

ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5 April 2017 at 20:15hrs
in the Pavilion, Park Road.

Present: Cllr. Mr. S. MacDonald-Gay – Chairman, Cllrs. Mrs. A. Adams, Mr. P. Annis,
Cllr. M-F. Bailey, Mrs. P. Garrett, Mrs. A. Holmes, Mr. P. Robinson
Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour
2 members of public

01/17] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

County Councillor Sarah Hohler and Borough Councillor Ann Kemp.

02/17] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr. Garrett disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 8/17 (c) (1). Cllr. Bailey disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 8/17 (c) (2).

03/17] MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was proposed that Chairman signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1 March 2017 as a correct record. Agreed.

04/17] REPORTS

- a) County Councillor – There was no report
- b) Borough Councillor – Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour advised Members that there has been just a few complaints about the new Council Tax Bill format and changes. The County Councillor elections will take place on the 4 May 2017. Kent County Council started a pothole blitz on the 3 April 2017 and are encouraging residents to report any potholes.

20:26hrs Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour left the meeting

- c) Kent Police – The Chairman reported that a ride-on lawn mower and 20 horse rugs were stolen from a farm in London Road on the 20 March. On the 23 March a car was stolen from Addington Green. On the 8 March a building site in Addington Lane, Trottiscliffe was broken into and tools were stolen and on the 10 March, also in Addington Lane, Trottiscliffe a number of items were stolen from a container on an industrial site. Cllr. Robinson reported that there has been a further break in at West Malling Golf Club with the theft of equipment including chain saws, strimmers and blowers.

05/17] MATTERS ARISING:

1] Monthly check of the defibrillator and any other update - The Clerk advised Members that both of the defibrillators in the village had been checked this month and an update provided on WebNos. The Clerk reported that the light is not working in the BT Box in Trottiscliffe Road. The Clerk will arrange for this to be fixed.

2] Speedwatch – The Clerk reported that one speedwatch session had taken place in March but unfortunately the equipment seemed to be faulty. The Clerk at Hadlow Parish Council has asked the Clerk to make the arrangements for the equipment to be serviced again.

3] Play equipment at the recreation ground – Cllr. Robinson reported that Mr. Waddell from Big Motoring World had been in touch to discuss ideas and possible funding for some new play equipment. The next steps will be to hold a site meeting.

4] T&MBC Call for Sites – There was no update.

5] Reinstatement of the footbridge over the M20 – Aone + has now established that they would need to permanently use a small parcel of land belonging to the Parish Council in order to execute the permanent replacement for the East Street Footbridge. The reason the additional land is requested is because the standards they are obliged to design the replacement bridge to are more onerous than the ones the old bridge was designed to. This affects things like ramp gradient, number and frequency of landings,

headroom clearance etc. This impacts the overall footprint required for the approach ramps. Highways England lands team propose an exchange of land. This would be an exchange either partly, or completely, for the small triangle of land immediately to the south of the area owned by Highways England as depicted in drawing number HE530042. Members considered this proposal and the plans provided and **resolved** to agree to an exchange of land subject to all legal costs being met by Highways England. Members asked the Clerk to remind Aone+ that the land on the other side of the M20 which they would be working on is registered as a village green and also belongs to the Parish Council. It was agreed that another meeting with Aone+ would be helpful to discuss this and other suggestions about installing acoustic barriers.

6) Dark Skies Policies – Members noted that Ian Bailey at T&MBC, who is responsible for developing the new Local Plan, has responded stating that T&MBC will be drafting policies for the new Local Plan over the summer with a view to carrying out a further public consultation exercise later this year on a draft Plan. Ian Bailey stated that he has made a note of the Parish Council’s request regarding external lighting and will give this further consideration in due course. Ian Bailey has advised that Government guidance stresses that T&MBC should not replicate national policies and guidance in order that Local Plans do not become unwieldy but stressed that if there are specific issues that are relevant locally T&MBC can look at addressing these through planning policy. The Clerk was asked to contact the CPRE to ask if they would support the Parish Council by encouraging T&MBC to put in place policies in the new Local Plan with respect to external lighting particularly in rural areas.

