

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

on 1st February 2022 at 7.00pm

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

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

239. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Mills, Owen and McCarthy. Cllrs Pugh and Hart (TDC)

240. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th January 2022 be approved.

RESOLVED; That an amendment be made to the minutes to reflect the correct date for the Extraordinary Meeting in January 2022.

241. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No members interests noted.

242. POLICING AND COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

PCSO Forsyth was not present.

Community Warden Karl Aylett reported as follows:

- Carried out joint visits with social services and Trading Standards.
- Gave a reminder that he cannot deal with parking enforcement issues and these should be reported to TDC.
- Attended suicide awareness training

Cllr Crow-Brown thanked the Community Warden for his hard work in the community.

243. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Crow-Brown reported as follows;

- Attended an environment committee briefing by Southern Water, where sewage issues were discussed. Promises were made to make changes, and investment of several million pounds will be made to the sewage system over

a 5-10 year period. Southern Water accepted that spillages in the local environment were not acceptable.

Cllr Fleming provided additional information from the briefing.

Cllr Smith was present and reported as follows;

- TDC have expressed concerns over protocols in relation to the planting of trees supplied by Thanet bio-diversity.

The Clerk responded that our allocation of trees is being collected on 2nd February and thanked Cllr Smith for her assistance with securing them.

- The Green group are spear-heading a campaign, asking the Leader of TDC to consider a moratorium on all large housing developments, given that local infrastructure is inadequate to cope with the influx of homes and residents.
- Encouraged comments to be made to the Local Plan update by the deadline on 4th February.

Cllr Wright reported as follows:

- A network of charging points for mobility scooters will be installed along the Viking Trail.

Cllr Pugh was not present but provided a report as follows:

- Deadline for the consultation for Thanet's Local Plan is 4th February.
- No update as yet on the proposals for land East of Tothill / Foxborough Lane.
- Working with Cllr Crow-Brown on progressing the issue with pedestrian access between the new development at Mannock Drive, Manston and the former RAF housing at Esmonde Drive.
- TDC have expressed issues with tree-planting on TDC land but planting on parish owned land should not be a problem. Suggested involving Minster Primary School with the planting.

244. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. Mrs Gimes reported that two requests have been made to Gladmans for them to hold a public meeting over their proposed development of the land East of Tothill Street. Another letter will be sent.

During an online meeting, TDC reported that they currently only have four parking enforcement officers but it is hoped that following their recruitment process, they will have eleven by Easter. Litter and dog bins may be combined to aid collections and QR codes may be added to bins so that over-flowing bins can be reported more easily. There is a possibility of further closure of public toilets.

245. REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk reported that £1000 members grant for the lift at the new parish office, and £500 grant for the Mens Shed Project have been received. Grants have also been

received from the Covid Outbreak management fund via KALC and a grant from The Tree Council for £641 has been approved for hedging plants for the bund.

246. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

None.

247. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

Nothing to report.

248. LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Members considered the response prepared by TALC to the Thanet Local Plan update and also the response prepared by the Chairman for Minster Parish Council. Cllr Quittenden suggested that the wording of the parish council response be amended with regards to the possible development of the airport.

AGREED: To send the Minster Parish council response, as prepared, with minor amendments as agreed.

AGREED: To write to Nick Blankley at Birchington Town Council to thank him for the response prepared by TALC.

Cllr Wright reported that Tony Freudman would be happy to meet with parish councils to discuss the update.

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

Cllr Quittenden reported that Sally Willins will conduct a service in the church on Sunday 5th June as Reverend Braddy is moving to another post. The Beacon lighting will take place on Thursday 2nd June. A family 'Party in the park' will be held in the recreation ground on Friday 3rd June.

250. KALC 2022 COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME

Members were advised to forward any further nominations for the KALC 2022 Community Awards Scheme to the Clerks by 14th February.

251. WELCOME BACK FUND

TDC has a £22K allocation for spring planting to include six High Street areas as well as the shop areas of Minster and Monkton. Costs for maintenance (watering and weeding) are covered until 31st March but will need to be maintained by us during the summer.

Members consider suggestions to put forward to TDC for this fund.

AGREED: To request funds for hanging baskets or temporary planters.

