

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at John Spanton Sports Pavilion

St Mildreds Road, Minster

on 7th March` 2023 at 7.00pm

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

Also present: Kyla Lamb (Parish Clerk), Clare Wilsdon (Assistant Clerk), Cllr Smith (TDC)

255. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

256. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th February 2023 be approved and signed.

257. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No members interests recorded.

258. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Community Warden Aylett was not present but provided a report read out by the Chairman as follows:

- Community Connector Project will end in March and he will return to full time duties in the villages.
- Reported an abandoned vehicle in Watchester Lane.
- Visited the new village shop.
- Supported a TDC multi-agency taskforce day.
- Looking forward to working with the new PCSO.
- Community warden service facing significant cutbacks and consultation process has begun.

No report was available from the PCSO.

The Chairman has written a letter to Thanet Police complaining about the lack of PCSO presence in the village and at meetings, and the absence of a written report.

259. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Crow-Brown reported as follows;

- The previously postponed meeting with Haroona Chughtai, Director of Highways and Transportation at KCC is to be rescheduled.
- Recent wet weather has resulted in an increase in potholes. Work is to be carried out in Foxborough Lane and The Lanes.

- Following the recent first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we can be proud of Kent's response to this humanitarian crisis, with 3,209 Ukrainians having been hosted in the county (at present, 1,889 are staying with 905 sponsors; others have already moved on into other accommodation or returned to Ukraine).

Cllr Smith reported as follows:

- Southern Water have assured that new housing developments have not been a contributory factor to recent water outages in Broadstairs.
- Southern Water are presenting at the next TDC Overview and Scrutiny panel and members of the public are welcome to attend.

260. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. Mrs Gimes gave a reminder about the Annual Parish Meeting that will take place on Tuesday 18th April 2023. The Annual report will be given by the Chairman and the Finance report by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and there will also be an opportunity for members of the public to see the new Parish Office, have refreshments and speak to the Councillors.

261. REPORT OF THE CLERK

An Oak tree has been purchased and will be planted as part of the Queens Green Canopy. Possible locations were discussed and it was **agreed** that it would be planted on the mound in the recreation ground, where the Twinning Association also have a tree planted.

262. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

None available.

263. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

The installation of the yellow lines in Norton Drive have been chased.

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

The reserved matters application (R/TH/22/1391) has been examined and response is attached.

265. OPEN GARDENS 17TH & 18TH JUNE 2023

Members were asked to consider a request to use the recreation ground on the 17th and 18th June 2023 for parking for Open Gardens. Use of the disabled toilet for the steward will also be required.

RESOLVED: that permission be given for car parking at the recreation ground and disabled toilet use as detailed above.

266. 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF BARON JEAN DE SELYS LONGCHAMP

Baron Jean de Selys Longchamp was a Belgian aristocrat and RAF fighter pilot during World War II and is buried in Minster cemetery. Members considered a request by Cllr Quittenden to use the cemetery for a ceremony as part of the anniversary commemorations on Saturday 19th August 2023. In addition, to consider any other involvement or a possible contribution. A lunch will also be held at the Royal British Legion

AGREED: That the cemetery may be used as part of the commemorations and possibly a contribution or involvement agreed in principal but subject to further information being provided.

267. DAMAGE TO PLAY EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY SURFACING

Following an arson incident by youths at the play area, damage has been caused to the safety surface. Members considered a quotation of £1385 to repair the surface.

AGREED: To accept the quotation to repair the surface.

268. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Gimes provided an update as follows;

Applications

R/TH/22/1393 – Land on the West Side of Tothill Street, Ramsgate

Application for the reserved matters of outline permission OL/TH/18/1488 “Outline application for the erection of up to 214 no. dwellings, cemetery expansion, and associated access, with all other matters reserved” for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

OBJECT Full response attached.

R/TH/23/0207 - Pouces, Manston Road,

Reserved matters application pursuant to outline application OL/TH/22/0338 for the erection of 1no. dwelling, for consideration of appearance, scale, layout and landscaping -

SUPPORT

F/TH/23/0203 - Land East Of, The Loop, Ramsgate, Kent

Erection of 1No commercial unit and 3 no associated car parking spaces –

NO OBJECTION

F/TH/23/0170 - Land Adjacent To Southern Water, Waste Water Treatment Site, Jutes Lane, Ramsgate

Installation of a grid stability facility consisting of synchronous compensators and associated electrical infrastructure, underground cabling, access tracks, drainage, and ancillary infrastructure.

NO OBJECTION

FH/TH/22/1701 - 6 Singleton Close, Minster, RAMSGATE,

Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory
NO OBJECTION

F/TH/22/14311 - The Lane, Minster, Kent, CT12 5EZ

Erection of 13No. industrial units (Use Class E (g)) to the rear of the site together with associated drivers welfare unit, parking, cycle storage, hardstandings, fencing and planting
NO OBJECTION

Decisions

F/TH/22/1426 - The Stables, The Mill House, Way Hill, Minster

Erection of 1No. 5 bed two storey dwelling following demolition of existing stables
GRANTED

F/TH/22/0558 - Former Paddock, Way Hill, Minster, RAMSGATE

Erection of 1No two storey 6-bed detached dwelling
GRANTED

269. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC

Cllr Quittenden reported that a meeting was held on 27th February where KALC were due to speak but unfortunately cancelled.

A new secretary, Bill Anderson was elected.

Main discussion of the evening was TDC local service delivery but no decisions were made as it is expected that the committee would be newly formed following the elections.

The most recent Census figures have been published and are available online.

The next meeting is on 5th April 2023.

Minster School

Cllr Mills reported that following a recent OFSTED inspection, the school received a 'GOOD' report. The report is available on the schools website.

Twinning Assn.

No representative available.

270. 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 February 2023 be approved.

271. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Andy Local suggested that civil action should be taken against youths involved in the arson incidents at the play area.

Dan Hockey said that BDW Homes should be engaging directly with the community rather than via Minster Parish Council.

Time concluded: 8.16pm

4th April 2023