

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

St Mildreds Road, Minster

on 2nd April 2024 at 7.00pm

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

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

365. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Community Warden Karl Aylett.

366. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th March 2024 be approved and signed.

367. MEMBERS INTERESTS

None.

368. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

No police were present.

Community Warden Aylett was not present, as on annual leave but provided a report, read out as follows;

- Gave a successful talk on drugs and alcohol to Minster Scout group.
- Attended a recertification course for first aid.
- Application for new role as Community Warden has been submitted and will provide updates as this progresses.
- Conducted social service and trading standards visits to the wider Thanet area.

369. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Wright reported as follows:

- Following ongoing work over a period of sixteen months, has been successful in rehoming a vulnerable lady, who is able to collect keys to her new property this week.
- Thanked Community Warden Karl Aylett for his help and assistance last week with a matter when unable to contact the police.
- The next meeting relating to the Electoral review of boundaries at TDC will take place on 24th April.

Cllr Smith reported as follows;

- New maximum limit for fly-tipping has been increased from £400 to £1000.

- TDC has met its halfway mark in its commitment to buy or build 400 affordable new homes by 2027.
- More that £200K has been awarded to a wide range of voluntary, community and social enterprise groups across the district.
- A public consultation over development plans for a Gypsy and Traveller site TDC land at Shottendane Road will be held. The consultation starts in May and will run for 12 weeks. A tenant farmer on the land has been given notice.

Cllr Crow-Brown reported as follows:

- Cllr Ingleton asked that we seek Sir Roger Gale support in opposing the Gladman application north of Foxborough Lane.
- Additional funding for the Department for Transport worth £8.6M will be spent. Additional contractors and equipment will carry out pothole repairs.
- Four additional Highways inspectors have been employed and found that that 18 of 59 road closures were not complying with terms of closure.

370. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

New mowing equipment has been delivered and is being put to good use.

371. REPORT OF THE CLERK

Nothing to report.

372. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

None

373. THANET WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England are carrying out a ten-week public consultation inviting proposals for new council wards and ward boundaries for Thanet District Council. The consultation closes on 27 May 2024. New arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in 2027.

Cllr Bates has submitted his individual comment.

Members were encouraged to email the Clerk with their comments for a response by the Council.

AGREED; To add this item to the next agenda for consideration.

374. D-DAY 80 – 6TH JUNE 2024

The Chairman updated members on arrangements made so far and thanked Cllr Jordan Smith who has contacted one of his University lecturers and arranged for them to come and give a talk on the history of the event in the Old School Hall. Community groups from the village will also be involved in the event.

Members considered a request to contribute up to £500 for costs relating to the event.

RESOLVED; Agreed to contribute as detailed.

375. PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning, Highways & Transportation meeting held on 25th March, be received.

Cllr Fleming gave a summary;

Two further supplementary objections have been submitted regarding planning applications regarding the swales and drainage at the Land west of Tothill site. BDW have replied with new plans which the Planning, Highways and Transportation Committee will review.

The Committee will be contacting BDW re issues on impacts on residents.

The Site entrance heras fence blew down on Friday night in high winds.

It was noted there is no emergency number to contact when the site is closed.

Foxborough Lane site – Sir Roger Gale has submitted an objection letter re highways and the Planning, Highways and sTransportation Committee have sent further objection.

Further Objections have been sent regarding battery storage at Richborough

Swale Council have rejected similar applications due to not being able to put out any fires as it is a chemical fire.

376. CEMETERY EXTENSION LAND TRANSFER

Following meetings with BDW, members considered accepting the transfer of all land as proposed and will maintain the area in accordance with the BNG assessment as necessary.

RESOLVED; Agreed to accept the transfer of land as proposed including Biodiversity Net Gain requirements.

377. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC

Cllr Quittenden reported that a meeting was held for the Standards Board and the Joint Transport Board.

Operation of the Standards committee is under revision and seeks to reinstate some powers removed by Lord Pickles.

Discussions around social media were a reminder that any members using social media remain subject to the code of conduct and the Nolan principles.

The Joint Transport board met on 21st March without any KCC members present.

TAC met twice during March and included a presentation by a representative of the boundaries commission as discussed earlier.

Pressing ahead to reinstate the Parish Forum meetings that stopped during Covid as this seems to be the best way to get views of parish and town councils heard.

Minster School

Nothing to report.

Village Hall

Cllr Jordan Smith has been appointed vice-chairman of the village hall committee.

Profit in the last year was better than the years prior to Covid.
The committee are seeking additional committee members.

378. 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 2024 be approved.**
- (c) the budget/expense report to 31st March 2024 be received and noted.**

379. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Stace said thank you for the bin that has been replaced at the bus-stop in Tothill Street.

Mr Stace hopes to see a wheel-wash in place at the Tothill street development site.

Mrs Stace commented that deliveries are still being made early in the morning and disturbing residents.

Mrs Lee, a resident in St Mildreds Road has been the subject of anti-social behaviour by youths, kicking the door and throwing rocks. Another house in Cheney Road has also reportedly been a victim. Reports have been made to 101.

Time concluded: 8.02pm

7th May 2024