



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.00pm in The Bell Meadow Pavilion, St Nicholas at Wade

Present: Councillors D. Divers (Chairman), L. Fallon, P. Radclyffe, L. Terry & S. Smyth

Also, Present: KCC Cllr Linda Wright, District Cllr Abi Smith, Sara Archer – Clerk, plus 2 members of the public.

106/21-22 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

Under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public were excluded by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted during the period 7:00pm – 7:30pm.

107/21-22 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Cllrs David Tweedale and Mark Lawrence who have been co-opted onto the Council following the vacancies which arose from the recent resignations. The necessary documentation was completed and returned to the Clerk.

108/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor Derek Crow-Brown and Parish Councillors Lee Ageros and Geraldine Goy offered their apologies.

109/21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

110/21-22 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th December 2021. These were proposed by Cllr Fallon, seconded by Cllr Radclyffe, all present agreed and therefore the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

111/21-22 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Divers introduced and welcomed the new Councillors. The Parish Council was now at full capacity and thus in a stronger position to effectively represent the whole community. Projects and suggestions for the forthcoming year would be welcomed for consideration.

112/21-22 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that KALC were running two online training events that would be of particular interest to the newly appointed Councillors: The Dynamic Councillor – 20/01/22 10am, and Introduction to Planning – 19/01/22 6pm
Thanks were extended to the County Councillors for their grant funding support of £1500 towards the replacement bus shelter.

113/21-22 COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Fallon confirmed she had contacted the site manager at Manor Road with regard to the temporary footpath ramps and would be meeting him in due course.

Cllr Tweedale advised he and Cllr Lawrance regularly walked the local footpaths noting any issues to be addressed. The Clerk would obtain a footpath map and source a replacement for the map located outside the Post Office.

Cllr Smyth requested a handyman attended at Sarre. The Chair advised a meeting was being held with himself, the handymen and the Clerk where attendance at Sarre would be discussed. Quotes for a MUGA were in hand and a public consultation would be held in due course.

Cllr Radclyffe reported he had litter picked in Sarre. The Christmas trees had been removed and disposed of with the assistance of the handymen and volunteers. The drains were still in need of clearing.

The Clerk advised she had been chasing Casement Signs with regard to the Sarre village signs, along with KCC but unfortunately had no further update.

114/21-22 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Abi Smith advised that TDC in conjunction with Thanet Biodiversity, had an availability of trees for each Parish to take advantage of. The Parish Council had requested 100 trees initially which had now been allocated and the tree officer would be in touch with the Clerk direct to make the necessary arrangements for these to be collected.

Cllr Smith confirmed she had raised concern regarding the increasing amount of development in the villages at a recent cabinet meeting and would continue to raise this issue.

The Enforcement Officer had been contacted regarding the development at The Length and the removal of the hedge at Manor Road. This will continue to be followed up.

It was also reported that TDC had unexpectedly received Government Grants which had helped to bridge the deficit in the budget figures.

Cllr Smith also reported she had attended a public enquiry regarding Shottendane Road, which is a lengthy process but she will continue to follow closely.

115/21-22 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Linda Wright circulated photographs of a community tennis table following the discussions regarding a MUGA at Bell Meadow and suggested this may be an alternative avenue to explore.

The roadworks at Birchington had been a result of Cllr Wright falling over a damaged manhole which was now being fully repaired.

TDC were improving their events application process and the Clerk was advised to call TDC to enquire about any special Jubilee arrangements.

KCC were currently undertaking a carers consultation to improve the service for it's users.

The active travel proposal for new cycling lanes had been rejected as it was felt the routes proposed were unsuitable.

Cllr Wright also encouraged the Parish council to submit comments with regard to the Local Plan review, the deadline for which is 4th February.

116/21-22 BELL MEADOW PAVILION COMMITTEE

Cllr Radclyffe read a report from the Chair. A number of resident's had been approached to enquire about the kind of activities/events they would like to see at the Pavilion. Group activities and coffee mornings were favourable, however, concern had been expressed due to Covid. The table top sale had been successful with the sale of scones and refreshments. Notices had been posted in Margate and Birchington to publicise the table top sale and bookings had been received for February. Four new members had expressed an interest in joining the Committee and co-options would be taking place in due course.

The purchase of three new brooms plus funding was requested to enable an advert for the Pavilion to be included in the Church magazine for a 12 month period. This was considered and approved.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of three brooms, and funding of £45 for an advert to be placed in the Church magazine. (Proposed: Cllr Terry, seconded: Cllr Tweedale)

Concern had been raised with regard to the location of the hand dryer in the Gentleman's toilet. The Health and Safety representative would look into the matter.

The boot cleaning brushes required cleaning regularly, they were currently clogged up leading to mess both inside and outside the Pavilion. The handymen would be asked to dismantle them to be thoroughly cleaned.

The next meeting would be held on 17th January, 1pm, all were welcome.

117/21-22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) None received.

b) L/TH/21/1539 – Permission granted

FH/TH/21/1728 – Permission granted

118/21-22 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 Divers).

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

Lloyds Bank CC	£3.00
S. Archer - Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£1,071.97
RBL Poppy Appeal - Wreath	£18.50
J. Read - Handyman Salary & Expenses	£226.43
N. Sangster - Handyman Salary & Expenses	£124.32
HMRC - Employee PAYE	£117.88
Ewart Clough - Christmas Trees	£277.20

Unity Bank Service Charge

£18.00

Receipts:

BMP Hire - Coffee Morning £26.00

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

(Proposed: Cllr Divers, Seconded: Cllr Terry)

c) The Clerk presented the calculations for the proposed precept to be considered by the Parish Council. It was discussed and agreed that £24899 should be requested for the forthcoming year 2022-23. The Clerk would advise TDC accordingly.

RESOLVED: To approve the precept request of £24899 for 2022/23. (Proposed: Cllr Divers, Seconded: Cllr Lawrance)

d) The Clerk presented the proposed budget forecast for the period 2022-23 for consideration. No comments were made and the budget forecast was approved.

RESOLVED: To approve the budget forecast for 2022/23. (Proposed: Cllr Radclyffe, Seconded: Cllr Terry)

119/21-22 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- The use of the new handyman van was questioned and the concerns raised were addressed accordingly.
- The cleanliness of the Pavilion was complimented and noted.
- Concern was raised that the construction lorries at The Length should be more aware of their surroundings when entering and exiting the site. The Enforcement Officer had recently attended the site to address parking concerns.

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