

ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6 December 2017 at 20:00hrs
in the Pavilion, Park Road.

Present: Cllr. Mrs. P. Garrett – Chairman for this meeting, Cllrs. Mrs. A. Adams, Mr. P. Annis, Mr. P. Robinson, Mrs. C. Short
County Councillor Sarah Hohler, Borough Councillor Ann Kemp, 11 members of public.

118/17] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour and Councillors Bailey and MacDonald-Gay.

119/17] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr. Garrett disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 125/17 (c) (1).

120/17] MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

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

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to move item 122/17 (8) to the next item to be followed by Members of Public

20.12hrs The meeting was suspended to allow Gary Woods from Jacobs and Kamandila Kulaba from Highways England to address the meeting.

122/17] MATTERS ARISING

8] Smart Motorway Junction 3-5 – Gary Woods showed a video on the proposals for a Smart Motorway on junctions 3-5 of the M20. It is proposed that works will commence in Spring 2018 and will take about 16 months. There will be some weekend closures of the M20 and Highways England will give prior warning to local residents. The M20 will be resurfaced between these junctions with a low noise material. Members asked specific questions about the location of the proposed safety bays and the likely impact of these on any residential properties, the monitoring of air quality both before and after and on what measures will be taken to mitigate the likely increase in engine noises particularly from large vehicles i.e. soundproofing proposals. Members also asked if any assessment of ‘value for money’ has been undertaken. The installation of the replacement footbridge over the M20 for East Street was discussed. It was noted that Tom Tugendhat, MP for Tonbridge and Malling, and Tracey Crouch, MP for Chatham and Aylesford, have penned a joint letter in a bid to convince Highways England to combine the roadworks and installation of the replacement footbridge so as to limit the amount of delays and problems in the area. The Clerk was asked to write to both MPs expressing Members disappointment that neither MP contacted the Parish Council for their views on this. Highways England suggested that they might be able to attend another Parish Council to answer some of the concerns and questions raised given that they did not have the information with them.

20:31hrs Gary Woods from Jacobs and Kamandila Kulaba from Highways England and 5 members of the public left the meeting

124/17] MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

A couple of questions about noise pollution and air quality of the proposed Smart Motorway scheme were raised. A member of public gave reasons for their concerns about planning proposal TM/17/03098/FL.

121/17] REPORTS

a) County Councillor – County Councillor Sarah Hohler reported that there could be cuts to some of the community bus services. School bus routes will not be affected. KCC are working with Ashford Borough Council and learning about their strategy for clamping parked lorries and encouraging lorries to use lorry parks to stop illegal parking. County Councillor Sarah Hohler also reported that KCC have set up a Lorry

Watch which is a scheme run by local residents. Community volunteers record details of lorries that are suspected of using unsuitable roads or not sticking to the limits and restrictions. Once the information is collected, it is passed to Kent Police who can find the vehicle's registered keeper.

b) Borough Councillor – Borough Councillor Ann Kemp reported that T&MBC are consulting about renewing the yellow lines on part of the A20 in Addington.

20:25hrs County Councillor Sarah Hohler and Borough Councillor Ann Kemp and 6 members of the public left the meeting.

c) Kent Police – Cllr. Garrett reported that on 21 November a Land Rover Defender was taken from a dwelling in Plowenders Close. On the 28 November a Land Rover Defender was stolen from a driveway in The Street, Trottscliffe. It was noted that there had also been 2 thefts from vehicles in Mereworth during November.

122/17] 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 was asked to source a new 'Defibrillator' sign for one side of the BT Box at the Jet Garage.

2) Speedwatch – Cllr. Annis reported that 2 sessions were held during November. The Clerk reported that Kent Police had thanked the Clerk for organising these sessions during the National Road Safety week.

3) Play equipment at the recreation ground – Cllr. Robinson reported that a local resident has kindly stepped in to assist and has removed all the old play equipment and dug out the concrete foundations. Cllr. Robinson reported that the Recreation Ground Committee are now looking at fund raising and grants for the replacement equipment. The Clerk will put an article about this in the next edition of The Pilgrims.

