

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Library & Neighbourhood Centre,

4a Monkton Road, Minster

on 6th September 2022 at 7.00pm

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

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

105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Burden, McCarthy and Mills. Cllr Pugh (TDC)

106. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th July 2022 be approved and signed.

107. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No members interests recorded.

108. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Community Warden Aylett reported as follows;

- The caravan on the farm road adjacent to the dual carriageway has been reported.
- Fly-tipping there has also been reported.
- Assisted with the referral of a vulnerable adult to adult social services following information provided by Cllr Crow-Brown.
- Attended filming of the Shed Project for KCC promotional video.
- Three new community wardens have been recruited for Birchington, Westgate and Newington and will be starting work soon.
- Our new PCSO is Brandon Greenleaf.
- Attended the property of a local resident who was sadly found deceased.

No report was available from the PCSO.

109. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Crow-Brown reported as follows;

- Thanked Community Warden Karl Aylett for his assistance with a local residents welfare issue.
- Helping Sir Roger Gale with a dispute over land ownership at Rivers Court.
- Met Maura Pell who is a footpaths volunteer, to discuss public rights of way issues.

- Involved in the Active Travel Cycle scheme.

Cllr Smith reported as follows;

- Worked with a charity called Groundwork who is arranging a bills surgery session to help local residents manage their bills during energy crisis. This surgery will be in St Nicholas at Wade on 25th October.
- If a second judicial review is called for over Manston Airport then this will not be by TDC.

Cllr Pugh sent a report via the Clerk as follows;

- Land south of Monkton Road - surveyors have been seen in the fields south of Monkton Road. The land isn't included within the Local Plan and Cllr Pugh believes it's designated as a village gap. If a planning application is submitted, then it would be good to try and mobilise residents to object like they did to the Foxborough Lane application.
- Speeding in Thorne Hill – Has received complaints from residents of Thorne Hill about dangerous speeding now that Chapel House has opened as a venue. He would like to take a proposal to JTB for speed bumps to be installed however understands from Cllr Crow-Brown that it first needs to go onto the Parish Highways Improvement Plan. If it could be added, then he can take it to JTB.

110. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. Mrs Gimes reported that the public consultation by David Wilson Homes on the 18th August was fairly well attended. The presentation boards from the event will be brought to the neighbourhood centre to be displayed for the public if they were unable to attend the event. She further reported that anti-social behaviour had increased again. Certain residents are being targeted resulting in an assault in the street. It appears to be a certain group of 4-5 youths. The chairman will contact the new PCSO to arrange a multi-agency meeting with the police, warden and ASB officer.

111. REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk reported that she had received an invitation on online Kent Rail Summit on the 18th October 6-7pm which would be circulated to all members. Birchington Parish Council are holding a Civic Awards Ceremony on Saturday 24th September including a buffet and entertainment. Tickets are £25 each. Tickets are available from Birchington Parish Office.

112. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Plans for the planning application at the Land off Foxborough Lane.

113. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

Cllr Crow-Brown had chased up the yellow lines at the entrance to Norton Drive and reported that they should be laid by October. Cllr Day asked if while they were doing that could the two bus stops be refreshed in the centre of the village. The Clerk would ask if this could be carried out.

114. MINSTER ARBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION GRANT

Members considered the continuation of an annual grant to the Twinning Association currently £500 pa. An email for the Association regarding what it does and it's current position was circulated to members. A discussion ensued and;

RESOLVED that: in future the Twinning Association will submit an application for a grant for a specific event and each application would be considered on its own merit.

115. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR LAND WEST OF TOTHILL STREET OL/TH/18/1488

The Chairman reported that we are awaiting the application for reserved matters to be submitted to Thanet District Council.

116. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR LAND NORTH OF FOXBOROUGH LANE OL/TH/22/0414

The Chairman reported that the application had been refused by Thanet District Council. The decision for refusal was a lengthy sound document prepared by Gill Richardson. The Action Group suggested that we should consider preparing for an appeal process and in order to be an active participant we should apply for Rule 6 status. Cllr Gimes has contacted Iain Livingstone at TDC and he explained via email that this would probably not be necessary as all information would be provided on appeal by Thanet District Council to the Planning Inspectorate if an appeal is called.

117. NEW PARISH OFFICE BUILDING

Cllr Torbett reported that completion of the parish office build is imminent. The total cost is under budget at £184,961 with a saving of £8,856. The Clerk reminded members that there are other costs to consider from that saving i.e. the computers and installation, CCTV and moving the existing village CCTV hub from the library office which would use quite a lot of the money saved.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Torbett for his work managing the project and the cost savings achieved.

The acoustics in the pavilion still need to be addressed. Colin Holden had offered to advise on this and we are awaiting more information from him.

118. INSURANCE RENEWAL

Members were asked to review the insurance renewal documents circulated for approval for the ensuing year. The Clerk reported that it had increased quite a lot this year however the new office building had been added and a Long Term Agreement to freeze the renewal figure for 3 years was offered.

