

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

St Mildreds Road, Minster

on 3rd September 2024 at 7.00pm

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

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

Prior to commencement of the meeting, a presentation was given by Lisa Hopkins, TDC, Home Energy Service. Information was provided on various schemes and grants that may be available to residents to help with energy saving improvements to their homes, and solar panels.

More information is available at www.thanet.gov.uk/energyinthehome

160. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Owen and Local, Community Warden Karl Aylett, PC Andy Howe.

161. MINUTES

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

162. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No members interests recorded.

163. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Community Warden Aylett was not present and has been on leave for two weeks during August so has nothing to report.

PC Andy Howe was not present as he is on leave, but provided a report as follows:

- Areas of concern during July include a number of accosting incidents and public order instances.
- August crime figures are not yet available.
- Attended Dreamland events.
- 55 calls to Police during August with the majority being road traffic incidents and neighbourhood disputes.

164. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Smith reported as follows;

- Places are still available on The Growth Programme. A 12-week programme available free of charge and held at Christ Church, Westgate Bay Avenue. Its focus is on confidence, connection and wellbeing.

- TDC Public Space Protection Order has been revoked pending a redraft.
- Electoral services are currently contacting people as part of a survey.

Cllr Bambridge reported as follows:

- Presentation given to TDC by RSP.
- Meeting to be held with Ian Livingstone about Sealink proposals.
- Turned down an invitation to an informal pre-application discussion from Lichfields for proposed approximately 350 houses on land east of Minster/Cliffsend.

Cllr Bates asked whether Manston may be used for parking as part of Operation Brock.

Cllr Wright reported as follows:

- Has some Members Fund remaining to allocate to suitable projects.
- Southeastern Customer and Community Improvement Fund has now closed to applications but will reopen soon.

Cllr Crow-Brown reported as follows:

- August period was relatively quiet.
- Assisted with issues including road closures, blue badge requests, housing, PROW and Save Minster Marshes group.
- Many concerns raised over the plans to stop Winter Fuel allowance for pensioners.
- Interviewed by Kent Online over government plans to relax planning laws.

165. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman provided a brief overview of the Parish Forum attended today and will circulate notes on this to members. He confirmed that the Forum agreed that the Clerk or Chairman can be substituted to attend future meetings if there is an item on the agenda that another Councillor should attend to speak on.

Final bills for D-Day remembrance event have been settled.

Attended several events, including the opening of Minster Surgery Therapy Garden which is similar to the Shed Project and benefits patients and the local community.

Monkton Nature Reserve opened its educational geodesic dome, attended also by Sir Roger Gale

A book launch for Mike Goldwaters book of photographs of Minster entitled 'Island' was also held.

New signage has now been installed at both car parks and refurbishment of the public toilets is almost complete.

166. REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk reported that planning consent has been given for an additional storage container at the recreation ground and the upgrade of the floodlighting at the 3G pitch and this work will be scheduled for October half term.

167. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

None available.

168. INSURANCE RENEWAL

Members reviewed the insurance renewal 1/10/24-30/9/25. The Clerk had sought quotations from several other companies .

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for £4175.28 from Clear Councils, as a 3 year long term undertaking subject to paperwork being reviewed by the Clerk.

169. THANET CONSERVATIVE GROUP MOTION TO THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

Members considered the motion to be brought to TDC as follows:

- 1. Revokes the current Local Plan which covers the period 2012-2031.*
- 2. Launches a consultation on a new Local Plan which includes updated guidance from the NPPF, including revised population projections using the most recent Census Data, design codes that reflect local characteristics, sustainable building methods and renewable energy systems.*
- 3. Remove current housing allocations on Grade 1 agricultural land and if necessary, reallocate to land of poorer quality or brownfield sites.*
- 4. Will strive to support and bring investment into our high streets in the new local plan by allocating brownfield and underutilised sites within our town centres.*

AGREED: Members SUPPORT this motion and the protection of prime agricultural land via the NPPF consultation.

170. PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th July 2024 be received and the recommendations within them therein.

Cllr Fleming summarised the meeting as follows;

The Clerk is contacting TDC to trigger the section 106 monies due for play equipment. Suggestions will be put on Facebook as to the type of equipment before it is ordered. Land North Side of Foxborough planning application was refused appeal. An appeal can be lodged up to 26/12/24

Sealink 2nd consultation sent a revised submission

Correspondence from Sir Roger Gale re Sunningdale Developments sales cannot complete due to infrastructure issues on the sites. TDC must ensure procedures are in place to protect incoming residents for road infrastructures.

BDW site visit – work starting before 8am recognised staff arrive earlier but don't start work until 8am. Deliveries arriving early have banned muck drivers.

Discussed dust and trialling a dust suppression liquid and debris netting. Tarmac on roads is being laid 2nd week of sept.

The Site have been asking for 14 weeks for landscaping contractors – possibly rip out all hedge and replace with new native species. TDC need to be consulted on any proposed changes.

CCTV being installed.

SW network enhancement queries need resolving, the Clerk will chase this up with BDW

Cllr Ingleton reported the volume of work on site was staggering to see.

171. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2024 be received and the recommendations within them therein.

RESOLVED: To appoint Flashpark parking enforcement be utilised for a trial period of 12 months in the car parks to discourage further abuse of the parking provision.

RESOLVED: No further action to be taken to make use of St Marys Road car-park

172. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC	Cllr Quittenden reported as follows: Meeting held on 8 th July. Cllr Pooke re-elected as Chair and Bill Anderson as secretary. Parish Forum meetings discussed. KALC are setting up a sub-committee to look at needs of people with mental health issues Discussed the Local Plan and how new government regulations may affect this. Next meeting is 23 rd September
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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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173. 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 July and August 2024 be approved.**
- (c) the budget/income expense report to 30th June be received.**

174. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Watson said that the drains in Watchester Lane have not been cleared recently and might this be a flood risk. He had been in communication with the IDB.

Mr Stace asked about progress on the request for a barrier to be erected to protect their property from damage by vehicles entering/exiting the site.

Mr Stace asked that dates for meeting are displayed on FB and notice board. The Clerk responded that the agenda for the meeting is displayed on the parish council notice board.

Time concluded: 8.44pm

1st October 2024