

Monkton
Parish Council



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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on
21st May 2018 at 7:00pm at Monkton Village Hall.**

- Present** **Parish Councillors** John Way [JW], Teresa Brown [TB], Chris Ransom [CR], Gilly Brown [GB], Steve Bennett [SB]
- In Attendance** Sara Archer (Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer) [SA], District Cllrs Derek Crow-Brown & Reece Pugh, Mr Eric Fewkes – Internal Auditor, KCC Councillor Liz Hurst plus 10 members of the public.
- 01/18-19** **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**
Cllr John Way was nominated to be elected as Chairman by Cllr Gilly Brown this was seconded by Cllr Teresa Brown, all were in favour.
- 02/18-19** **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**
Cllr Gilly Brown was nominated to be elected as Vice-Chair by Cllr Way, this was seconded by Cllr Teresa Brown, all were in favour.
- 03/18-19** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
KCC Cllr Emma Dawson
- 04/18-19** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None.
- 05/18-19** **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th March. These were proposed by Cllr Ransom, seconded by Cllr Bennett and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 06/18-19** **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
Cllr Way welcomed everyone and began his report by outlining the achievements of the Parish Council during the last year. Thanks were extended to Heather Gunton and helpers who are taking care of the Memorial Garden.
The CCTV camera system had been upgraded at the Recreation Ground and would assist with the prevention and detection of crime in the area. Residents were reminded to report crime using 101. MFC were thanked for the maintenance works carried out recently. The Pavilion had been repainted inside and the patio area had been improved. Their monetary contribution was also appreciated, assisting with maintenance costs as necessary.
The grass cutting remained a problem at times, however, Serco had been contacted to increase the frequency of cuts as required.
The potholes in the car park were being addressed, however, residents were reminded to take extra care until the repairs could be carried out.
- 07/18-19** **RECREATION GROUND**
a) Cllr Way advised that some repairs had been carried out and the play equipment had recently been repainted. This work was due to be completed this week. Cllr Bennett was thanked for cutting back the brambles surrounding the play area and car park.
b) Cllr Way confirmed that the eternal water supply pipe had been replaced. The new pipe follows a similar line to the existing one, running from Monkton Street, along the concrete access road, through the memorial trees and into the Pavilion building. Grateful thanks were extended to Cllr Emma Dawson for supporting the proposal and for the financial assistance provided by KCC.
- 08/18-19** **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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- a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which had been previously circulated. Cheques signed as appropriate.
- b) It was resolved to agree the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018 which had been previously circulated. This was proposed by Cllr Way and Seconded by Cllr Teresa Brown.
- c) The Clerk gave a short explanation regarding the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations which come into effect on 25th May. These regulations affect how personal data is held and used and all companies are legally obliged to protect such data. It was therefore proposed that a Parish Council mobile phone was purchased in order to replace the use of the Clerk's personal telephone and for this number to then be published freely.
It was resolved to agree to the purchase of a mobile telephone for Parish Council use up to a maximum of £20 per month. This was proposed by Cllr Way and seconded by Cllr Gilly Brown.
- d) A number of potholes had formed in the car park at the Recreation Ground which were in urgent need of repair. Quotes had been obtained for the work and the most suitable had been received from Barge Ltd. It was proposed to instruct Barge Ltd to carry out the works as soon as possible. This was proposed by Cllr Way and seconded by Cllr Teresa Brown.

09/18-19

HIGHWAYS

- a) No issues to report. A number of potholes along Millers Lane had formed which would be reported to KCC for repair.
- b) Cllr Way confirmed that the Parish Council had instructed FGS gritting contractors to service the roads missed by KCC during the recent snowy weather. This had been positively received by those living in the affected areas. KCC Highways, Paul Valek, had been contacted to express concern that the piece of road between the mini-roundabout and Parsonage Fields, a bus route, had been missed from their gritting program. Paul advised that all of KCC resources had been taken up on the primary network and Monkton Street from Willets Hill to Parsonage fields is not included as part of the salting route. Unfortunately KCC do not have the resources to salt all bus routes in Thanet. Cllr Liz Hurst would make enquiries with Paul to request this stretch of road is included in future gritting schedules. It was confirmed that should a similar situation occur in the future, the Community Wardens were equipped to assist with grit spreading. All were in agreement to continue to use the services of FGS as necessary.

