

# **MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held via Zoom Remote Meetings**

**on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: Mrs. Gimes (Chairman), Crow-Brown, Burden, Day, Quittenden, Owen, Jones, Torbett, McCarthy, Mills, Kearns.

Also present: Kyla Lamb (Clerk to the Council), Clare Wilsdon (Assistant Clerk to the Council), Cllr Roper (TDC), PCSO Adrian Butterworth

### **273. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

### **274. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman when able to do so.**

### **275. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None declared.

### **276. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT**

PCSO Adrian Butterworth reported as follows:

- Crimes of note; Theft of plant machinery from construction site in Minster. Vehicle captured on Monkton CCTV but not identifiable.  
Reports of rogue traders in Augustine Road.
- Anti-social behaviour; Large number of off-road vehicles reported around Ebbsfleet Lane on 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Increase of Covid calls but none from the skate-park

### **277. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Roper reported as follows;

- TDC have acquired eleven new refuse trucks with increased capacity. Electric vehicles were not purchased due to the high cost.
- Public Space Protection Orders are now in force and information signage has been erected.
- Grass cutting of the verges has been reduced to as part of the councils' response to declaring a climate emergency.
- Further grants are available for businesses. More details are on the website.

The Chairman asked why a further call for sites for possible development had been made. Cllr Roper responded that he was not sure. The Local Plan is being reviewed and updated and TDC have asked the government to review current figures.

**278. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Cllr. Mrs Gimes reported that the village hall has been booked for the June and July council meetings, due to legislation that allows remote meetings expiring in May. This venue can provide adequate ventilation and space, allowing Councillors and members of the public to attend whilst observing social distancing.

The Parish Assembly is to be held in April via Zoom. Reports will be read out by the Chairman and head of the finance committee.

**279. REPORT OF THE CLERK**

Nothing to report.

**280. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION**

None.

**281. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT**

The Clerk reported the signage for HGVs at Laundry Road would be chased.

**282. AGENCY PAYMENT RENEWAL AND TAKING OVER THE HIGH STREET AND MONKTON ROAD CAR PARKS AND PUBLIC TOILET**

No further progress has been made.

**283. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR LAND WEST OF TOTHILL STREET OL/TH/18/1488**

Additional documents have been added to this application including from Highways who are now happy with proposed road improvements. £166K contribution to be made to improve Spitfire Way junction. This application is expected to go to committee soon.

**284. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 and the recommendations within them be approved and signed by the Chairman when able to do so.

**AGREED;** To a Facebook page on a 3 month trial basis.

Cllr Quittenden voted against this recommendation.

**285. VERGE DAMAGE AND BAD PARKING IN MOLINEUX ROAD**

Members were asked to consider a complaint received from a resident of Molineux Road.

**AGREED: To request placement of a bollard on the verge upon completion of the bund works.**

**286. REQUEST TO INSTALL A SMALL MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR THE LATE COLIN HULKS**

Members considered a request by the family of the late Colin Hulks, to place a memorial plaque inside or outside of the sports pavilion

**AGREED: That a plaque can be placed inside the pavilion alongside the other cricket pictures and trophies on display.**

**287. VENUE FOR AGE UK MORNINGS**

Cllr Torbett asked members to consider the possibility of allowing Age UK to hold a regular coffee morning at the pavilion.

**AGREED: That the pavilion could be considered as a possible venue.**

**288. COVID-19 UPDATE ON CURRENT SITUATION**

The Chairman reported that in-line with updated government guidance, the sports facilities have re-opened.

**289. SKATEPARK ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

The Chairman reported that installation of the bund by TW Services is in progress.

**290. PLANS FOR PARISH OFFICE AT THE RECREATION GROUND**

The planning application has now been submitted and is awaiting decision.

**291. ALLOTMENTS**

Members considered a proposal for a joint allotment with Ramsgate Town Council.

**RESOLVED: To agree in principle, to a joint arrangement and seek further information.**

**292. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following applications;

### **Applications**

#### **TPO/17(1989) - 1 ST MILDREDS MEWS MINSTER**

1 Sycamore – Fell – **NO OBJECTION**

#### **TH/21/0305 - RICHBOROUGH ENERGY PARK**

Development of an electrical battery storage facility – **NO OBJECTION**

#### **TH/21/0297 – 18 BURGESS CLOSE**

Erection of single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory, erection of rear dormer, together with insertion of window to second floor side elevation – **NO OBJECTION**

**R/TH/21/0242** - Land adjacent to Pouces, Manston Road, Manston –  
Reserved matters application pursuant to permission OL/TH/18/1348 for the erection of 5no. dwellings for the approval of appearance – **NO OBJECTION**

**F/TH/21/0307 - Anaerobic digester plant Ebbsfleet Farm yard, Jutes Lane, Ramsgate** - Installation of a 20M high communications tower supporting a 600mm dishes – **NO OBJECTION**

### **Decisions**

**FH/TH/21/0060 – 7 SOUTHALL CLOSE, MINSTER**  
**DECISION – REFUSED**

**TH/21/0081 – HIGH QUALITY LIFESTYLES EBBSFLEET HOUSE, EBBSFLEET LANE**  
**DECISION – GRANTED**

**TH/20/1746 – GARDEN COTTAGE DURLOCK**  
**DECISION – GRANTED**

**TH/21/0107 – 27 MOLINEUX ROAD, MINSTER**  
**DECISION – GRANTED**

## **293. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC	<p>Cllr Quittenden reported as follows;</p> <p>A meeting was held via Zoom on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs were not in attendance. Expressed concern that the committee had become ineffective and needed to work more closely as a group. Requested an update on the highway infrastructure of the large housing developments in Thanet. TDC have stopped mowing some areas to promote growth of wildflowers. Cliffsend are to get their first yellow lines.</p>
Minster School	<p>Cllr Kearns reported that the school have reviewed the plans for the Parish office and think that it will be good for security.</p>

Village Hall	Nothing to report
Twinning Assn.	Nothing to report.

**294. REPORT OF THE RFO**

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) the Bank balance statement be received and noted,**
- (b) the statement of Receipts and Payments for the month of March 2021 be approved.**

**295. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC/ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Luke Johnson (Salvation Army) provided an update on progress of the Community Sponsorship project and reported that they should be ready to submit an application in the next few months.

Luke informed Cllr Torbett that Age UK previously held coffee mornings at the Salvation Army Hall.

Cllr Day has received an offer of some beech saplings and ornamental Japanese Acers for planting in the parish from Cllr Jones, who he thanked for this kind gesture.

Cllr Quittenden has sourced some funding to update the Spanton Memorial.

Residents that have gravel on their drives should be reminded that it can present a hazard to pedestrians when allowed to spill on the pavements.

Cllr Roper asked if a 20mph speed limit had been considered in the village.

Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed that two dog bins will be installed at Esmonde and Mannock Drive.

**Time concluded: 8.21pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> May 2021**