



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7.30pm in The Bell Meadow Pavilion, St Nicholas at Wade

Present: Councillors D. Divers, L. Ageros, S. Smyth, D. Tweedale, M. Lawrance, G. Pugh

Also, Present: District Cllr Abi Smith, KCC Cllrs Linda Wright & Derek Crow-Brown, Sara Archer – Parish Clerk plus 5 members of public.

25/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Cllr Eric Dore who was on holiday.

26/22-23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

27/22-23 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 13th June 2023. These were proposed by Cllr Tweedale, seconded by Cllr Pugh, all were in agreement and therefore signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

28/23-24 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Divers advised he had contacted Steven Noad, KCC, to follow up on the issues raised with him some time ago at Manor Road, however, he was yet to receive a response.

29/23-24 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that the application for funding to assist residents affected by the cost of living crisis had been approved. The funding would be used to assist residents by providing a safe space for residents to enjoy company and a hot drink. Notice had been served to some of the allotment holders who were currently breaching the conditions of their contract. An update on the position of the allotments would be provided at the next meeting.

30/23-24 COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Pugh enquired about the resurfacing of Manor Road. This was due to be completed upon completion of the Sunningdale development. Cllr Divers would seek confirmation of the position with regard to the resurfacing with Steven Noad, KCC. It was noted there had been an increase in dog fouling in the Village, particularly at Bell Meadow.

Cllr Tweedale noted the dog waste bin located at the end of Summer Road had been damaged and was still in need of repair. The Clerk confirmed this had been reported to TDC and would follow it up accordingly.

The unfinished pavement at Manor Road was of concern. The landowner had a duty of care to ensure the pavement was made safe, however, it was understood that the developers would ensure the dropped kerbs and surrounding footpaths were levelled.

Cllr Lawrance echoed the concern regarding the increase in dog fouling in the Village and suggested a post was published on the facebook page to highlight the unacceptable issue. The Clerk would enquire about additional dog fouling signage from TDC.

Jane Dorman was thanked for carrying out the defibrillator training. It was noted that the current defibrillator cabinet instructions were not clear and easy to use. Options for a replacement cabinet would be explored. Jane had offered to run more training sessions for villagers. Discussion took place regarding additional defibrillator units in the Parish, this would be considered further.

Cold calling leaflets had been duplicated and left in the Post Office for residents to use. Cllr Lawrance and Cllr Tweedale would be circulating a notice to properties to enquire whether they would support a 'No Cold Calling' zone being implemented in the Village.

Cllr Smyth advised she had been enrolled on to the Health & Wellbeing Conference hosted by KALC. The development at Sarre had resulted in some clearance of overgrowth surrounding the mature trees in the area. Cllr Smyth would liaise with Cllr Abi Smith to arrange for the trees to be surveyed and monitored and if necessary, TPO orders applied.

Cllr Ageros had continued to maintain the garden at the flagpole and TE10 footpath. He had also noted an increase in dog fouling following the removal of the dog waste bin at TE10.

31/23-24 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Abi Smith advised a full council meeting was being held at TDC on 13th July, and a motion to consider a moratorium on larger housing developments had been included on the agenda for consideration.

Crumps Farm planning application had been called-in to the Planning Committee and a date was pending.

TDC had committed to building 160 affordable homes in the next five years.

32/23-24 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Wright reported she had been in attendance at a working group meeting to discuss the way forward with the Integrated Care System. A Community Hub at Millmead and Dover were being trialled.

Cllr Wright had attended a South East Kent networking event at the House of Commons and circulated the information pack to the Parish Council for interest.

The decision regarding Manston Airport was still pending.

Cllr Wright advised that her concerns regarding the dentistry of children under the age of 10 had been noted and the Headteacher at Birchington Primary School had expressed an interest in trialling the supply of toothbrushes and toothpaste to their students.

Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed that KCC were launching a consultation regarding the proposed closure of 4 waste and recycling plants in the County. The most relevant being the potential closure of the Richborough Site, however, Deal was also now being considered. Residents were strongly encouraged to comment on the proposal once the consultation opened.

Cllr Crow-Brown had attended a training event held at Dreamland, with the emergency services, dealing with a chemical simulated attack.

A public consultation was being held with regard to the Community Warden Service in the County. Residents were encouraged to comment on the proposal.

33/23-24 KENT POLICE AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORTS

No reports submitted.

34/23-24 BELL MEADOW PAVILION REPORT

An increase in private hires had been noted. Work to improve the pitch had commenced by the handymen.

35/23-24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **F/TH/23/0236 & L/TH/23/0237 - Crumps Farm** amendments to plans had been received and was to be discussed at the forthcoming planning committee meeting at TDC. Cllr Abi Smith would speak on behalf of the Parish Council if instructed.

F/TH/23/0886 - Thanet Earth, Barrow Man Road Application received after publication of the agenda. Comments to be forwarded to the Clerk accordingly.

b) It was noted that permission had been granted for Gooseberry Farm.

36/23-24 FINANCE

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

RESOLVED: To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for June. (Proposed: Cllr Divers, seconded Cllr Lawrance).

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

Lloyds Bank CC	£614.28
TRRG - Membership subs	£25.00
Business Stream - Water at Cemetery	£35.28
Country mowers - Battery mower	£900.00
Cartridge people - Stationary	£67.70
Workwear Express - Handyman uniform	£222.89
Maytree Nursery - flowers for village planters	£404.00
D. McDade - Handyman's salary & expenses	£140.17
E. Dore - repayment	£12.50
Greenbarnes - Noticeboard refurbishment	£899.28
SNS - Domain hosting	£466.08
HMRC - PAYE	£133.54
McCabe Ford Williams - Payroll/Audit admin	£1,027.20
S. Archer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£1,205.28
A. Dunsdon - Website Admin salary	£70.07
T. Oliver - Handyman's salary & expenses	£149.64
N. Sangster - Handyman's salary & expenses	£196.81
J. Perfect - Handyman's salary & expenses	£476.88

J. Read - Handyman's salary & expenses	£59.66
M. Savage - Handyman's salary & expenses	£823.27
PPL PRS - Music Licence	£154.80
EDF - Gas BMP	£867.47
Unity Trust - Bank charges	£18.00

Receipts:

S. Henniker - BMP private hire	£44.50
WS Cole - cemetery fees	£100.00
WS Cole - cemetery fees	£105.00
H. Greenstreet - BMP private hire	£32.50
WS Cole - cemetery fees	£1,100.00
KALC - Cost of Living grant	£1,000.00

RESOLVED: To approve payment of invoices included in the monthly payment schedule for June.

(Proposed: Cllr Divers, Seconded: Cllr Pugh)

c) The Clerk presented the Q1 budget review which had been circulated previously to the Parish Councillors. No comments were noted.

37/23-24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Residents made representation regarding the new Sunningdale development at The Length. Contractual issues with Sunningdale were expressed and the level of customer service and quality of build was felt to be inadequate. Concerns had been raised by the residents direct with Sir Roger Gale who was taking action on their behalf. The Parish Council confirmed they would also support these concerns and requested the details were forwarded to the Clerk accordingly. The residents were also advised to encourage other neighbouring properties with similar issues, to forward these concerns to the Clerk who would collate the details and circulate to the District and County Councillors for appropriate action. With regard to the waste that had been left on site, it was suggested this was considered as fly-tipping and should be reported as such to TDC for enforcement action as necessary.
- It was noted the litter at Potten Street, Hedgend Industrial Estate was increasing. The situation would be monitored.
- Jane Dorman introduced herself as the Acting Chair of the Parochial Church Council and expressed her eagerness to work together with the Parish Council in the interest of the Villages.

The meeting was concluded by the Chairman at 9:10pm.