

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

St Mildreds Road, Minster

on 1st October 2024 at 7.00pm

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

Also present: Kyla Lamb (Parish Clerk), Clare Wilsdon (Assistant Clerk), Cllr Smith (TDC).
Community Warden Karl Aylett

194. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Owen and Fordyce. PC Andy Howe. Cllr Wright (KCC) Cllr Bambridge (TDC)

195. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2nd September 2024 be approved and signed.

196. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No members interests recorded.

RESOLVED: MEETING CLOSED 7.02pm to allow member of the public in attendance to voice their concerns over problems at developments in the parish, including Eden Grove

Michelle Low expressed her concerns over the recent application for inadequate street-lighting at Lime Trees. Cllr Smith offered to raise these with the planning officer.

Dan Hockey asked how the parish council are responding to the appeal lodged for the land North of Foxborough Lane. Cllr Ingleton responded that rigorous objections have been submitted and this will be defended. A planning consultant will be appointed and possibly legal advice to be taken. There will also be communication with TDC.

Ian Andrews asked about Rule 6 status for the Foxborough Lane appeal. Cllr Ingleton responded that we are in contact with TDC to discuss this.

Mrs Stace complained that the night working at Tothill Street has been noisy and disruptive.

Julie Portanier also complained that weekend working at Tothill Street has been unbearable for residents.

Dan Hockey said that any complaints should be directed to Environmental Health at TDC.

Meeting reopened at 7.34pm.

197. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Community Warden Aylett reported that further to the Kent Community Warden Service Review and a reduction in number of Community Wardens, from 1st January 2025, there will no longer be a Community Warden serving the village. Any support currently provided to local residents will be transferred to other agencies.

PC Andy Howe was not present but provided a report read out by the Clerk as follows:

- Further to a number of accosting incidents, a suspect was identified and dealt with.
- 38 calls to Minster during September including 6 'Emergency' calls. Mostly related to road traffic incidents or concern calls.
- Gave a reminder to look out for neighbours, particularly the elderly in the coming months.
- Has recently been assisting with Dreamland events and activities outside the village but now returning more to this area and will be conducting foot patrols and will attend local events including showing Minster Primary School round an emergency response vehicle.

198. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Smith reported as follows;

- Attended a consultation to see the Home Office plans for new facilities at Manston asylum seeker processing centre. Cllr Bambridge asked at this meeting whether there have been any incidents of people escaping from the immigration centre and were told there were none, however PC Howe said there are regular escapes. Bob Porter responded to the consultation to say that there was inadequate information to offer any comment on the proposal.
- Two motions upcoming. To revoke the Local Plan and also to make solar panels and rainwater collection obligatory in planning applications.

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

- Attended an event at the Holiday Inn celebrating an end to the legal challenges at Manston airport.
- Met with Iain Livingstone for an update on the National Grid Project at Minster Marshes.
- Attended the Home Office consultation.

Cllr Crow-Brown reported as follows:

- Highways - Number of road closures has soared over the last four years, many of which are associated to house building. 1300 fines issued to contractors for non-compliance but Highways committee feels the fines should be increased to deter contractors from breaking terms.
- Abbey Farm – Contacted Southern Water over a large leak on an outflow pipe with a 10inch wide deep hole on the public footpath. No action taken by Southern Water yet.
- BDW at Roman Walk. Noise complaints received and addressed concerns over working hours and the Construction Management Plan

199. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman reported that further to a brief summary given of the Parish Forum at the last meeting, the minutes are yet to be received.

Attended the Teams meeting with the Home office over their plans for Manston.

200. REPORT OF THE CLERK

Nothing to report.

201. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

None available.

202. VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY 8TH MAY 2025

The Chairman reported that Bruno Peek, has contacted us about this anniversary and asked members to consider the involvement of the parish council in any commemoration. The RBL will be organising an event.

203. FIREWORKS 1ST NOVEMBER 2024

The Chairman reported that the annual Fireworks display will go ahead on Friday 1st November.

Members considered where any monies collected could be used this year. Cllr Quittenden suggested Community First Responders.

Cllr Ingleton suggested that perhaps the funds could be used to contribute to any costs that will be incurred in preparing a response to the Foxborough Lane appeal hearing. The Clerk will check with KALC if this is a possibility.

RESOLVED: To use any funds collected to contribute to the costs incurred preparing a response to the Foxborough Lane appeal hearing as detailed above, subject to KALC confirm that this is acceptable. Following advice from KALC it was further AGREED that funds collected would go towards the cost of the fireworks display and any saving on the fireworks budget will be reallocated towards the costs of planning consultant fees for the above response.

Cllr's Quittenden and Smith voted against this decision.

The Chairman asked for any members to volunteer their availability to help Marshall the Fireworks event.

204. PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September be received and the recommendations within them therein.

Tothill Street, Roman Walk development – A letter has been sent to the Area Managing Director of BDW Homes complaining about weekend working.

An objection has been made to the retrospective application for signage at the development.

Foxborough Lane – The Clerk has contacted a planning consultant to discuss their engagement for the planning appeal and Rule 6 status.

Eden Grove – Aware of the issue with the tarmac and have objected to the lighting application.

205. REMEMBRANCE DAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024

Members are to notify the Clerk if they wish to attend the church service on Remembrance Day.

**206. MOTIONS FOR KALC AGM SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2024
REMEMBRANCE DAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024**

Members considered the submission of any motions at the KALC AGM.
Cllr Ingleton proposed a motion to protect the countryside and agricultural land base for future food security and sustainability.

AGREED: To submit the motion as suggested by Cllr Ingleton.

207. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC	Cllr Quittenden reported as follows: Meeting held on 23 rd September. A member of TDC was in attendance so alongside the Parish Forum there is now a direct link. Presentation by Westgate and Garlinge Action Group about development on farmland in Thanet. Proposal by Cliffsend PC for a motion to KALC to change KCC policy at accident black spots. Thanet community organisations can apply to Thanet Community Lotto Grant Fund for grants of £1-£2000. Next meeting is 25 th November 2024.
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Minster School	Cllr Fleming had nothing to report
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Village Hall.	Cllr Smith had nothing to report.
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208. 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 September be approved.**
- (c) the budget/income expense report to 30th September be received.**
- (d) the Annual Audit of Accounts was received and noted. The report is displayed on the notice board and website.**

209. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Caroline Manning asked about the provision of cycle racks in the village.

Time concluded: 8.25pm

5th November 2024