairman encouraged anyone with concerns to contact the Parish Council.

Councillor Bryant had nothing further to add for St Nicholas.

162/19-20 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Pugh was not present, however he submitted the following report which was read by the Clerk:

- Planning application: an application has been submitted for 8 homes on land to the east side of Summer Road. I am more than happy to call in this application if the PC would like me to. I am concerned about the constant crawl of housing onto our agricultural land and pastures.
- New education officer: TDC have recruited a dedicated Education Officer who will work as part of the Civil Enforcement Team. They will be responsible for engaging with the community to implement and deliver education activity designed to minimise the community's impact on environmental crime. The officer's primary focus will be on education and prevention and they will share information to residents, visitors and businesses across the district to help reduce littering, dog-fouling and school safety parking zones.
- Ramsgate Port feasibility, public engagement: TDC are currently looking at options for the future of the Port and Royal Harbour at Ramsgate. Independent consultants WSP were commissioned to conduct a high level study to review the possible options and as part of this engagement, there will be public drop in sessions at the terminal building of the port in March and April.

Drop in dates:

Monday 30 March, 5:30pm - 8pm

Monday 20 April, 5:30pm - 8pm

Cllr Roper advised a feasibility study was underway with regard to the Port of Ramsgate. A link for public comments was available on the TDC website and open until 29th May.

TDC were in control of the housing in the district once again.

Operation Broack at Manston Airport had been stood down. A FOI request showed £18.4 million had been spent on the site to date.

Cllr Roper was making enquiries with regard to the Traveller incursions to obtain information including costs, prosecutions and number of incursions suffered.

163/19-20 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Liz Hurst offered her apologies, no report was available however she advised she was making enquiries with regard to the recent school placement concerns.

164/19-20 KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN & KENT POLICE PCSO's REPORT

PCSO Forsyth offered her apologies and no report was available.

Community Warden Tony Gander offered his apologies and no report was available.

165/19-20 PAVILION SUB COMMITTEE

Cllr Graham North circulated the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February to the Parish Council.

Thanks were extended to the committee. A vacancy for Secretary for the Committee would be advertised in the Parish Magazine.

It was emphasized the Pavilion was a facility for the whole Parish and therefore residents were encouraged to become more involved.

Cllr Bryant advised he would be attending a meeting of the Friends of the Church and would like to invite them to become more involved with the Pavilion.

166/19-20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Council considered the following applications:

FH/TH/20/0156 - 6 Downbarton Farm Cottages, Down Barton Road, St Nicholas At Wade

Erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey front extension (porch) following demolition of existing extensions
No objections raised.

F/TH/20/0258 - Land North Side Of, Down Barton Road, St Nicholas At Wade

Erection of a 1No single storey 3 bedroom dwelling

Object to application on grounds of overdevelopment in village.

F/TH/20/0292 - Land East Side Of, Summer Road, St Nicholas At Wade

Erection of 8no. dwellings, with associated parking, landscaping and internal access road.

Object to application. Cllr Pugh to be contacted to request the application is called in.

Negative impact on the Parish. Highways/traffic concerns. Overdevelopment in the area.

b) None received.

167/19-20 FINANCE

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

RESOLVED: To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for February. (Proposed: Cllr Radclyffe Seconded: Cllr Cheniston).

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

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| M.Savage (Handyman's salary & expenses) | £ 329.46 |
| S. Archer (Clerk's salary & expenses) | £ 651.52 |
| J. Read (Asst. Handyman's salary & expenses) | £ 178.79 |
| Cleaner's salary - Bell Meadow | £ 125.52 |
| M. Feekings (Website Admin salary) | £ 53.85 |
| Lloyds Bank (Credit Card Charges) | £ 423.00 |
| K. Redshaw (Trench for bollard lights BM) | £ 150.00 |
| Donation to First Responders | £ 100.00 |
| ICO Registration renewal | £ 40.00 |
| Albion (Allotment fencing) | £ 2,749.34 |
| Country Mowers (Mower services) | £ 894.51 |
| ACRK (Membership subs) | £ 55.00 |
| Ladywell Accountancy (Employee PAYE services) | £ 252.00 |

Receipts:

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| Enve Canine | 125.00 |
| Herne Bay Harriers | 120.00 |
| A. Van Orsouw | 80.00 |
| A. Van Orsouw | 40.00 |

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

(c) The grant application for the Gardening Club had been circulated for consideration. Mrs Susan Searle was in attendance in order to answer any questions.

RESOLVED: To approve payment of a grant of £350 to the Gardening Club. (Proposed: Cllr Bryant, seconded: Cllr Fallon unanimously agreed)

168/19-20 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- It was requested that the agendas were placed on the website in good time to enable residents to consider if they wish to make representations at the meeting.

- It was suggested the Pavilion Committee should find ways of involving the residents in order to make it more of a community hub for the parish. It was confirmed the Pavilion had made a surplus in funds for the previous year.

- The Parish Council were asked to consider recording the meetings and placing on the website once again. Enquiries would be made with other Parishes, however, it was felt unnecessary to reinstate this measure. The public were reminded they are able to record the meetings themselves if they wished.

- Complaints regarding the noise from school parking had been made. The Headteacher would be contacted to remind parents to respect the neighbouring properties and take care when parking.

The meeting was concluded by The Chairman at 8:30pm.