06/17] FINANCE

a) A statement as at 5 April 2017 was circulated:

Business Reserve Account	£ 36,360.12
Current Account	£ 694.86
Less cheque 1859 £500.00	194.86
Consuls Account	£ 100.00
National Savings Account:	£ 24,864.73

Receipts: There were none.

b) Other matters:

- i) Clerks Conference – Wednesday 7 June 2017 – The Clerk to attend.
- ii) Councillors Conference – Saturday 8 July 2017 – Cllr. Bailey may attend.
- iii) Outturn Statement – approved and signed by the Chairman.

c) Cheques for signature:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary- December)	1860	£ 373.20
HMRC	(Clerk’s Tax)	1861	£ 248.80
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses December)	1862	£ 109.74
KALC	(Annual Subscription)	1863	£ 346.92
The F A Bartlett Tree Expert Co. Ltd (tree work)		1864	£ 528.00
ACRK	(Annual Subscription)	1865	£ 50.00
Clerk & Councils Direct	(Annual Subscription)	1866	£ 12.00
Total			£1,668.66

Transfer from Business Reserve Account to Current Account - £1,600.00

The Chairman proposed that the cheques listed above be signed. Agreed.

07/17] MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: No comments.

08/17] PLANNING**a) Applications:**

1] TM/16/03469/LB – White Cottage, East Street, Addington, ME19 5DF

Dismantling and rebuilding of badly leaning chimney using correct materials appropriate to the listing and age of the building. *Resolved: No objection.*

2] TM/17/0550/RD – 1 Plowenders Close, Addington, ME19 5AX

Details of condition 7 (landscaping and boundary treatment) pursuant to planning permission TM/15/01577/FL. *Resolved: No objection.*

3] TM/17/00425/PDVAR – Rellew Farm, Aldon Lane, Addington, ME19 5PJ

Prior Notification: Conversion of agricultural building to a single dwelling pursuant to Part 3 Class Q (a) and Q (b) of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning Order 2015. *Resolved: No objection.*

b) Decisions:

1] TM/16/03125/FL – Pretty Maid House, London Road, Wrotham Heath

Formation of new vehicular access to Pretty Maid House and alterations to associated parking area to include relocation of bin store. *Approved*

2] TM/16/02947/RD – Big Motoring World, London Road, Addington, ME19 5PL

Details submitted in pursuant to condition 7 (Lighting) of Planning Permission TM/10/00938/FL. *Approved*

3] TM/16/02318/FL – Big Motoring World, London Road, Addington, ME19 5PL

Section 73 application to vary condition 6 (Opening hours) of Planning Permission TM/10/00938/FL *Approved*

4] TM/17/00095/PDVAR – Kasa, London Road, Addington, ME19 5AL

Prior notification: Change of use of one agricultural building to use as one dwelling under class Q (a) and building alterations under class Q.2 (b) including changes to external appearance of the building (part 3 Class Q) *Prior approval not required*

5] TM/15/04070/FL - Squirrels Keep, Trottscliffe Road, Addington, ME19 5AZ

New detached garage. *Application withdrawn.*

c) Other Matters

20:54hrs Cllr. Garrett disclosed a pecuniary interest and left the meeting

1] Big Motoring World, London Road/Bonheure, Addington – The Clerk has received reports that Bonheure is being used late at night for deliveries and that a large trailer is now parked on the plot. Members noted that these concerns have been reported to T&MBC for comment given that Bonheure is meant to be used as a residential property only.

20:56hrs Cllr. Garrett returned to the meeting. Cllr. Bailey disclosed a pecuniary interest and left the meeting

2] TM/15/0401/WORKM – Humphries and Parks Ltd. London Road, Addington, ME19 5AN – alleged unauthorised lights - Enforcement has advised that they are working on putting together the prosecution papers.

20:58hrs Cllr. Bailey returned to the meeting

3] TM/16/00112/USEH – Stubblesdown, London Road, Addington, ME19 5AL – T&MBC are waiting to hear from the planning inspectorate about a decision about the appeal.

4] Jet Garage – portaloos and new outbuilding for car wash – T&MBC are investigating the buildings on the site and carrying out further investigative works.

