

ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5 February 2014 at 20:00hrs in the Pavilion, Park Road.

Present: Cllr. P. Garrett - Chairman Cllrs., Mrs. M. Castle
Mrs. A. Holmes, Mr. A. Newby, Mr. S. MacDonald-Gay and Mr. P. Robinson
Borough Councillors Ann Kemp and Matthew Balfour (arrived 20:02hrs).
PCSO Laura Bullen and 7 members of public

150/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

County Councillor Mrs. S. Hohler and Mrs. M-F. Bailey.

151/13] DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Cllr. Garrett expressed a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 157/13 (c) (1).

152/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was proposed that the Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 8 January 2014 as a correct record. Agreed.

153/13 REPORTS:

a) County Councillor – see Matters Arising.

b) Borough Councillor

a) Major works to install a roundabout at the junction of the A20 London Road and Seven Mile Lane are planned to commence on Monday 24 March 2014 and will last approximately 14 weeks. There has been a suggestion to delay this work but as it is a safety critical highway improvement this is unlikely. To minimise congestion on the local network during the works, traffic will be prohibited from turning left and right into Seven Mile Lane from the A20. In addition traffic management systems will be in place to prohibit southbound traffic on Seven Mile Lane from its junction with the A20 London Road to its junction with Teston Road. There will be no requirement for northbound traffic on Seven Mile Lane to follow a diversion. KCC are publicising the dates and information on diversions throughout the area.

b) KCC is waiting to see if an increase of 1.9% in Council Tax would fall within the limits of not having to call a referendum. Information on this should be known on the 12 February 2014 and then KCC will make a decision and set the budget for 2014/15.

c) Planning application: TM/13/02842/FL, Land between M20 and M26 east of Ford Lane, Wrotham Heath - use of land as Gypsy/Traveller accommodation for one family comprising mobile home, 2 touring caravans and day room. Members were advised that T&MBC are unlikely to make a decision on this proposal before a decision is made by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government regarding an appeal for a similar application. Borough Councillor Ann Kemp reported that the land in Ford Lane is protected by a High Court injunction.

d) Planning Application: TM/14/00234/FL, Blackmans, Trottscliffe Road, Addington, ME19 5AZ - Erection of 3no. dwellings with the provision of associated new access and parking facilities. Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour advised Members that he and Ann Kemp would be meeting with planning officers at T&MBC at the end of the week to discuss this application. Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour expressed his concerns about the proposals. In his opinion the proposals would result in the overdevelopment of a site which is in a prominent position at the entrance to the village.

c) Kent Police – PCSO Laura Bullen reported that two sets of fog-lights were taken from cars parked outside Humphries and Parks Ltd, in Addington on the 15 January. There was also a domestic incident in Aldon Lane and a theft of fuel from the Jet Garage in January. An ongoing neighbour dispute in London Road, Ryarsh was recorded in January. In Offham there had been two crimes, damage to a bollard in Teston Road and the theft of a fuel card from a vehicle. PCSO Laura Bullen had visited East Street North and had seen the tent and rubbish which had left near to the five bar gate at the entrance to the area. No

reports of any disturbances in the area had been received by Kent Police. It was noted that the Clerk had now cleared the area. PCSO Laura Bullen was pleased to report that the mobile police surgeries would be starting again that week. The surgery will take place on a fortnightly basis in Addington village hall car park. Members expressed concern that as the village hall would now not be in use on that day of the week whether anyone would attend surgeries in this location. PCSO Laura Bullen explained that the location could be reviewed once attendance figures have been collated. The Clerk will place posters about the surgeries on the noticeboards.

20:17hrs PCSO Laura Bullen left the meeting

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to take item 156/13 then 157/13 (a) (2) and then (a) (1) first.

156/13 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Two members of the public associated with the company submitting the planning application TM/14/00234/FL for Blackmans provided Members with some additional details. Two members of public spoke in support of the application. One member of public explained he had attended the meeting to monitor the situation at Blackmans. In response to a query from a member of the public Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour briefly explained the process of determining planning applications.

157/13 PLANNING:

a) Applications:

2] TM/14/00234/FL - Blackmans, Trottscliffe Road, Addington, ME19 5AZ

Erection of 3no. dwellings with the provision of associated new access and parking facilities.

Resolved: We object to the above proposals. We have considered this revised application against the original objections and still believe this to be overdevelopment of the site in a green belt area. Like many of the properties along Trottscliffe Road, the original house was set back from the road and this adds to the openness of our historic village on one of the main approaches. Although we appreciate that the three dwellings have been reduced in height we still believe the design of the properties is also out of keeping with the area and we would like to see a more aesthetic approach. We feel the sight lines on this stretch of road are unsatisfactory and that vehicles entering and coming out of the proposed entrances/exits would be a threat to the safety of other road users. We would urge to you to refuse this application as we have demonstrated that the impact of the proposals on the visual amenities of the locality, the residential amenities of the locality and the highway/access safety would not be acceptable.

