

Minutes of Mersham Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday, 17th April 2023 in the Church room at St John the Baptist Church

Present	Geoffrey Fletcher (Chair)	Peter Hawkins
	Gavin Murphy	Stewart Ross
	Kenton Stewart	Peter Turley
	Melanie Wells	

In attendance: Cllr Bartlett, 2 members of the public and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence. There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>To receive declarations of interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests). The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. Cllr Wells noted a personal interest in the Inland Border facility as a family member works on the site and a personal interest in the Village Hall.</p>	
<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2023 Minutes of the Meeting of Mersham Parish Council on 20th March 2023 were approved as a true record and were signed accordingly.</p>	
<p>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes not covered by the agenda. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.</p>	
<p>To receive report from Borough Councillor A detailed report had been circulated; a copy can be found on the website: http://www.mershampc.org.uk/community/mersham-parish-council-18392/borough-cllr-reports/</p>	
<p>To receive an update on Highways Issues (Including the Highways Improvement Plan) The Parish Council is awaiting the additional painting of lines in the parish. There is currently no date for completion. Cllr Turley had sent the Clerk a photograph of the Giveway Sign that requires replacement/repair at the top of Bower Road. The Clerk has reported this to Kent Highways Services. There was a discussion regarding the street lighting on Bower Road, this might be a HIP but only if KCC are responsible for the Street lighting.</p>	
<p>To receive an update on the Village Hall Cllr Wells provided an update on the Village Hall.</p>	
<p>Planning matters: to authorise a response to any application(s) and to note any recent planning decisions by Ashford Borough Council or any correspondence on planning matters.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) The following applications required comments:</p> <p><u>OTH/2023/0396</u> Land South of Captains Wood, Land at Cheesmans Green Lane, Kingsnorth Discharge of condition 9 (materials) for planning permission 16/00125/AS No objections raised</p> <p><u>PA/2023/0561</u> Mersham Manor, Church Close, Mersham Proposed retention of part of the existing close boarded fence (retrospective) No objections raised</p>	

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Mersham Manor, Church Close, Mersham

Variation of condition 5 and removal of condition 6 on planning permission 22/00602/AS
(Variation of condition 9 (approved plans) on planning permission 19/01602/AS to alter the materials, height and annexe) to alter approved drawing retaining oak effect joinery

Objections raised

Financial matters:

a) To note the Parish Council's financial position.

The financial position was noted as at 31st March 2023

b) To approve the Statement of Internal Controls 2022-23

The Parish Council reviewed and approved the Statement of Internal Controls 2022-23.

c) To review the Financial regulations

The Parish Council reviewed and approved the Financial Regulations.

d) To authorise any payments

Cheque No:	Payee	Amount
OLT	KALC	£ 625.56
OLT	T Block (April salary)	£ 404.43
OLT	HMRC	£ 37.40
OLT	I King (April salary)	£ 136.50
OLT	Legend Signs	£ 662.52

A copy of the budget v expenditure was distributed to all Councillors.

An email had been circulated regarding the registering of the land at the Village Hall. It was agreed that this would be accepted as a payment in principle but a scale of charges is to be requested.

Any Other Business (for information purposes only):

Cllr Murphy checked that the Clerk had a note of the roles required within the Parish Council now that 2 of the Councillors will depart the Council in May.

Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.

Monday 15th May 2023

The meeting closed at 8.45pm