



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm in The Bell Meadow Pavilion, St Nicholas at Wade

Present: Councillors D. Divers (Chairman), L. Fallon, P. Radclyffe, L. Ageros, S. Smyth, D. Tweedale, M. Lawrance, E. Dore, Lee Terry

Also, Present: Sara Archer – Parish Clerk plus five members of public.

102/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Community Warden Alison Ring, KCC Cllr Derek Crow-Brown & Linda Wright, District Cllr Abi Smith.

103/22-23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Tweedale declared an interest in item 113/22-23 (b), Cllr Dore declared an interest in item 112 (a) which were duly noted.

104/22-23 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 13th December 2022.

These were proposed by Cllr Fallon, seconded by Cllr Radclyffe, all were in agreement and therefore signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

105/22-23 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Divers reported that following the resignation of one of the handymen, the vacancy had been advertised and interest expressed. It was hoped the appointment of a person to the vacancy would take place soon, following an induction meeting with the Lead Handyman.

106/22-23 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that plans for the King's Coronation on 6th May were being considered. It was suggested a fir tree was planted at the new development in the location of the Christmas Tree, as a tribute to the King.

Resident's and Councillors were reminded that the elections for the Parish Council would also be held in May.

A letter of thanks from Sue Irving was read for the support given to her on Christmas Day/Boxing Day, providing a meal and company for a few residents.

107/22-23 COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Fallon confirmed she had been litter picking and reported a number of potholes at various places in the Village.

Cllr Dore reported he had attended the Age UK group in the village.

Cllr Tweedale had liaised with Maura Pell regarding the Public Rights of Way. Various fields had been sewn with crops, however, the footpaths had since been reinstated. The importance of ensuring the footpaths were kept visible was emphasized. The damaged 40 MPH sign had been reported to KCC, and Cllr Tweedale had litter picked along the field adjacent to the A28.

Cllr Lawrance had been litter picking. He had attended the Friends of the Church meeting which had discussed the Open Gardens weekend 10/11 June. The car park at Bell Meadow would be offered for parking along with other sites in the Village. It was also noted that the Church was having a kitchen fitted within the next week.

Cllr Terry advised new posts had been arranged for the missing footpath signs at TE2/3.

Cllr Smyth noted the roundabout sign at Sarre had been damaged which was duly reported. Cllr Smyth had tidied the memorial garden and begun cleaning the defibrillator telephone box.

Cllr Ageros had offered his assistance to Sue Irving with the Christmas Day dinner. Concern had been raised with him regarding the car parking at School drop off/pick up times. It was suggested the Community Warden was approached and asked to attend during these times, to politely ask drivers to park considerately. The Head Teacher would be contacted to highlight the issues and encourage parents to use the Car Parks available.

Cllr Radclyffe reported he had litter picked in Sarre and thanked the volunteers who helped to remove the Christmas trees which had been taken to be recycled.

108/22-23 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT

No Councillors in attendance, no reports submitted.

109/22-23 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Derek Crow-Brown was unable to attend the meeting and submitted the following report which was read by the Clerk: Happy New Year to everyone.

Economic disruption from the aftermath of the pandemic and from the Ukraine war, the highest inflation in 40 years, have had a massive impact on the council's services and finances. This will remain a huge challenge for KCC in 2023.

November/December were extremely wet months, resulting in substantial amount of rainfall. KCC Highways teams have received the highest number on record of customer enquiries for the month of November, with over 2,300 calls received. The inclement weather has been responsible for the break up of many roads, resulting in hundreds of potholes across Thanet. There has been several social media posts recently highlighting areas of concern in Westgate. These may include faulty or poor street lighting, blocked drains, uneven surfaces on bridges etc.

Whilst I have been involved in reporting many recent highways related issues locally, the link below allows members of public to report highways problems directly to Kent County Council.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

If you see a problem, please do report it.

Finally, this week I have assisted a Ukrainian lady living locally for many years, who has been willing to offer her property for use by Ukrainian refugees, helping her with the application process.

110/22-23 PCSO/COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

No report submitted by the PCSO.

