

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

St Mildreds Road, Minster

on 1st April 2025 at 7.00pm

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

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

404. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Fleming, PC Andrew Howe.

405. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th March 2025 be approved and signed.

406. MEMBERS INTERESTS

None declared.

407. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

PC Andy Howe provided a report as follows:

- A good level of reduction of most crime types except for a robbery offence and sexual offences, attributable to a spate of accostings.
- Quite a large number of calls to Minster in the last month although these were mostly calls of concern rather than crimes.
- Report of a red off-road motorcycle being ridden on the recreation ground and causing damage to the football pitch. Information on where this bike is from/who it belongs to would be welcomed.
- Speed-checks have been conducted in the villages along with poaching patrols.
- TDC has recruited nine new police officers within the Community Safety Team who will be a welcome addition.

408. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Smith reported as follows:

- The officer for the Guildcrest application in Monkton Street is not mindful to approve the application due to SUDS, highway and ecology issues and loss of agricultural land.
- Another meeting was held in relation to devolution but there has been no further clarity.
- National Grid have submitted their application for development consent for SeaLink.
- Citizens Advice surgery is being held at Minster Library on 15th April 2025.

- Planning application at 55 High Street has been called in and Cllr Ingleton has requested that a site visit is carried out.

Cllr Crow-Brown reported as follows;

- Little to report with elections coming up.
- Carried out a review of traffic issues around the parish with Cllr Ingleton.
- Met with Tony Freudman who has met with the Home Office and discussed the possibility of a roundabout at Spitfire Way.

409. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman provided a report as follows:

- Sad to announce the resignation of Cllr Bambridge and wish her well for the future.
- Attended TDC Standards committee with no major misdemeanours and largely councillors reporting other councillors.
- AGM of Minster Shed was held. The group now has over twenty members and is financially secure. Thanks to the Clerks for administering the grant donated by Cllr Wright.

410. REPORT OF THE CLERK

Nothing to report

411. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

None available.

412. VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY 8TH MAY 2025

The Chairman reported that arrangements are as follows.

- Monday 5th May

RBL have an afternoon tea with a glass of bubbles and entertainment to mark the occasion.

- Thursday 8th May

A short ceremony will be held at the flagpole at 2.45pm to include the Last Post, a two minute silence in memory of the lost, and a celebration of the end of the war reading of the proclamation sent from the Palace.

From 7.30 pm, The Bell Inn will be supplying hamburgers or hotdogs free of charge to the first 80 members of the public attending

The Beacon lighting will be take place at 9.30pm along with a short ceremony.

The area around the church will be decorated and residents are encouraged to add decoration to their properties.

413. PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning, Highways & Transportation meeting held on 24th March, be received and the recommendations within them be approved.

Cllr Ingleton reported as follows:-

Pressing KCC for a Trief kerb to protect the Staces property.

BDW are not adhering to the Construction Management Plan as the wheelwash has not been installed. TDC enforcement acknowledged this and BDW have submitted a conditions application to vary the CMP. MPC are objecting to this.

Further variances to conditions 220 and 221 for foul drainage. MPC had made No comment but on review there is no access to crates to be maintained. MPC objects to this on the basis that no means of access is available to check the potential siltation and blocking-up of the crates over time.

Hedge has been partially removed at the top of Tothill Street as part of the S278 works from the BDW site. The Clerk got these works stopped and is following it up with KCC.

Objecting to 55 High Street application.

Spitfire Junction improvements - need to understand where the money from BDW Section 106 will be spent it could be used for a footway provision.

414. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC

Cllr Quittenden reported

Luke Glover (TDC Coastal Engineering Manager) attended with Emma Dickerson (TDC) and gave a presentation on Emergency and Resilience plans.

Ongoing uncertainty of devolution was discussed.

Next meeting is on 19th May.

Minster School

Cllr Fleming was not present.

Village Hall.

Cllr Smith had nothing to report.

415. 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 March 2025 be approved.

(c) the Budget/Income expense report to 31st March 2025 be received and noted.

416. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Burden queried the extra provision of £8000 towards possible future planning consultant costs in the precept and raised his concern about the increase. Councillors responded to the points raised.

Mrs Stace said the wheelwash should be considered important.

Thanks to the Parish Clerk for stopping further hedge removal whilst the extent of work was clarified.

Time concluded: 7.53pm

6th May 2025