

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held via Zoom Remote Meetings

on 2nd March 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: Mrs. Gimes (Chairman), Crow-Brown, Burden, Day, Quittenden, Owen, Jones, Torbett, McCarthy, Mills, Kearns.

Also present: Kyla Lamb (Clerk to the Council), Clare Wilsdon (Assistant Clerk to the Council), Cllr Roper (TDC)Community Warden Karl Aylett, PCSO Adrian Butterworth

243. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Pugh and Hart (TDC), Cllr Hurst (KCC).

244. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman when able to do so.

245. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared.

246. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Community Warden Karl Aylett reported as follows:

- February was a quiet month.
- Better weather is starting to bring people out again.
- Shared job role as Community Connector is now active so time will be shared between this and warden duties in Minster.
- Recruitment of three Community Wardens is to commence.

Cllr Day asked whether any fines had been issued to those flouting government restrictions and using the skatepark. The Warden responded that none had been issued.

Cllr Jones commented that he has witnessed electric scooters being ridden on the pavement. PCSO Butterworth responded that this is illegal but that enforcement is difficult.

Cllr Burden expressed concern that lorries don't seem to be stopping at the roundabout at the top of Tothill Street, and instead continue left towards Manston regardless of any traffic already on the roundabout. Cllr Gimes responded that she would raise this at the next meeting with TDC.

PCSO Adrian Butterworth reported as follows:

- Crimes of note; Poaching reported at Marsh Farm Road.
Attempted theft of catalytic converter from a vehicle in Edgar Road.

- Anti-social behaviour; Attempted criminal damage in Tothill Street.
Nuisance motor bikes reported on farm-land
Covid breaches continue to be reported at the skatepark.

247. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Roper reported as follows;

- Public Space Protection Orders are in force for three years, to help address anti-social behaviour. £100 fines can be issued for offences.
- Local elections will go ahead.
- Thanet Multi-Agency Taskforce is working with people and families with complex problems. More information is available on the TDC website.
- Covid numbers are reducing and the vaccination programme is working well although there may be some supply issues arising.
- Covid testing continues and is important particularly with new variations developing.

Cllr Day enquired whether lorry drivers at Manston who test positive for Covid are included in local Covid figures.

The Clerk asked if funding would be provided to venues acting as polling stations for the local elections, in order to make them covid-safe. Eric James from the village hall had asked. Cllr Roper responded that he should approach Democratic services at TDC.

248. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. Mrs Gimes reported that there has been no confirmation yet that remote meetings can continue be held after 6th May 2021 so it is possible that a face-to-face meeting may be held in June.

An email has been received from Monkton Parish Council in relation to the light pollution created by Thanet Earth, asking if Minster Parish council wish to work collaboratively with them and other neighbouring parish councils to address this. It was considered and felt that we cannot help

Census 2021 takes place on 21st March 2021 and the Chairman encouraged local people to support this and complete the form received.

249. REPORT OF THE CLERK

Nothing to report.

250. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

None.

251. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

The Clerk reported that the additional yellow lines have now been installed and are working well. Times and locations where poor parking remains an issue will be passed to TDC so that they may help with enforcement.

Cllr Crow-Brown thanked Cllr Quittenden for raising the issues and organising the Highways Survey.

252. AGENCY PAYMENT RENEWAL AND TAKING OVER THE HIGH STREET AND MONKTON ROAD CAR PARKS AND PUBLIC TOILET

The Clerk reported that the new solicitor at TDC has been contacted by our solicitor, with a response to one or two queries and this matter should now continue to completion.

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

This application is to be called in to the Planning Committee at TDC when a slot becomes available.

254. COMMEMORATING THE ATTWELL FAMILY

Members were asked to consider a fitting way to remember the family who served the village for many years.

AGREED; To support Karen Brazils proposal to place a memorial bench on the grass area opposite Attwells.

AGREED; To liaise with developers about the possibility of having a street named after the family.

255. SHED PROJECT

Cllr Burden gave an update on the Shed Project and asked members to consider allowing use of the pavilion for the group as a meeting place only.

AGREED: That the pavilion can be used (subject to availability) as a meeting place for the group.

256. DOG FOULING IN MINSTER

Members views were sought on how to address this ongoing problem in the village following complaints received from local residents. The Assistant Clerk is aware of two youths in the village, regularly walking two small black dogs who have been seen allowing their dogs to mess on the pavement in Tothill Street. The Dog Warden can view CCTV and give words of advice or a fine. Suggestions were also made to put up signs reminding dog owners to be responsible or a 'name and shame' approach.

257. COVID-19 UPDATE ON CURRENT SITUATION

The Roadmap has been released with dates stating which restrictions will be lifted.

258. SKATEPARK ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Chairman reported that we are awaiting an update from Thanet Waste on the installation of the bund.

259. PLANS FOR PARISH OFFICE AT THE RECREATION GROUND

The planning application has now been submitted and is awaiting validation.

260. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following applications;

Applications

TH/21/0242 – LAND ADJ TO POUCES MANSTON ROAD WEST

Reserved Matters

RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION

A/TH/21/0192 – 1 CROSS CHANNEL BUSINESS CENTRE, MINSTER

Erection and display of 2No internally illuminated fascia signs

RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION

F/TH/20/2017 – 10 ALLAND GRANGE LANE

Retrospective application for change of use from single dwelling to 1 No 3 bed and 1 No two-storey terraced building

RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION

Decisions

FH/TH/20/1706 - 85 MONKTON ROAD

DECISION – GRANTED

A/TH/20/1639 – LAND SOUTH OF LAUNDRY ROAD

DECISION – GRANTED

REQ/TH/20/1591 RICHBOROUGH CONNECTION PROJECT

DECISION – GRANTED

FH/TH/20/1561 – 94 MONKTON ROAD

DECISION – GRANTED

F/TH/20/1467 – RICHBOROUGH ENERGY PARK

DECISION – GRANTED

F/TH/20/0571 – LAND SOUTH OF ORCHARD HOUSE SHERIFFS COURT LANE

DECISION - GRANTED

261. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC

Cllr Quittenden reported as follows;

It is now 12 months since a meeting was held.

Attended the Rural Transport seminar held via Zoom, where electric vehicles were strongly promoted, and topics included reducing road deaths to zero by 2050.

Minster School

Cllr Kearns reported that twice weekly lateral flow testing for staff is in place and the school will reopen to all pupils on 8th March 2021

Village Hall

Nothing to report

Twinning Assn.

Nothing to report.

262. 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 February 2021 be approved.**
- (c) the budget/income and expense reports to 31.01.2021 be approved.**

263. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Crow-Brown has been nominated to stand for selection at TDC for the Conservative Party with Linda Wright.

Cllr Roper said that St Nicholas are investigating the possibility of having 20mph speed limit implemented. Cllr Quittenden will raise the topic at the meeting being attended tomorrow.

PCSO Butterworth advised that 'Speedwatch' will be attending the lower end of Tothill Street.

Time concluded: 8.24pm

6th April 2021