If the planning application was approved we request that an aesthetic landscaping and screening, sympathetic to the rural location, is a condition. We would also welcome a review of the speed limits on our rural roads aligned to the aspiration to get a further 40% reduction addressed in the draft Casualty Reduction Strategy.

20:37hrs Borough Councillors Ann Kemp and Matthew Balfour left the meeting.

1] TM/13/03929/TEN – Humphries and Parks Ltd. London Road, Addington

Upgrade existing telecommunications base station consisting of replacement of existing 14.5m high pole with new 15m high telegraph pole with 2no. dishes; remove 3no. equipment cabinets and install 2no. new equipment cabinets. **Resolved:** No objection.

154/13 MATTERS ARISING:

1] A proposal to purchase a defibrillator for the village – Members noted that BT have started the process for the Parish Council to adopt the BT Box by the Jet Garage and also the one in Trottscliffe Road as it has been confirmed that it has an electricity supply. It was noted that the Parish Council would be responsible for maintaining the BT Boxes once adopted and that they would need to be added to the insurance schedule. County Councillor Sarah Hohler has advised the Clerk that she would be willing to allocate £1,000.00 of her Member Grant for 2014/15 towards the purchase of a second defibrillator. The Clerk reported that the first defibrillator has been delivered. It was **resolved** to add this defibrillator to the insurance schedule and to keep it for general use in the sports pavilion until the BT Box has been adopted.

2] Proposals for deregistration of the trackway round the village green

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk had attended the site inspection by the Planning Inspectorate on Wednesday 22 January 2014. A decision is expected within weeks. Members were disappointed to learn that road signs had recently been erected around the green and seen by the Planning Inspectorate.

The Clerk had written and reminded the Residents of the Green Association that permission for the erection of any signs or activities on Parish Council land/registered green should be sought. The signs have now been removed.

3) Speedwatch scheme

The Clerk reported that dates had been sent to the volunteers.

4) Seven Mile Lane.

An update was given by the Borough Councillors – see item 153/13 (b).

5) Road safety improvements for Trottiscliffe Road

Members noted that KCC have advised that details about the scheme was sent to the contractor for implementation last week. A programme date for the site works will be given shortly.

6) Emergency Plan

Cllrs. MacDonald-Gay and Robinson suggested it would be useful to set-up a ‘Community Response Team’ of volunteers who would be willing to assist should an emergency occur. In the event of an emergency, such as loss of power, a named co-ordinator could, for instance, check on a number of people in their road. It was **resolved** to hold an Emergency Planning meeting. Cllr. Robinson offered to find out if West Malling Golf Club would be willing to host this event and to obtain some dates. The Clerk will then place a further plea in the March edition of The Pilgrim for parishioners to come forward and offer any skills or equipment such as generators that they have which could be included in the plan and to publicise the date of the proposed meeting.

7) Community Wardens

The Community Wardens had sent some advice on how to prevent thefts from sheds.

8) The Third Wrotham (Addington) Quarry Local Community Stakeholder Meeting

There was no update.

9) Diversion of Public Footpaths MR168/MR171

Members noted that PROW is now processing the application. A site meeting with the case officer is due to take place on Tuesday 11 February 2014. Cllrs. Garrett, Robinson, Macdonald-Gay and the Clerk will attend.

155/13 FINANCE

a) A statement as at 5 February 2014 was circulated:

Balances as at 26 January 2014:

Business Reserve Account	£ 29,086.64
Current Account	£ 1,085.53
Consuls Account	£ 100.00
National Savings Account:	£ 24,349.62

Receipts

Interest on National Savings Account 01.01.13 – 31.12.13	£181.26
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b) Other matters:

1) The cutting of the village greens for the year 2014/15 – The Clerk had now obtained three quotes for the maintenance of the village greens for the year 2014/15. It was **resolved** to accept the quotation from JFDI Groundcare Services for a total cost of £1,480.00

c) Cheques for signature:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary)	1622	£ 520.15
HMRC	(Clerk’s Tax)	1623	£ 10.00
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses)	1624	£ 89.77
Viking	(Stationery)	1625	£ 67.81
Community Heartbeat Trust	(Defibrillator)	1626	£1,975.00
Hedleys Solicitors	(Legal advice)	1627	£1,894.20
Total			£4,556.93

Transfer from Reserve Account to Current Account: £4,600.00

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

157/13 (b) Decisions:

None to report.

c) Other Matters:

21:02hrs Cllr. Garrett expressed a disclosable pecuniary interest and left the meeting. Cllr. Mac-Donald Gay took over as chairman.

1) Big Motoring World, London Road, Addington

T&MBC have looked at the drainage and it does appear that it has been approved. Planning Enforcement will continue to monitor the situation. Members were disappointed to hear that the Clerk has not received a response from T&MBC about whether they have taken any further action on the lighting since issuing a Planning Contravention Notice or about the fact water continues to flow off the site on to the pavement adjacent to the A20. Members agreed that the number of transporters unloading directly on to the A20 seems to have reduced. T&MBC have confirmed that the owner has a new site in Snodland where cars are being stored and displayed for sale. The owner had suggested to the Clerk that with the opening of the new site in Snodland the number of transporters unloading at the Addington site should now be reduced.