RESOLVED that: the Parish Council accept the renewal quotation of £6,142.15 with Hiscox Insurance Company Ltd and take up the 3 year LTA, fixing the sum for 3 years.

119. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2022 be received.

120. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2022 be received.

121. WINTER HARDSHIP FUND

The Chairman felt this needed consideration as we are expecting a difficult winter with the cost of living increasing, soaring inflation and energy prices going through the roof. During COVID 19 we held a list of volunteers that residents could call on for help. It was **AGREED** to contact other groups such as the Salvation Army, British Legion, Village Hall, Age UK, Warden to see what can be put in place to help those who need help, to perhaps provide somewhere to go that is heated during the day and provide hot drinks, biscuits, cake and possibly lunch. The Council have a fund held in reserves which is an old account. Some of this could be drawn upon.

122. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Crow-Brown provided an update as follows;

Applications

F/TH/22/1012 – Mount Pleasant Lorry Park, Tothill – Erection of a two storey Gymnasium (Use class E) with associated parking and outdoor mini golf course. - NO OBJECTION – Cllr Fleming OBJECTED to this application.

F/TH/22/1058 – Land North of Telegraph Hill Industrial Estate, Laundry Road – Erection of a warehouse building for storage and distribution purposes (Use class B8), provision of associated vehicle parking and change of use of adjoining land to a trailer park to facilitate relocation of existing trailer park. - NO OBJECTION - Cllr Fleming OBJECTED to this application.

F/TH/22/1014- 1 Orchard View, Ebbsfleet Lane North, Minster – Extension to existing vehicular access – NO OBJECTION

F/TH/22/0957 – The Outlook, Foxborough Lane, Minster – Retrospective application for the change of use from agricultural land to garden area – NO OBJECTION- Cllr Fleming OBJECTED to this application.

Decisions

F/TH/22/0841- Spitfire and Hurricane Museum, Manston Rd North, Minster – Erection of single storey flat roof building to provide ancillary facilities to museum, following removal of existing modular building together with installation of roller shutter door in side elevation of museum – GRANTED

FH/TH/22/0801- Waybank, Way Hill, Minster – Retrospective application for the change of use of garage to ancillary living accommodation and garage. - GRANTED

F/TH/22/0734- The Stables Ivy Cottage Hill, Minster – Erection of a two storey 4-bedroom dwelling-house (Class c3) following demolition of existing stables. REFUSED

FH/TH/22/0720- 4 Tollemache Close, Manston, Ramsgate – Erection of first floor side extension together with alterations to fenestration to rear. - GRANTED

FH/TH/22/0702- 60 Greenhill Gardens, Minster – Erection of a single storey front/side extension. – GRANTED

OL/TH/22/0414 – Land on the North Side of Foxborough lane, Minster – Outline planning application for the erection of up to 115 dwellings with all matters reserved except for access. – REFUSED

123. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

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| TALC | Cllr Quittenden reported that Iain Livingstone (Thanet District Council Planning Applications Manager) had attended the last meeting. He informed members of the meeting that there is no such thing as a Parish Boundary now. All applications are considered on their own merit and NPPF.

TDC have received 350 complaints about enforcement in the last year, they only have 2 enforcement officers. |
| Minster School | Cllr Mills was not at the meeting to give an update. |
| Twinning Assn. | A report had been sent in Cllr Burdens absence - A small delegation went to Armbouts Cappel on 3 September to attend and support the Twinning section of their newly revised 'Cultural and Sports Association Forum'
Contact was made with their football team manager who showed an interest in possible exchanges for Under 8 and Under 10 teams. Their contact details will be given to the manager of Minster teams, who had previously expressed wishes to do the same.
Future exchanges were discussed throughout the afternoon, with proposed plans up to 2024. It was satisfying to hear that the 25 th Anniversary in June 2023, to be hosted in Armbouts Cappel can accommodate at least 50 people from Minster, so plans for a coach can be put into operation.
Remembrance Services were also discussed as well as hosting a Christmas party for the French Twinning committee. |

124. REPORT OF THE RFO

RESOLVED:

- (a) the Bank balance statement be received and noted,**
- (b) the statement of Receipts and Payments for the months of July and August 2022 be approved.**

125. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Stace reported that ASB had resumed in the area of the bus shelter at the entrance to Hillminster. Eggs have been thrown at their window. Could CCTV be reviewed in this area.

Mr Smith reported that ASB had been occurring since August 2021 in the lower end of the village around the church. 4/5 youths are a regular group throwing eggs and vegetables at properties. All wear hoodies or balaclavas. Some occurrences were past midnight. Some names have been heard. It has increased and many calls have been made to the police.

Mr Allen felt there were child protection issues. Why are the children allowed out by their parents at that time of night.

Mr Andrews said that the decline in youth services has not helped. There are no outreach KCC youth services provisions in place currently.

Time concluded: 8.45pm

4th October 2022