

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

St Mildreds Road, Minster

on 4th April 2023 at 7.00pm

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

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

255. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Torbett

256. MINUTES

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

257. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No members interests recorded.

258. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

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

- Community Connector Project role has now ended and will now spend more time in the village.
- Visits made to a number of local residents for a variety of reasons.
- Assisted in dealing with a report of an injured sheep on the loose.
- Attends a weekly meeting with the GP surgery to discuss any residents that are of concern.
- Recently contacted the new PC for the village, Beth Ninnim and was pleased with the prompt and positive response received.
- Attended Operation Zig-Zag, a multi-agency road safety initiative, run by TDC, in Broadstairs over a two day period.

The Chairman reported that we now have a new Police Constable Beth Ninnim who hopes to be appointed to cover the village permanently from June.

Police Constable Beth Ninnim was not present but provided a report, read out by the Chairman as follows;

- Will be the interim Ward Officer for Minster until June but hopefully permanently after that.
- Has met with the Parish Council and is looking forward to working together with them and other key members of the community.
- Arranged a meeting with Community Warden Karl Aylett.

- Currently finding out what local community events/meetings take place.
- Engaged with stakeholders in relation to nuisance vehicles using Columbus Avenue as an area to race vehicles.

Anti-social behaviour

- Report of suspected youths trespassing at the school play area.
- Eggs thrown at a property.

Vehicle/Traffic related

- RTC – vehicle hit a parked vehicle in Freemans Road causing damage and driver did not remain at the scene.
- Vehicle obstruction reported, owner contacted and subsequently moved.
- RTC in Tothill St/High St. Collision with a parked vehicle. CCTV footage held by MPC
- There has been an increase in police presence at the weekends and evenings in order to combat driving offences.
- Crime statistics for Thanet Villages are available on Kent Police website.
- Kent Police are emphasising the use of 'My Community Voice' to provide updates to the community. www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk

259. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Crow-Brown reported as follows;

- Engaged with Colin Finch, strategic programme manager at KCC regarding developer funding for Minster Primary School. Currently funding is being directed to Manston Green School, Newington that has not been built yet. Minster Primary School is currently looking at how it can expand capacity.
- KCC have collated home addresses for the school to help demonstrate local need. Approx 48% of children from the local parish area attend Minster and Monkton School.
- Recently spoke with a TDC parking enforcement officer patrolling Minster who was an extremely polite and respectful individual.

Cllr Pugh reported as follows:

- Planning application for the land South of Monkton Road has been called in and this will remain in place even subject to local elections
- Written to the Secretary of State to request a moratorium on the use of Grade 1 agricultural land for development.
- Chased clearance of the car park in Prospect Road that is currently unusable by residents due to it being overgrown. Its maintenance is the responsibility of TDC but this has not been carried out for some time.

Cllr Smith reported as follows:

- Has also called in the planning application at the Land South of Monkton Road as Sunningdale have created so much disruption in St Nicholas at Wade.
- Many questions were raised to TDC about the damage large housing developments are causing, particularly in the villages.
- Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting was attended by a representative from Southern Water and they were asked why comments are not being made on large developments that impact on water and waste water.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Pugh and Smith for their regular attendance at the parish council meetings and wished them good luck in the upcoming elections.

260. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. Mrs Gimes reported that TDC have published the result of a working party on improving engagement between TDC and the ten town and parish councils in the district. There are many recommendations including the resumption of the Parish Forum, a dedicated officer as a point of contact and a Parish Charter.

Applications for the local elections closed today and we will know tomorrow if there will be an election.

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18th April but this may be postponed if an election is called.

Following the arson incident at the play area, CCTV footage was provided to the police. However, unfortunately, although the youths were identified and interviewed, there was not sufficient evidence to take the matter any further. An email will be sent expressing our disappointment at this.

261. REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th May at 7pm.

A resident at Burgess Close contacted us to thank the groundsmen for the work carried out to the shrubbery and hedges at the open space area in Burgess Close.

262. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

None available.

263. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

The yellow lines in Norton Drive have been installed. An enforcement officer has been seen in the village.

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

A meeting was held with Barratt David Wilson Homes and complaints over the use of Prospect Road for parking were raised. We were assured that this would stop and hopefully the proper entrance would be ready soon. The land for the cemetery extension was also discussed and we are optimistic that the land will be transferred to the Parish to extend the cemetery subject to use of the lower part of it for several years to provide a reptile relocation area. More documents are being added online to the application.

265. LAND LEASE WITH MINSTER SCHOOL/KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

Following many years of discussions with Kent County Council to agree terms for a lease of the old tennis court land next to the new Parish office, revised terms have been received for approval so that the draft lease can be updated and finalised.

RESOLVED: To accept the draft lease revised terms as circulated.

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.