4) T&MBC Call for Sites – The draft Local Plan will be subject to a further round of public consultation early in 2018.

5) Reinstatement of the footbridge over the M20 – The solicitors for Highways England and Sian Stephens from Hedleys, acting for the Parish Council, are still in the process of investigating the legalities involved.

6) Dark Skies Policies – The Clerk is waiting to hear what support and advice the CPRE could offer to advise T&MBC to put in place policies in the new Local Plan with respect to external lighting particularly in rural areas.

7) Kent Men of Trees – Trees in the Village Competition 2017 – The Clerk has removed the protective fencing from around the fastigate beech on the village green and will be addressing the other items mentioned in the report. It was suggested that the tree to be awarded as a prize for winning could be placed on the recreation ground. Cllr. Robinson agreed to suggest what tree species might be best,

9) Nominations for KALC Community Awards Scheme 2017 - Members **resolved** unanimously to adopt the Scheme again and to nominate Mr. Brian Fissenden for this award for his services to the community.

10) KCC Volunteer Support Wardens – Members discussed this scheme and **resolved** that the scheme would not be of any relevance or benefit to the village given the costs involved.

11) Dates of Meetings for 2018/19 – Noted.

123/17] FINANCE

a) A statement as at 6 December was circulated:

Business Reserve Account	£ 39,312.59
Current Account	£ 211.78
Consuls Account	£ 100.00
National Savings Account:	£ 24,864.73

Receipts: HMRC VAT refund: £528.64

b) Other matters

1) Annual Review of:

a) Standing Orders – The Clerk was asked to amend the Standing Orders to limit the total amount of time for members of public to speak to 15 minutes and to correct the referencing in Section 3 – Meetings. The Clerk will place a revised copy on the website.

b) Financial Regulations – No amendments. The Clerk will update the revision date and place another copy on the website.

2) Budget 2018/10 - Cllr. Garrett and the Clerk had prepared a budget document for circulation. A total estimated expenditure of £24,615.00 for 2018/19 which includes £5,000.00 for community projects was agreed. It was **resolved** that the precept upon T&MBC for the financial year 2018/19 should not be changed and remain at £23,000.00. Any shortfall will be met from reserves.

3) Bank Mandate – Postponed to the next meeting.

4) VAT Refund – Members noted that the Clerk has submitted a successful claim for VAT paid in 2016/17 of £528.64.

c) Cheques for signature:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary- November)	1907	£ 377.00
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses November)	1908	£ 124.14
HMRC	(Clerk's Tax)	1909	£ 251.20
Viking	(Stationery)	1910	£ 76.13
Total			£ 828.47

Transfer from Business Reserve Account to Current Account - £800.00

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

125/17] PLANNING

a) Applications:

1] TM/17/02925/FL – Forge House, The Paddocks, Addington, ME19 5DZ

Single storey rear and side extension. *Resolved: No objections*

2] TM/17/02926/FL – Forge House, The Paddocks, Addington, ME19 5DZ

A two storey rear and side extension. *Resolved: Object. Members feel that the proposal represents an over development of the site and by the nature of the bulk and scale of the proposed two storey extension will be harmful to the residential amenity of the neighbouring properties.*

3] TM/17/03137/FL – Rosneath, 8 Clearway, Addington, ME19 5BP

Proposed loft conversion with hip to gable roof extension to front and side elevation with 4 roof light windows and 2 crown top dormers. *Resolved: No objections*

4] TM/17/03019/FL – The Sun House, East Street, Addington, ME19 5DH

Single storey side extension. *Resolved: No objections*

5] TM/17/03098/FL – 4 Greenways, London Road, Addington, ME19 5AN

Ground floor flat roofed extension and first floor pitched roof extension.

Resolved: Object. Members feel that the proposal represents an over development of the site and that the bulk and scale of the proposed extension is inappropriate to the scale of building. The proposal affects the aesthetics of the dwelling and will be harmful to the residential amenity of the neighbouring properties.

6] TM/17/03016/LB – East Street Farmhouse, East Street, Addington, ME19 5DG

Listed Building Application: Change current larder into a downstairs toilet with sink.

