

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Operations Committee held on Monday 4th October 2021 at 10:00am At the Minster Library & Neighbourhood Centre

Present; Cllrs. Day (Chairman), Quittenden, Crow-Brown, Owen, McCarthy

Also present; Cllr. Mrs. Gimes (Ex-officio), Kyla Lamb (Clerk), Clare Wilsdon, (Clerk) Neil Cooper (Groundsperson)

124. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Jones and Torbett.

125. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

126. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

127. CAR PARKS AND TOILETS

A site visit was carried out to ascertain what works are required to improve the car parks and toilets and consider byelaws and how they can be enforced.

High Street Car park and toilets

RESOLVED: Tree works are required. Cllr Quittenden to mark-up trees for felling or reducing and will contact 3 tree surgeons to quote for the works. The car park is in a conservation area, therefore consent for the works will be required from Thanet District Council. This cost would be shared with Jonathan Cloe for some trees that are on his land.

It was further agreed to seek quotes for a 4ft post and wire fence along the boundary of Jonathan Coles land to denote the boundary.

Members inspected the toilets and agreed to seek quotations for internal improvements to the ladies and gentlemen's toilets. Cllr Torbett had indicated to the Clerk he is happy to be involved in helping with this project.

Monkton Road car park

Our groundsman Neill Cooper agreed that our staff will trim and faceup the vegetation in this car park.

The Clerk had received a quotation for relining the car park £565.

Members AGREED to accept this quotation and proceed with the lining as soon as the land transfer takes place.

It was noted that a resident of Tothill Street has a gate in his fence onto the car park. It was agreed to write to him to ask him to cease using it when ownership is transferred to the Parish Council.

The Clerks were asked to make enquiries regarding bye-laws. Would they transfer automatically from TDC with the site.

128. TREE PLANTING WORKING PARTY

Members agreed to set up a group of approx. 5-6 people to identify suitable planting areas in the village on which to plant trees. Cllr Jones has seven Beech trees and twelve saplings to donate. Paul Willins requested to be involved.

Possible other parties who may be interested; Nik Mitchell, Leanne McCarthy, Alan Jones, Danny Day, Derek Crow-Brown Scott Fleming, Roy Burden, Fran Kimmons, Paul Torbett.

129. CEMETERY

The Clerk updated members that work is required on the Chapel windows.

AGREED: The Clerk will seek quotations for the necessary work.

130. ALL WEATHER PITCH REPLACEMENT MAT

The Clerk reported that she had summarised the history of the all weather pitch and what the estimated funding shortfall would be approximately £35,000. Cllr Crow-Brown has sent this information to KCC and has send the Clerk details of possible funding sources. The Clerk also reported that bookings are up so the surplus of income to add to the sinking fund before next summer should be better than earlier years.

131. SKATE-PARK AND BUND

There have been no objections to the retrospective planning application for the building of the bund. The Clerk will start looking for possible grant funding which are normally only available if the community are involved with planting.

132. NEW PARISH OFFICE

Until a tender has been accepted and seeking borrowing approval is agreed at the full Council meeting tomorrow 5th October 2021, the project cannot proceed. It is likely that the contract start date may be delayed until after Christmas due to contractors existing work commitments.

Signed.

CHAIRMAN OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting closed at 11.32