Cllr Quittenden updated members on the change of date for the commemorations. They will now take place on Wednesday 16th August instead of Saturday 19th August, due to a fly past being unable to take place at the weekend. Sponsorship by RiverOak for the event is being sought.

267. USE OF PLANNING CONSULTANT TO GIVE ADVICE ON A RESPONSE TO PLANNING APPLICATION F/TH/23/0085 – LAND REAR OF 78-108 MONKTON ROAD, MINSTER

Members were asked to ratify the decision to seek advice from Danielle Dunn, Senior Planner at Bloomfields Chartered Town Planners on a response to the above planning application at a cost of £275.

**RESOLVED: To ratify the decision to seek advice as detailed.
Cllr Fleming abstained from voting.**

268. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Fleming provided an update as follows;

Applications

F/TH/23/0085 -Land Rear Of 78 To 108 Monkton Road Minster Kent

Erection of 95 dwellings (2 one bed, 29 two bed, 45 three bed, 16 four bed and 3 five bed) with associated access, parking and landscaping

STRONGLY OBJECT – amendments to be made to our response as discussed.

FH/TH/23/0353- 18 Mannock Drive, Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 5DG

Erection of front porch and rear dormer with associated rooflights to front

elevation to facilitate conversion of loft to ensuite bedroom
NO OBJECTION

FH/TH/23/0355 -16 Mannock Drive, Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 5DG

Erection of 1No. rear dormer with Juliette balcony to facilitate loft conversion together with 3No. rooflights to front roof slope
NO OBJECTION

KCC/SCO/TH/0042/2023 – North Thanet Link Scheme to the south of Margate, Kent – Members were asked to make any comments on this via the Clerk.

Decisions

TPO/TH/23/0119- 22 Burgess Close, Minster

TH/TPO/5(1991) 1No Sycamore - Re-pollard to previous points (reducing the height by approximately 30%)

GRANTED

FH/TH/23/0124 - 63 Augustine Road, Ramsgate

Erection of two storey rear extension and front porch together with extension and alteration to roof, alterations to fenestration and land levels following demolition of existing conservatory and porch

GRANTED

FH/TH/23/0104 - 36 Rose Gardens, Minster

Erection of single storey extension to front following removal of porch and relocation of entrance door to side together with erection of single storey extension with 2no. atrium rooflights to rear

GRANTED

F/TH/23/0093 Western Lattice Mast Richborough Energy Park Jutes Lane Ramsgate

Demolition and removal of 1.no existing mast structure and associated works

GRANTED

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

Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory

GRANTED

CON/TH/22/1694 - Land On The West Side Of Tothill Street RAMSGATE Kent

Application for approval of condition 21 (Surface Water Drainage) attached to Planning Permission OL/TH/18/1488 for the outline application for the erection of up to 214no. dwellings, cemetery expansion, and associated access, with all other matters reserved

GRANTED

F/TH/22/1686 – C Attwells, High Street, Minster

Erection of first floor rear extension

GRANTED

FH/TH/22/1642 - 78 Monkton Road Minster Kent CT12 4EE

Erection of single storey sides and rear extension with a dormer window to the front and rear elevations, alterations to the roof to facilitate a loft conversion and a new garage together with the erection of a single storey outbuilding with 12no solar panels to the rear garden.

GRANTED

CON/TH/22/1639 - 135 Monkton Road Minster Kent CT12 4EF

Application for approval of Conditions 5 (Landscaping), 7 (Landscape Management Plan), 12 (Cycle Storage), 14 (Verification Report) and 18 (Archaeology) attached to Planning Permission F/TH/18/1098 for the erection of 4No detached dwellings, with associated parking, access and landscaping.

GRANTED

CON/TH/22/1660- Land On The West Side Of Tothill Street RAMSGATE Kent

Application for approval of Conditions 7 (Emissions Mitigation), 10 (Ecological Enhancement), and 38 (Open Space Specification) attached to Planning Permission OL/TH/18/1488 for the outline application for the erection of up to 214no. dwellings, cemetery expansion, and associated access, with all other matters reserved.

GRANTED

269. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC	Cllr Quittenden reported that no meeting was held this month and the next date has not yet been set. Attended the KALC planning conference with Cllr Crow Brown.
Minster School	Cllr Mills reported that the school is following the recent Ofsted inspection activity.
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 March 2023 be approved.**

271. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Michele Low – Eden Grove asked about the process when an application is called in.

Mr Thorpe thanked MPC for raising an objection against F/TH/23/0085 -Land Rear Of 78 To 108 Monkton Road Minster Kent

Mr Gimes asked whether the sheep wash restoration was complete. Cllr Quittenden responded that a sign is to be placed with information detailing how it was used.

Cllr Crow-Brown thanked Cllr Mrs Gimes for her contribution as Chairman over the last six years.

Time concluded: 8.10pm

16th May 2023