Resolved: No objections

b) Decisions:

1] TM/17/02806/FL – 6 The Links, Addington, ME19 5RX

Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension. *Approved*

2] TM/17/02310/FL – Clerehurst, Sandy Lane, Wrotham Heath, TN15 7SB

New detached bungalow in existing rear garden with access on London Road (A20). *Approved*

3] TM/17/01507/OA – Miline, London Road, Addington, ME19 5DA

Outline Application: Demolition of existing dwelling house and replacement with two detached dwelling houses with the provision of a new vehicular access to the site and associated vehicle parking and turning facilities. *Approved*

4] TM/17/02475//FL – Land East of Mayhill Bungalow, London Road, Addington

Demolition of stable. Erection of replacement stable block. *Refused*

5] TM/17/02456/FL – 1 The Links, Addington, ME19 5RX

Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension. *Approved*

6] TM/17/1336 - Wrotham Quarry, Land south of M20, Ford Lane, Wrotham Heath

Section 73 application to extend the end date until 17 May 2017, increase the annual amount of extraction and amend the working and restoration schemes. *Approved*

7] TM/17/2090 – Wrotham Quarry, Trottscliffe Road, Addington

Operation of an aggregate recycling facility for a temporary period of five years within the existing processing plant are. *Refused*

c) Other Matters

1] Big Motoring World, London Road/Bonheure, Addington – There was no update.

2] TM/15/0401/WORKM – Humphries and Parks Ltd, London Road, Addington, ME19 5AN – alleged unauthorised lights. Nothing additional to report. The planning proposal has not yet been determined.

3] Jet Garage – portaloos and new outbuilding for car wash – All enforcement action will cease while the planning proposal TM/17/02402/FL is being considered.

4] 17/00312/WORKH – The Seekers Trust, Addington – regarding alleged new building in the grounds. Enforcement has advised that there has been a breach of planning control at the site. The owners have been invited to submit a retrospective planning proposal for the new building.

126/17] HIGHWAYS:

a) Highways Outstanding:- (as at 6 December 2017)

1] Enquiry 284515 – the Clerk has reported the damaged sign outside Gable Cottage, London Road but it is still lying on the ground. The Clerk will find out when T&MBC plan to reinstate the sign.

2] Enquiry 309723, London Road - Village sign – The Highways Steward has advised that the contractor was due to place the sign on new posts but unfortunately it had disappeared. A new replacement sign is on order.

b) New requiring attention

1] St Vincents Lane – large white stones jutting into the lane.

2] St. Vincents Lane – estate fencing is deteriorating

2] Other matters:

1] Speeding traffic on the A20 - Speed survey equipment was placed approximately 100 metres west of the junction with Trottscliffe Road during a week in October. Traffic speeds were recorded 24 hours per day for a full seven days by means of pneumatic tube counters. The mean speeds recorded were 43.1 miles per hour (westbound, i.e. towards Wrotham) and 43.5 mph (eastbound, i.e. towards Addington and Leybourne). The 85th percentile speeds recorded were 49 mph (westbound) and 49.4 mph (eastbound). KCC has advised that these are what they would expect on a length of road where 50mph applies. Members discussed the results and concluded that the speeds were lower than expected because of the proximity of the count being done to the junction. The Clerk was asked to advise KCC that the recorded mean speeds were not indicative of the traffic travelling on the stretch of the A20 further towards Wrotham.

2] Fly-tipping – T&MBC had advised the Clerk that the delays in removing the asbestos waste, were caused by a recent revision of safe working practices to remove such waste that highlighted

that only a small number of staff had received appropriate training for the removal of asbestos waste. T&MBC has advised that due to the high volume of fly tip reports received (over 600 in 2016/17) it is not possible with the staffing resources available to provide feedback on every single one. Therefore the online form will be changed to indicate that the contact details will only be used if they need further information or need to take a statement should the fly tip have been witnessed. Members noted these reasons but asked the Clerk to advise T&MBC that they were disappointed that T&MBC suggested that the correct procedures in reporting this complaint were not followed and that the information given did not explain or apologise for the fact the general waste was left for several weeks nor why the online reporting system was misleading.