Community Warden Alison Ring was not in attendance, however, she submitted the following report which was read by the Clerk as follows:

Happy New Year!

With the Festivities over we now have the winter months of January and February to look forward to.

Many people will feel more lonely and socially isolated as the bad weather can impact on ability to get out and mix with other people. The media is full of bad news, and the reality of the cost of living increase as well as the rise of flu and covid cases, many of us can suffer with anxiety and low mood.

I am here to support residents in the villages struggling with all kinds of issues, practical and emotional. I am available to advise, listen and support. If I cannot help, I may know someone that can.

With the winter months upon us and in the interest of community safety please let me know if you find streetlamps that are not working or dangerous potholes in the roads so they can be reported.

111/22-23 BELL MEADOW

The Pavilion had been positively utilised at Christmas with a successful dinner and festivities. A volunteer had joined the working party and was keen to be involved with forthcoming events, particularly the King's Coronation. A separate meeting would be organised to discuss suggestions for the Coronation celebrations.

A few maintenance issues had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council which would be addressed by the handymen. Cllr Fallon would source some signage to ask users to leave the toilets in a state in which they would like to find them.

It was noted the Football Team who hired the Pavilion at the weekend prior to the meeting, left the facilities extremely muddy. The sinks and kitchen area were inappropriately used. This would be raised with the Manager, and access will be prevented to the kitchen/lounge area. It was suggested a fine should be implemented if the Pavilion is not left in an adequate state.

Cllr Fallon would source signage to emphasise no muddy boots should be worn inside the building.

112/22-23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) F/TH/22/1652 - Frost Farm, Frost Lane, St Nicholas At Wade

Removal of conditions 1 and 2 of planning application F/TH/15/0114 to allow year-round occupation

Cllr Dore left the room while the application was discussed.

Vote taken, all in agreement, No Objections noted.

b) F/TH/22/1453 – Permission Granted

113/22-23 FINANCE

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

RESOLVED: To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for December. (Proposed: Cllr Radclyffe, seconded Cllr Dore).

b) The Clerk present the monthly payment schedule for January which included the following invoices:

D. Tweedale - Printing costs	£20.00
HMRC - Employee PAYE	£288.05
S. Archer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£1,071.25
J. Perfect - Handyman's salary & expenses	£124.74
T. Oliver - Handyman's salary & expenses	£80.70
J. Read - Handyman's salary & expenses	£17.08
N. Sangster - Handyman's salary & expenses	£202.67
Lloyds Bank CC	£66.60
Ewart Clough - Christmas Trees	£306.00
S. Archer - repayment bar stock	£95.20
Business Stream - Water cemetery	£147.89
Unity Trust - service charge	£18.00

Receipts:

Cemetery fee - Headstone inscription	£50.00
Football pitch hire - Frames	£220.00
BMP Hire: Derrane	£19.50
TDC - Deposit return: event fee	£250.00
D. Kirby - BMP Hire: Coffee Morning	£26.00
Football pitch hire - Minster FC	£200.00
Football pitch hire - Herne Bay Harriers	£250.00
Axa Insurance - Bus shelter claim	£828.80

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

(Proposed: Cllr Terry, Seconded: Cllr Divers)

c) The Clerk presented the budget forecast for 2023/24.

RESOLVED: To approve the budget forecast for 2023/24. This was proposed by Cllr Fallon and seconded by Cllr Divers.

d) The Clerk presented the precept request for 2023/24. There would be no proposed increase to households.

RESOLVED: To approve the precept request of £26,140.00 from TDC. This was proposed by Cllr Divers and seconded by Cllr Dore.

114/22-23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- It was noted that the comments on planning ref: F/TH/22/1400 referred incorrectly to brick built units. This would be amended and noted accordingly with TDC.
- Concern that public footpath TE3 would be removed if development took place at Crumps Farm. This would be monitored.
- Enquiries would be made with regard to the inclusion of tree planting and landscaping plans at the development at The Length, along with the disability housing provision requirement.
- The handymen were thanked for the well kept state of the Cemetery. It was also noted the tap at the Allotments had been left on.

The meeting was concluded by the Chairman at 8:50pm.