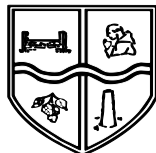


Monkton
Parish Council



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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
24th September 2018 at 7:00pm at Monkton Village Hall.**

Present Parish Councillors John Way [JW], Teresa Brown [TB], Chris Ransom [CR], Steve Bennett [SB]

In Attendance Sara Archer (Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer) [SA], PCSO Debbie Forsythe, KCC Councillor Liz Hurst plus 4 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and began by advising members of the sad loss of Dawn Mills, Monkton Football Club. Dawn had been Secretary and involved with the Club for a number of years alongside her husband, David, Chairman and will be sadly missed. Thoughts and wishes were extended to David and a minutes silence was held in respect.

31/18-19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Gilly Brown [GB], District Cllrs Derek Crow-Brown & Reece Pugh

32/18-19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

33/18-19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30th July 2018. These were proposed by Cllr Teresa Brown, seconded by Cllr Ransom and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

The Clerk was asked to contact KCC Cllr Emma Dawson in regarding Item 24/18-19 to request an update.

34/18-19 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Way reminded residents of the Public Consultation of the new draft Local Plan. Hard copies of the Plan were available at Minster Library and residents were encouraged to resubmit any comments online or direct to TDC. The consultation would close on 4th October 2018.

35/18-19 RECREATION GROUND

a) Cllr Bennett advised that there were no outstanding problems with the Play Area. He had attended to the overhanging brambles and some paintwork had started to flake on the wooden parts of the equipment.

b) Cllr Way outlined the issues encountered regarding the speed of traffic using the recreation ground access road. It was proposed that 10mph signs were installed along the access road. Permission had been sought from the land owner and quotes were being obtained. The Football Club would be approached for financial assistance towards the costs as they were the primary users of the grounds. KCC may also be in a position to offer grant funding for the project.

It was suggested that the Clerk wrote to the Football Club and asked for a Steward to be used at the top of the access road to ensure the vehicles slow down.

36/18-19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which had been previously circulated. Cheques signed as appropriate. Proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr T Brown.

b) The Clerk presented the external audit report which included a comment regarding the values of the Asset Register which had been mistakenly not included in the box for the previous year. The comments were duly noted and corrected.

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c) The request for Sec 137 funding towards the Neighbourhood Plan project was discussed and it was proposed and resolved to agree that a maximum of £200 for the project would be granted. This was proposed by Cllr Way and seconded by Cllr Ransom.

d) The Clerk advised of the receipt of the new maintenance contract for the CCTV. A small increase in the cost of the contract was observed, however, it was considered to be financially a better option than the costs of the call out charges. It was therefore agreed to approve the renewal of the contract for a further year. This was proposed by Cllr Way and seconded by Cllr Ransom.

37/18-19

HIGHWAYS

a) Cllr Bennett advised he had reported potholes online. Millers Lane had been repaired, however, those at the bottom of Willets Hill had begun to reappear again. Cllr Hurst advised that KCC are currently running a maintenance program to address the issue of reoccurring potholes and suggested they were contacted and asked to repair a larger section of the road.

38/18-19

INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) County Councillor – Cllr Hurst confirmed she had no issues to report and offered her assistance with anything outstanding that she may be able to help with.

b) District Councillor – Cllrs Crow-Brown and Pugh were not present, however, Cllr Pugh had offered a short report which was read by the Clerk as follows:

Draft Local Plan - the consultation stage of the Draft Local Plan is now live, with copies of the Plan available to viewed in all libraries across the Isle. For the Villages this is located in Minster Library. The consultation is running until the 4th October and it is vital that residents comment on this plan. Any comments that have been submitted previously regarding the now defunct Local Plan will not be carried over to this draft plan. With this in mind, I urge residents to resubmit their comments from the previous draft Local Plan that are relevant to this new draft. The call for sites included many areas offered from Monkton and I am keen to ensure that as few of these sites as possible are included in the Local Plan after the consultation stage has closed.

Travellers - As residents will be aware, Thanet has been experiencing for some time a considerable issue with Travellers, with the cost to the Council in excess of £100,000 to evict and clean up after them. One of the main aspects for their persistence in staying in Thanet is how easily they can make money. Therefore, to tackle the growing number of traveller incursions within the Villages, TDC are looking into providing new homeowners to the Isle with a list of approved tradesmen in an effort to curb the amount of elderly residents who have recently moved to the area being preyed on by illegitimate tradesmen.

c) PCSO – PCSO Debbie Forsythe was welcomed to the meeting and advised residents to be aware of scam that has currently been identified. There is a group of doorstep callers, who are offering household cleaning products for sale. They may say that they are injured or ex-servicemen or that they are ex-convicts attempting to mend their ways and are on a rehabilitation course arranged by probation services. This is not the case. Probation services do not run such schemes. They may also show a card which claims to be a “Peddlers Licence” or work permit, this is not valid. They may also claim to be deaf and dumb.

Residents are encouraged to TURN THEM AWAY, if cold callers don't get any sales in your area, they are less likely to return.

Residents were also advised that Police Surgeries would be held on the first Wednesday of every month, in the Village Hall at 12.15pm.

d) Village Hall Committee – The recent Harvest Supper which was held had raised £230 for the Macmillan Charity. Arrangements had been made by the Committee for the Armistice Day celebrations. Bangers and Mash would be served at the Village Hall, £3 per person at 5pm which would be followed by the lighting of the beacon and church bells at 7pm. All proceeds would be donated to charity.

e) Thanet Rural Regeneration Group – The Speedwatch scheme was discussed and issues being addressed.

f) Thanet Area Committee – The special branch of Police had attended the meeting. Residents were encouraged to download and use the 'countryeye' app which allowed the reporting of crime direct.

g) Parish Council Forum – No meeting held.

h) MFC – No issues to report.

39/18-19

PLANNING

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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, and no further issues were raised.

40/18-19

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Gilly Brown had produced a leaflet detailing the Neighbourhood Plan following guidance offered by TDC. Arrangements made for the responses to be returned to three identified addresses in the village. The leaflets would be distributed mid Oct.

The next stage of the process will be more community led with a steering committee to be formed with advisory support from the Parish Council.

Enquiries would be made with TDC regarding the inclusion of land owners comments for the Plan.

Cllr Ransom advised the village Facebook page was now functioning and thanked Davina Ransom and Cllr Gilly Brown for their work.

The KCC Household Waste Consultation was now available for comment, closing on 1st November. Resident's were encouraged to submit comments.

41/18-19

DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 26th November 2018, 7:00pm in the Village Hall. Future dates: Last Monday of the month, bi-monthly, to be confirmed with the bookings officer.

The meeting closed at approximately 20:10hrs.

Members of the public were then invited to raise any matters of concern not already addressed within the meeting.

- Following the 'Big Conversation' bus services consultation, a 'bus summit' had been arranged by KCC on an invite only basis. The meeting would be held in Maidstone on 30th October. It was confirmed the bus service in Monkton would not be affected before June 2019 pending a pilot of the new scheme.

- Concerns were raised with regard to the speed of traffic in the village and lack of visibility when entering/exiting driveways of the new build properties opposite The White Stag. Traffic calming options were discussed and Cllr Liz Hurst offered to raise the issues with Highways and request traffic monitoring.

- An update on the proposed 20 house development was requested, however, no further information had been received.

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