3) Wrotham Quarry/Woodgate Road – Members noted that Ian Fern has apologised for the fact a few lorries from the quarry have been seen driving through the village and will try and ensure that no more lorries use this route. Ian Fern has also advised that they recently used the Woodgate Road access to the quarry to obtain 2 dumper loads of sand which were needed to put through for testing. A digger was also delivered to this area. Members noted that Ian Fern is fully aware that the quarry is not to use this entrance. It was also noted that there will be the occasional delivery of machinery to that entrance until the tunnel is constructed. Members discussed and agreed in principle, subject to a formal consultation, to a request from Ian Fern for a temporary road closure of Ford Lane during the construction of the tunnel.

4) Woodgate Road – request to reduce the speed limit - KCC has advised that extending the 30 miles per hour speed limit back from the village to The Paddocks would be against the Department for Transport's guidance. In their opinion introducing an artificially low speed limit without any obvious change in the road environment will not make any significant difference to the driven speeds. Following an analysis of crash data KCC have established that the existing evidence does not justify any further engineering measures currently at this location. KCC have advised that they will continue to monitor the situation.

128/17] REPORTS OF MEETINGS:

a) Village Hall – The official opening of the extension to the hall and the patio is due to take place on the 14 January 2018. County Councillor Sarah Hohler will be performing the ceremony. Cllrs. Short and Robinson will be attending on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr. Robinson commented that the Recreation Ground Committee may need to put some additional paving next to the new patio so that the equipment they use for grass cutting can cut right to the edge of the recreation ground.

b) Recreation Ground Committee – Cllr. Robinson reported that the electricians had tripped at a recent event held in the Sports Pavilion so the Committee will be looking to get an electrician in to check the system

c) Parish Partnership Panel – Cllr. Adams had attended the meeting held on the 16 November 2017. The main topic of discussion was on waste disposal. T&MBC will be putting the waste contract out to tender in February and are looking to make some changes in how all waste is collected. A system similar to Ashford is being considered where a food waste bin is provided and residents may need to pay to have garden waste removed. Proposals to stop lorries illegally parking were also discussed.

d) Standards Committee meeting – There has been no meeting.

e) KALC Area Committee – there has been no meeting. Cllr. Garrett and the Clerk met with the Chairman of KALC, Patrick Thomas, and gave him a guided tour of the village so that he could understand some of the local issues that concern the Parish Council.

128/17] OPEN SPACES:

1) Signage on the Village Green – Members noted that the Clerk had contacted the Management Committee for the village green asking them to remove a few 'no parking' signs that had been erected. Members were disappointed to hear that a sign had been nailed into the old oak tree.

2) Litter bin on the Village Green – The Clerk reported that the exterior casing of the litter bin on the green has been damaged. The Clerk will make sure it is not a trip hazard and will obtain a quote for a replacement casing.

129/17] CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) For information:-
 - 1] Area 2 Planning Committee – 13 December 2017
 - 2] Joint Transportation Board – 12 March 2018
 - 3] Parish Partnership Panel – 15 February 2017
 - 4] Standards Committee – 15 January 2018
 - 5] KALC Area Committee Meeting – 4 January 2018

- b) On circulation: -
 - 1] Agenda for Area 2 Planning Committee – 13 December 2017
 - 2] Department for Transport Press Release on Operation Stack
 - 3] The Clerk Magazine – November 2017
 - 4] Speedwatch – Your Speed – November 2017
 - 5] Fields in Trust Newsletter
 - 6] Tonbridge & Malling Parish Charter – Final version
 - 7] KCC – Report highlighting achievements and vision for Adult Social Care
 - 8] The Parish News – October 2017
 - 9] Inside Track
 - 10] Minutes of Parish Partnership Panel Meeting held on the 16 November 2017

- c) New requiring attention: Nothing to consider

130/17] ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Nothing additional

131/17] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

- 1] Bus stop in Trottscliffe Road and the Arriva bus service

132/17] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 January 2018 at 8pm in the Pavilion

133/17] ANY CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS: There were none.

The meeting was closed at 21:59hrs

SignedChairman Date