

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

on 11th January 2022 at 7.00pm

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

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

220. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Owen. Cllrs Pugh, Hart and Smith (TDC)

221. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th December 2021 be approved.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 4th January 2022 be approved.

222. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No members interests noted.

223. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

PCSO Forsyth attended with Acting Inspector Johnston from Margate Special Constabulary. Officers carried out speed checks in problem areas and have been active in Tothill Street and Monkton Road during the last few months. During their visits they have dealt with the following;

October	12 tickets for speeding 15 words of advice (speed but not excessive enough for a ticket) 2 drink driving offences – vehicle seized
November	18 tickets for speeding 42 words of advice 3 vehicles without insurance
December	22 tickets for speeding 23 words of advice 2 – vehicles seized
January	7 tickets for speeding 13 words of advice

90% of those stopped/ticketed were local residents. Acting Inspector Johnston further reported that there will be continued monitoring of these areas and welcomed suggestions for any additional areas that may be problematic. They will also attend the school during pick-up/drop off times of the day.

The Chairman thanked Acting Inspector Johnston for providing police presence in the village.

PCSO Forsyth reported as follows:

Recently toured the Ministry of Defence site at Manston that is being used by the Home Office for processing asylum-seekers. The site is being used as an over-spill for Dover and will provide short term (up to 72hr) accommodation for asylum seekers before they are moved to longer term accommodation. Asylum seekers will not be permitted to leave the site during their stay.

PCSO further reported as follows

Crimes of note;

- No reported crimes of note since 7th December 2021.

Anti-social behaviour;

- Officers attended an RTC on Tothill Street. Speed checks are being carried out in this area.
- Criminal damage reported at the train station. Dealt with by BTP.
- A couple of reports of anti-social behaviour with fireworks and push bikes being ridden dangerously.

Items of good work;

- Continued vigilance to elderly residents led, sadly, to the discovery of a deceased person in a property. Checking on our elderly and vulnerable residents by neighbours is to be encouraged.
- Fly-tipping incidents along the old service road were reported and cleared quickly. Some addresses were found, hopefully this may lead to a prosecution of the offenders.

Community Warden Karl Aylett reported as follows:

- Agreed that the village are very good at looking out for elderly/vulnerable neighbours.
- Attended the Men's Shed Project which is going well and was well attended
- May be required to cover a colleague who is on long-term sick leave.

224. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Crow-Brown reported as follows;

- A28 Relief Road next stage has been approved subject to funding.
- Sent an email complimenting the quick response to repair a drain that had collapsed close to Coles Funeral Directors.
- 2433 Squadron Air Cadets have moved from Manston to Margate and are suffering with low attendance. This will be monitored and reported on over the next few months

Cllr Day asked Cllr Crow-Brown to commend TDC on clearing the dyke at along Foxborough Lane to help alleviate flooding.

Cllr Smith was not present but provided a report as follows;

- 50 trees from Thanet Biodiversity have been reserved for planting by Minster and are due to arrive in early February.
- Attended Decembers TDC Cabinet meeting and asked the Leader to consider a moratorium on all large housing developments, given that local infrastructure is inadequate to cope with the influx of homes and residents.
- TDC budget is due to balance helped by the New Homes Bonus. Awarded due to 320+ new build homes and 260 formerly empty homes brought back into use. A high performance team is addressing the issue in Thanet.

225. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. Mrs Gimes thanked Mrs Quittenden and all who volunteered and helped coordinate the Christmas event, making it a real success. Thanks was also given to the Christmas tree group who put up the trees and lights throughout the village.

The Twinning Association wish to plant a Royal Oak in the village and place a plaque in recognition of the Platinum Jubilee.

A letter was written to Gladmans requesting a public engagement meeting in relation to the proposed development of the land East of Tothill Street. A reply was received rejecting this suggestion due to Covid issues. A further letter has been written by the Chairman to express that this is not acceptable.

226. REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk reported that £1000 members grant had been approved by Cllr Crow Brown to go towards the lift at the new parish office. A grant of £500 was also approved by Cllr Wright for the Mens Shed Project.

227. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

None.

228. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

Nothing to report.

229. LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Members considered a response to the Thanet Local Plan update.

AGREED: The Chairman will prepare and circulate a response.

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

The Chairman provided an update on arrangements. Cllr Quittenden is leading the formal celebrations on Thursday with the Beacon lighting. A family event will be held in the recreation ground from 12-6pm on Friday 3rd June with musical entertainment, bar and refreshments. Further details to come. Cllr Quittenden has details of potential funding streams for the activities. The beacon lighting on top of the Church will take place from 9-10pm on Thursday 2nd June and a Piper and Bugler will play. A Church celebration will take place at 12p on Sunday 4th June.

RESOLVED: To allocate up to £3000 to fund the event.

231. KALC 2022 COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME

Members were asked to consider nominations for the KALC 2022 community awards scheme. Nominations must be made by Monday 14th February 2022.

232. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2022 be received and the recommendations within them be approved, including Minutes 207. FEES & CHARGES 2022/23

RESOLVED: That the fees and charges be set at the levels contained within the report attached to the minutes.

And Minute 208. BUDGET PROCESS 2022/23

RESOLVED: (i) That the staff's salaries be increased by 2%; and the Clerk's salary be increased in line with NALC pay award for spinal scale point SCP 32 (expected to be 2.75%) the Assistant Clerk's salary be increased to the new spinal point SCP25 on the SLCC salary scale;

and (ii) that Council approves the draft budget as submitted and to request from TDC a Precept sum of £88,044 for the year 2022/23, this would give a DECREASE of £1.71 pence per annum which represents an annual charge of £67.59 pence or £1.30 pence per week on a Band D property or 2.46% decrease per annum on a band D property.

233. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2022 be received and the recommendations within them be approved, including

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation of £580 for re-lining at the High Street car-park.

RESOLVED; To accept the quotation of £2400 by Birch Tree Care for tree-works at the High Street car-park.

234. NEW PARISH OFFICE BUILDING

Cllr Torbett reported that a meeting was held yesterday with the Contractors to discuss the changes to the balcony. The soakaway will be created using the crate system. We are awaiting updated steel prices.

The start date has been moved and completion is now expected at the end of June.

The school will be contacted regarding the erection of Heras fencing at the boundary to the school land.

235. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Crow-Brown provided an update as follows;

Applications

TCA/TH/21/1831- Car Park, High Street, Minster, Kent

T1 Sycamore - Reduce by 5m to pull back to kerb line, T2 Sycamore - Crown Reduce by 30% & Remove lower limbs to crown raise by 3m, T3 Sycamore - Pollard to 5m, T4 Sycamore - Dead, remove to ground level
T5 Maple - Crown reduce by 50%, T6 Sycamore - Crown Reduce by 30%,
T7 Sycamore - Crown Reduce by 30%, T8 Maple - Remove limb overhanging car park back to kerb line, T9 Sycamore - Reduce by 5m

Decisions

REQ/TH/21/1777 Richborough Connection Project Sandwich Road RAMSGATE

Application for details submitted pursuant to requirement 12 (Reinstatement Scheme) for stages 5 of the Development Consent Order 2017 No. 817 for high voltage electricity connection between Richborough and Canterbury

GRANTED

TH/TPO/18(1987) – 57 Monkton Road Minster

1No Cherry – Fell57

GRANTED

F/TH/21/1610 Information Board Marsh Farm Road

Erection of an A0 size, heritage information board

GRANTED

236. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC	Cllr Quittenden reported that he attended a meeting that was mainly devoted to discussing the Thanet Local Plan Consultation.
Minster School	Nothing to report.
Twinning Assn.	Cllr Burden reported a quiz will be held on 26 th February. Not much else is arranged at present.

237. 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 December 2021 be approved.**

238. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Barbara Quittenden suggested putting on social media that we are looking for tree-planting volunteers. The Chairman responded that we may do this when further information about approval of the grants has been received.

Barbara Quittenden thanked Cllr McCarthy for her help with the Christmas event.

Time concluded: 8.18pm

1st February 2022