5] TM/16/01377/FL – Sunnydene, 19 Clearway, Addington ME19 5BP – appeal against refusal of conservatory, roof enlargement, two storey rear extension and front porch.

6] Rathlea, London Road, Addington - The Clerk reported that T&MBC has advised that they do not normally conduct consultations regarding house names with Parish Councils. T&MBC claim that they check that the names are not offensive and not too similar to nearby addresses. Members noted the names of the 3 new homes in East Street and remain concerned that T&MBC are allowing names for new properties to be issued without properly considering the names of other existing houses in the village.

The Clerk was asked to raise these concerns with T&MBC, citing examples where similar names have been permitted and to copy the Borough Councillors in on this correspondence.

09/17] HIGHWAYS:

- a) Highways Outstanding:- (as at 5 April 2017)
- 265493 – The verges outside Endeavour Park. KCC are investigating the possibility of installing bollards or an alternative method of restriction to be erected on the verge to assist in their workers safely pulling out of the junction.
- b) New requiring attention
- 1] Post outside Stubblesdown, London Road needs removing
 - 2] Litter bags left by contractor on A20 need to be collected
 - 3] Seven Mile Lane roundabout – cobbles still standing proud
 - 4] A20 – paths need clearing clearing from Aldon Road going west.
 - 5] Footpath at East Street, swing gate needs repairing
- c) Other matters: There were none

10/17] REPORTS OF MEETINGS:

- a) Village Hall – The Village Hall Committee has been successful in obtaining a grant from KCC for funding the improvements/extension to the village hall. The Parish Council has already pledged £5000.00 towards this project.
- b) Recreation Ground Committee – Cllr. Robinson reported that an invoice for the plumbing upgrades as a result of the excessive water consumption in 2016 has been paid. Cllr. Robinson also reported that he has been monitoring the metered supply since completion of this work and stated that the usage has reverted to the efficient levels achieved following the rainwater harvesting project. However, the two 2016 half year bills from South East Water were £700 and £550 before investigation of the issue and completion of this work. Cllr. Robinson asked if the Parish Council could make a contribution to all of these invoices. The Clerk advised that this proposal would need to be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- c) Parish Partnership Panel – There has been no meeting.
- d) Standards Committee meeting – There has been no meeting.
- e) KALC Area Committee – There has been no meeting.

11/17] OPEN SPACES:

- 1] Protecting trees in the village – T&MBC have started the process off for obtaining a TPO for a historic tree in Park Road.
- 2] Oak tree on the village green – Bartletts had to postpone carrying out a full arboricultural report on the old oak tree on the green but hope to carry out the assessment on the 11 April 2017.

12/17] CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) For information:-
- 1] Area 2 Planning Committee – 12 April 2017
 - 2] Joint Transportation Board – 12 June 2017
 - 3] Parish Partnership Panel – 15 June 2017
 - 4] Standards Committee – 14 June 2017
 - 5] KALC Area Committee Meeting – 11 May 2017
- b) On circulation: -
- 1] The Clerk Magazine – March 2017
 - 2] Kent Voice – Spring/Summer 2017
 - 3] Agenda for JPCTCG meeting to be held 30 March 2017
 - 4] Agenda for Area 2 Planning Committee due to be held on 12 April 2017
 - 5] School Governor's report for Platt School

c) New requiring attention: Nothing to consider

13/17] ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1] Two residents are holding a community Beetle Drive in Addington Village Hall on the 5 May and a cheese and wine evening on the 19 May at 8pm in the Geoffrey Grimes room adjoining St. Margaret’s Church providing an opportunity for local residents to come and have a chat and find out what is going on in the village and seek support. The events have been advertised in The Pilgrims. The Clerk will also place details about the event on the website.

14/17] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

CPRE and protecting the Heritage of the village.
Proposal for a donation to the plumbing upgrades at the pavilion
Shaw Hill Caravan - enforcement action required

15/17] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 May 2017 at 8pm in the Pavilion

16/17] ANY CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS: There were none.

The meeting was closed at 21:34hrs

SignedChairman Date

