

# **MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**St Mildreds Road, Minster**

**on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: Quittenden, Smith, Webzell, Bates, Jones, Crow-Brown, Fleming, Local

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

### **368. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Fordyce and Ingleton. PC Andrew Howe.

### **369. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be approved and signed.**

### **370. MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Cllrs Fleming and Crow-Brown declared an interest in agenda item 13 Minster Show.

**RESOLVED that the Meeting closed at 7.01pm to allow a discussion on agenda items 11, 12 and 13.**

### **371. MEMORIAL BENCH REQUEST**

Members considered two requests by members of the public to place memorial benches on the recreation ground.

**RESOLVED: To allow placement of a bench on the old bowls green overlooking the recreation ground, and another close to the childrens play area but outside of its perimeter fence. Exact position to be agreed with the groundsman.**

### **372. THE FUTURE OF THE PROVISION OF CRICKET AT MINSTER RECREATION GROUND**

Following the cancellation of Minster Cricket club fixtures as they are no longer playing in the league, and the reduction in use of the cricket square by other clubs, members considered the summary of past and projected income and expense relating to the cricket and discussed the viability of its continued provision at the recreation ground.

**RESOLVED: To defer any decision and invite Minster Cricket Club and other clubs to present further information on their proposed future use of the facility before further discussion takes place at the September meeting.**

### **373. MINSTER SHOW SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025**

Members considered the usual request for use of the recreation ground on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025 for the holding of Minster Show. The marquee will be erected on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July and removed on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Portaloos will be provided but use of the pavilion is required for the disabled toilet.

**AGREED: To allow use of the recreation ground as detailed.**

Members further considered a request for the possible use of any storage space for equipment Minster Show provisions.

**RESOLVED: Further information is required on how much equipment requires storage.**

**Meeting reopened at 7.48pm**

**374. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT**

PC Andy Howe provided a report as follows:

- Violence against a person spike mainly relates to domestic incidents and these are difficult to police.
- Overall pleased with low levels of crime in the villages
- 13 calls to Minster during February and 12 of these were traffic related.
- Numerous complaints about traffic disruption caused by works in Tothill Street.
- Speedchecks carried out on Monkton Road and Monkton Street.
- Nine new police constables due to start on probation in the next couple of weeks

**375. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Smith reported as follows:

- Cllrs voted unanimously to support a motion brought to address Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).
- TDC nominated for most improved Council of the year.
- Budget for 2025/2026 has been approved.

Cllr Crow-Brown reported as follows;

- Highways reported £14.5M Pothole Blitz fund for 2025.
- This forms just part of an £80M spend on highways assets.
- Maintenance and repairs being carried out are escalating.

**376. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman provided a report as follows:

- Received many messages to be passed to the Planning committee about the success of the appeal decision on Foxborough Lane 115 houses application.
- Attended Channel Dash memorial service.
- Also attended Thanet Rural Regeneration Group meeting that was well attended by members from local villages.
- Thanet Resilience Team to give advice to smaller parishes on forming an emergency plan.
- Speedwatch scheme has been suspended.
- Parish forum attended 18<sup>th</sup> February where there were many questions about the proposed Unitary Councils.
- Booked a place on 'Power Shift 2025' in June 2025
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**377. REPORT OF THE CLERK**

The cemetery land transfer is due to complete in in the next few days.

The vacancy for a parish councillor has not yet been filled and so will be re-advertised.

**378. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION**

None available.

**379. VE DAY 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

The Chairman reported that celebrations would take place on May 5th as this is a Bank Holiday Monday. The beacon lighting will take place at 9.30pm on Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Quittenden intends to hold a ceremony at the flag-pole at 3pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**380. PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning, Highways & Transportation meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, be received and the recommendations within them be approved.**

Cllr Fleming reported as follows:-

The Clerks are seeking a quotation for cradle swing replacement parts and a new piece of play equipment that would be within the balance of the funds received from the Hoo Farm S 106 monies.

Foxborough Land appeal dismissed thanks to all who contributed to the appeal.

Thanks to Clerks for keeping Facebook updated with information on recent ongoing Streetworks.

**381. OPEN GARDENS SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AND SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2025**

Members considered a request for permission to use the recreation ground for parking and the disabled toilet during Open Gardens weekend.

**AGREED: To approve use of the recreation ground as detailed.**

**382. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC                      Cllr Quittenden reported that the next meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Minster School              Cllr Fleming had nothing to report.

Village Hall.              Cllr Smith reported the Art Show is to be held on the same weekend as Open Gardens but these events are unrelated.

**383. 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 2025 be approved.**

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

The broken paving outside the lychgate has had a temporary repair but this will be replaced with York stone at a later date.

**Time concluded: 7.43pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2025**