252. CLIMATE CHANGE – MPC CARBON FOOTPRINT

The next TALC meeting is on the 7th February and councils will be asked to contribute to the discussion on climate change. Members were asked their views as to whether Minster Parish Council should take action to mitigate climate change and reduce our carbon footprint.

Cllr Fleming agreed that we should look at reducing our carbon footprint where possible.

RESOLVED: That action should be taken to assess and reduce our carbon footprint where possible.

253. RE-LINING OF HIGH STREET CAR-PARK AND MUGA

Members considered a quotation to carry out re-lining of the car parking bays and disable bays in the High Street car park (previously accepted this quote) and also to refresh the court line markings on the surface of the MUGA at the recreation ground. Allocated reserves can be used for this.

APPROVED: To accept the quotation of £680 to carry out the work as detailed and the funds can be used from allocated reserves for Open Space maintenance from the Heronsbrook development.

254. FENCING AT HIGH STREET CAR-PARK

Members considered a quotation received for erecting stock fencing at the High Street car-park.

APPROVED: To accept the quotation of £670 to carry out the work as detailed.

255. NEW PARISH OFFICE BUILDING

Cllr Torbett reported that steel prices have increased and there will be an additional cost of £2500, however the removal of the balcony will make a saving of approximately £10,000.

The school will be contacted shortly as demolition and building works will start soon.

256. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications

Cllr Crow-Brown provided an update as follows;

F/TH/22/0057 - Quartacre, Bedlam Court Lane, Minster

Erection of 2no two storey 4 bedroom dwellings following demolition of the existing

7.45 pm RESOLVED: To close the meeting to allow the public to speak

Keith Rochford (42 Durlock) has concerns over the removal of a single storey building and replacement with 2 no. two storey buildings.

Nicola Dyas (40 Durlock) expressed concerns over surface water drainage and also requested a row of mature trees to be planted on the southern boundary to replace the mature growth that was recently removed to help alleviate drainage problems.

8.04pm RESOLVED: To re-open meeting.

AGREED: To hold a meeting at the site, to hear the concerns of residents and review the application, before a response is submitted.

FH/TH/22/0096 – 4A St Marys Road, Minster

Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing garage and conservatory

NO OBJECTIONS

FH/TH/21/1980 – 85 Monkton Road, Minster

Erection of first floor pitched roof extension to rear above ground floor extension to provide first floor accommodation within enlarged roof together with addition of cladding to all elevations and erection of conservatory.

NO OBJECTIONS

Decisions

FH/TH/21/1871 – Hoo Corner Farm, Monkton Road

Erection of porch following the removal of an existing porch together with the conversion of 2No barns into habitable living space and associated works.

GRANTED

L/TH/21/1872 Hoo Corner Farm

Application for listed building consent as above

GRANTED

PN01/TH/21/1865 – 5 Prospect Road, Minster

Erection of single storey rear extension to extend 6m in depth 2.7m to eaves and overall height of 3m

Prior approval not required

F/TH/21/1277 – 1 Sevenscore Farm Cottages, Ebbsfleet Lane

Erection of 2No 3bed 2storey semi-detached dwelling

REFUSED

TH/TPO/17(1989) 2 St Mildreds Mews, Minster

1 Horse Chestnut Crown reduce by 1-2m

GRANTED

257. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Members received reports from representatives of the following bodies:

TALC

Cllr Quittenden reported that the next meeting is to be held on 7th February.

Minster School

Nothing to report.

Twinning Assn. The last quiz was successful and a further quiz will be held on 26th February.

A request was made to plant a Royal Oak tree and a plaque in the parish, to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

RESOLVED: To approve the request to a plant tree, in a location to be decided

258. 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 January 2022 be approved.**

259. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Angela Powell is concerned that a locked gate has been installed at the end of Rose Gardens, by Orbit Housing, prohibiting access through to Kenton Gardens. Barry Harris commented that there was originally no through access from Kenton Garden to Rose Gardens – Community Warden Karl Aylett suggested that residents write to Orbit Housing about this. It is not a designated public right of way.

Caroline Manning said cycle racks in the village are disappearing and not being replaced. Mr Brown asked whether cycle racks could be installed in the car-parks.

George Harrison raised concerns at the lack of 'Slow' signs in Foxborough Lane on the approach to the junction with Bedlam Court Lane.

Time concluded: 8.32pm

1st March 2022