

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Neighbourhood Centre, Minster

on 1st March 2022 at 7.00pm

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

Also present: Kyla Lamb (Clerk to the Council), Clare Wilsdon (Assistant Clerk to the Council), Community Warden Karl Aylett, PCSO Forsyth, Cllr Smith (TDC)

260. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Owen. Cllr Pugh (TDC)

261. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st February 2022 be approved and signed.

262. MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllr Jones recorded an interest on planning application FH/TH/22/0048 – 42 High Street, Minster.

263. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

PCSO Forsyth reported as follows:

- Theft of cooking oil from Minster Kebab shop
- Criminal damage at the Bell Pub
- Poaching on Minster Marshes – PCSO Forsyth has met with the gamekeeper.
- Theft of a pushbike at Minster Railway Station.
- Theft of a camper van from a driveway.
- A fatality on the railway line at Minster Station.
- Whilst conducting speed checks on Tothill Street officers seized a vehicle for no insurance.
- There have been a couple of fraud attempts reported in the village.
- Report of criminal damage and public order by youths who were throwing eggs and punching the bin and bus shelter on Tothill Street.
- Covert cameras for flytipping are put up from time to time.

Community Warden Karl Aylett reported as follows:

- Continues to carry out joint visits with social services and Trading Standards.

264. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Crow-Brown reported as follows;

- Complaints received about the construction work and road closures for the Sunningdale site in Monkton Road. KCC have replied to Cllr Crow-Brown that they work hard to ensure that closures are kept to a minimum to reduce disruption and they are constantly monitoring the site.
- Attended a Kent Fire and Rescue Authority meeting. Electric scooters have had a spate of fires due to storage issues of lithium batteries.
- Plans for a £1.2billion budget for 2022/23 were agreed by Kent County Council (KCC) on 10th February.
- To balance the budget a 2.99% increase in Council Tax was agreed, which is equal to an additional .82pence per week for a band D household

Cllr Smith reported as follows;

- The TDC budget has been passed and balanced.
- Attended a visit at the site of the proposed development East of Tothill Street.

Cllr Pugh was not present but provided a report as follows:

- Land at Foxborough Lane - waiting to receive confirmation from officers that this land has been offered up in the call for sites. Cllr Pugh is determined to make sure that it isn't accept into the revised Local Plan. He repeated that once Gladman's application is submitted it would be a good idea for the Parish Council to organise a public meeting in the village hall to make residents fully aware of the plans.
- Thanet Local Plan - the current call for sites and estimated increase in housing numbers in the local plan has been exaggerated. Whilst the Strategic Housing team has estimated that we may require an extra 4,000 homes in our Local Plan, this is for the period 2031-2040. We are not and will not deliver on our annual housing target of over 1,000 new homes a year up to 2030. The additional housing numbers will not change that.
- Green waste collection service - There is a new system in place for residents who pay for the green waste collection service to renew their subscription which has now moved online. If any residents are experiencing issues with this and would prefer to use direct debit, please let Cllr Pugh know.
- Waste collections - due to Storm Eunice and general bad weather, some bins were missed. The crews have been out to try and catch up but if any residents have still not had their waste collected then let him know and he will chase up the waste team.

265. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. Mrs Gimes reported that she had attended an online TDC Parish Conference meeting. Householders who do not ensure their waste is disposed of by a licenced waste carrier and found to be fly-tipped can be fined.

The Local Plan call for sites is still pending. The lifts at Margate and Ramsgate will be refurbished and maintained with help from funding received from Southern Water.

TDC are encouraging Parish and Town Councils to take over public toilets. There are no grants from TDC for Jubilee Events. There is a new system in place to ensure TDC officers respond to enquiries in a timely fashion.

Savills have been sent a letter to follow up the sale of the land west of Tothill Street to find out who has bought the land.

Following several emails Gladmans have replied requesting a face to face public meeting but they have declined this. A public meeting will be held arranged by Minster Parish Council when the planning application is submitted.

The Chairman will email a letter to all TDC councillors to ensure the land off Foxborough Lane is not considered in the Local Plan revision.

The new chain of office is progressing and hopefully should be completed by the end of April 2022.

266. REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk reported that due to the size of the saplings received from TDC they will be pot planted and our Groundsman Neil Cooper has offered to keep them in his garden to water and maintain them until they have reached a suitable size to plant. Members thanked Neil for agreeing to do this. Two mature flowering cherry trees have now been planted next to the skatepark to replace the ones removed to build the bund. Planting of the 450 hedgerow plants will take place during March on the bund in conjunction with Minster School.

267. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

None.

268. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

The Clerk reported that she had updated the Highway Improvement Plan, adding SLOW marking on the road in Foxborough Lane approaching the Bedlam Court Lane/ Laundry Road junction from both directions and fund it from section 106 monies as it relates to traffic calming.

269. THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND 2ND-5TH JUNE 2022

Cllr Gimes updated members. Advertising is being developed for the event. All commemorative memorabilia have been ordered, toilets booked, bar and music. The WI will be involved.

270. OPEN GARDENS 18TH & 19TH JUNE 2022

Members were asked to consider a request to use the recreation ground on the 18th and 19th June 2022 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.

271. MINSTER SHOW SATURDAY 23RD JULY 2022

Members were asked to consider a request for consent to use the Recreation Ground for the holding of Minster Show. The marquee will be erected on Friday 22nd July and

removed on Sunday 24th July with security attendance overnight. Use of the pavilion toilets for the disabled was also requested.

RESOLVED: that approval be granted for the Minster Show to use the Recreation Ground as specified.

272. NEW PARISH OFFICE BUILDING

Cllr Torbett reported that the build is expected to take 22 weeks and not 14 weeks as shown on our website. The garage has been demolished. The contractors Health and Safety Officer will be visiting the site every Thursday. Cllr Torbett is preparing a cashflow forecast.

273. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications

Cllr Crow-Brown provided an update as follows;

F/TH/22/0057 - Quartacre, Bedlam Court Lane, Minster

Erection of 2no two storey 4 bedroom dwellings following demolition of the existing
Following a meeting held at the site, to hear the concerns of residents and review the application, a response was submitted OBJECTING to the application unless certain conditions were put in place..

FH/TH/22/0120 – 68 Cheney Road, Minster

Erection of a single storey rear extension linking house and garage.
NO OBJECTION

FH/TH/22/0048 and L/TH22/0065 – 42 High Street, Minster

Installation of 2no. timber sash windows within front elevation
NO OBJECTION

F/TH/22/0148 – 6 St Mildreds Road, Minster

Erection of a detached two storey three bedroom dwelling.
NO OBJECTION

Decisions

274. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC

Cllr Quittenden reported that a meeting was held on 7th February.

Charmaine Keatley will replace Terry Martin as CEO for KALC.

KALC AGM date has been set for 19th November 2022.

The community of Minster were congratulated on the Minster Clock Fund raising in excess of £16K.

Next meeting is the AGM and James Wraight will be in attendance so will raise any questions from members about problems likely to be caused at the Tothill roundabout, by the

	development of 214 houses West of Tothill in addition to the proposed development East of Tothill.
Minster School	The school recently started using the all-weather pitch before the agreed time of 9am. A meeting is to be held with the school to discuss times that the school are able to use the all-weather pitch.
Twinning Assn.	<p>The last quiz was successful and a further quiz will be held on 25th June</p> <p>A collection raised £111 for Ukrainian refugees.</p> <p>Thanked the parish council for providing a location for the tree to be planted to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p>An art and craft show will be held in Armbouts-Cappel to include items made by Minster residents.</p>

275. 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 2022 be approved.**

276. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Peter Burton commented on the planning application for 6 St Mildred's Road, 6 mature trees will need to be felled. One of those has a tree preservation order on it. Also, the lime tree on the edge of the footpath leading from St Mildred's Road to Petts Crescent he thinks is on Michael Abbots land as the land for the footpath was given to KCC by the previous owner of 6 St Mildred's Road but KCC have not taken ownership of the trees.

Tanya Bailey asked for the policy to not have memorial benches to be reconsidered as her mother had requested a bench near to her father's grave. The Chairman confirmed that a letter had been prepared in response to their letters. She sympathized with Mrs Bailey but in line with other cemeteries, three years ago the decision had been made to have no further benches and other families have already had their requests turned down.

Barry Harris asked if anything can be done to improve traffic flow up Tothill Street. Cllr Quittenden said this had been looked at many times. He will look at it again but was not hopeful.

Time concluded: 8.20pm

5th April 2022