10/18-19

INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) County Councillor – Cllr Hurst reported that a consultation regarding the rural bus services was due to be held. The number 42 service in particular would be affected. Resident's were encouraged to take part and submit their views.
The potholes were being repaired throughout the locality. Millers Lane and Willets Hill would be reported for repair.
Cllr Hurst also advised she was speaking with local farmers to encourage them to plant trees along the roadsides in an attempt to minimise the snow drifts which blocked the roads that were encountered during the last period of inclement weather.
- b) District Councillor – Cllr Reece Pugh was welcomed. He advised that he was aware of the speeding issues in the village and the impact of the increase in traffic caused by the potential development at Minster.
Cllr Pugh confirmed the clinical waste collection service run by TDC would now continue to be free of charge.
The planning application submitted by Riveroak for Manston Airport had been withdrawn in order for the company to consult with the Planning Inspectorate. Revised plans would be submitted in due course.

Cllr Derek Crow-Brown reported that the litter along the A299 was scheduled to be cleared by KCC during July.
An anti-skid surface was being laid at the Minster Roundabout due to the frequency of accidents encountered.
The enforcement team at TDC were currently dealing with the travellers along Hengist Way.
Cllr Crow-Brown also advised a camera was being installed at the Viaduct traffic lights in Ramsgate due to the number of vehicles which run through the red lights.
The Parking Enforcement team are focussing on unlawful parking at all times of day, in particular between 6am-10am and 2pm – 10pm.
- c) Village Hall Committee – Nothing to report. The floor would be skimmed during the summer holiday period.
- d) Thanet Rural Regeneration Group – The Speedwatch scheme was in progress and was now enforceable. Issues had been encountered with the website. The PCSO was holding a public surgery for resident's to drop in and raise concerns.
- e) Thanet Area Committee – The Police Commander advised the force would be recruiting approx.

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400 new Police Officers.

- f) Parish Council Forum – it had been suggested a breakfast club was set up in place of the forum meetings which are held in the Council Offices. Details would follow in due course.
- g) MFC – The speeding of vehicles using the access road was discussed and the problem would be addressed by MFC and the Parish Council.

Dog fouling was a huge issue at the Recreation Ground. It was acknowledged that the problem was caused by both dog walking companies who used the grounds to exercise groups of dogs, and a few local resident's. It was suggested a ban was put in place to prevent such companies using the Recreation Ground. Signs would be erected to advise the public of the regulation. Section 164 of The Public Health Act 1875 authorises the Parish Council to enforce such a ban, as follows: 'Acquire and manage land for a village green. Provide Parks, pleasure grounds, public walks. Make by-laws to prevent dog fouling or to ban dogs.' (Dogs to be kept on a lead to assist with the prevention of dog fouling)

11/18-19

PLANNING

a) A list of current Planning Applications had previously been circulated to the Cllrs. All applications available online via the TDC website. Decisions were noted as below, and no further issues were raised.

FH/TH/18/0404 – Permission granted.

b) The presentation documents regarding the proposed development at Minster were displayed for information. The impact of the development on this village was discussed, however, concerns and comments could not be raised formally until the actual planning application had been submitted. A separate public meeting would be arranged to discuss the impact further, when notification of the application had been received.

c) The planning application for Manston Airport would be discussed fully once the full application had been submitted.

12/18-19

SOCIAL MEDIA

Cllr Gilly Brown presented a proposal for the Parish Council to form a Facebook page which would be used to provide important and useful information direct to the Village. Discussion took place with regard to the advantages and disadvantages of using social media. Cllr Brown confirmed that restrictions could be put in place to ensure the content of the page is controlled by the Parish Council and would be used for information purposes only.

It was proposed that the Facebook page was set up for a trial period, maintained by Cllr Brown, the Clerk and a community representative. This was proposed by Cllr Way, seconded by Cllr Gilly Brown and all were in favour.

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DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 30th July 2018, 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

Future dates: 24 Sept, 26 Nov

The meeting closed at approximately 20:45hrs.

This meeting was then followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

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