21:04hrs Cllr. Garrett returned to the meeting and took over as Chairman.

2) The Caravan, East Street, Addington – T&MBC have advised the Clerk that they are trying to persuade the owner of the caravan site in East Street to remove all the vehicles that are currently stored on site.

3) 13/00038/WORKM - Windsor car breakers, London Road, Addington – regarding alleged unauthorised engineering works. The Clerk had not received a response from Planning Enforcement regarding Member's concerns about the activities taking place on this site.

4) 13/00212/WORKM - Mayhill Farm - alleged works not built in accordance with planning permission TM/07/04297/FL. Planning Enforcement has advised the Clerk that a full response to the letter the Parish Council sent will be given in due course.

5) 13/00224 /USEM - Stubblesdown, London Road, Addington – regarding alleged change of use from residential to mixed residential/commercial use. Planning Enforcement have advised that following the response to the PCN and a meeting with their legal team they do not have any evidence to suggest that a change in use in planning terms at Stubblesdown has occurred. For this reason no further action will be taken. Members were disappointed with this response particularly as photographic evidence of cars on sale outside the property had been submitted.

6) TM/12/03635/OA – Sycamore Place, Trottiscliffe Road, Addington, ME19 5AZ – it was noted that the appeal for outline planning permission for a single 'Lodge' style dwelling house is still in progress.

7) Motor caravans at East Street North – Cllr. Newby offered to investigate and report back to the Clerk with information on the number and type of caravans on this site. It was agreed that the Clerk could forward this information to Planning Enforcement.

8) T&MBC consultation on the development of a revised Local Plan – Members of the Parish Council will be meeting with planning officers at T&MBC on Thursday 27 February 2014 to have an input into the development of a revised Local Plan.

9) TM/13/00786/FL – Blackmans, Trottiscliffe Road, Addington, ME19 5AZ

Demolition of existing detached dwelling house and erection of 3 No. detached dwellings with associated new access and parking and garaging facilities. It was noted that an appeal is in progress.

10) Southlands, St. Vincents Lane, Addington ME19 5BW – the Clerk was asked to report to T&MBC that work to extend the existing garage seems to have commenced without planning permission.

158/13 HIGHWAYS:a) Outstanding:- (as at 5 February 2014)

1] Condition of footpath from East Street to A20 – waiting for a response from KCC.

2] A20 road sweeping and condition of footpath from the Jet garage to Seven Mile Lane – to be reviewed when the proposed works to the junction are complete.

3] Flooding on the A20 near to The Woodlands – KCC need to go back and inspect

4] Streetlight not working on the A20 opposite Miline – will be repaired after the work to the proposed roundabout has been completed.

b) New requiring attention

1] Asphalt has been damaged in Trottiscliffe Road near to the stream.

2] Mud on the footpath on Trottiscliffe Road – Cllr. Robinson offered to contact the golf club and ask them to stop driving their buggies on the footpath.

c) Other matters:

The Clerk was asked to remind the Highways Steward that although the signs have gone on the A20, the posts still need to be removed.

159/13 REPORTS OF MEETINGS:

a) Village Hall – there has been no meeting. The Caravan Club are holding a number of events at the village hall over the next few weeks.

b) Recreation Ground – there has been no meeting. Cllr. Robinson reported that they are still considering the feasibility of installing solar panels and looking at options for how this could be funded.

c) Parish Partnership Panel – there has been no meeting.

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

160/13 OPEN SPACES:

a) Addington Village Green

The Chairman reported that the edge of the village green adjacent to the road had been damaged by a vehicle again. The feasibility of installing bollards was discussed. It was **resolved** that the Clerk explores the feasibility of installing a 3 foot high bund which could be planted with wildflower seed in the Autumn.

161/13 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) For information:-

1] Area 2 Planning Committee – 5 March 2014

2] Joint Transportation Board – 17 March 2014

3] Parish Partnership Panel – 20 February 2014

b) On circulation: -

1] Kent Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter – Jan/Feb 2014

2] KALC – Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2014

3] Clerk & Councils Direct – January 2014

4] Agenda for JPCTCG meeting held on 28 January 2014

5] The Clerk magazine – January 2014

6] Community Warden Service – advice on protecting sheds

7] DCLG Local Government Financial Statement

8] Draft Police & Crime Plan

c) New requiring attention:-

1] KCC consultation on a road casualty reduction strategy for Kent – Cllr. Robinson agreed to respond to the consultation.

2] Consultation on the revised draft to the Kent Police and Crime Plan April 2013 to March 2017 – Cllr, Robinson agreed to respond to the consultation.

3] Kent Men of The Trees Competition 2014 – it was **resolved** to enter the competition again this year.

4] KALC Community Awards – it was **resolved** to nominate Cllr. Robinson for this award which is in recognition of those that have made a significant contribution to their local community.

162/13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1] Cllr. Robinson reported that the Tonbridge & Malling Leaders in Cricket programme for 14-16 years is happening again this year and will be advertised locally.
- 2] Cllr. Robinson will be giving a talk about the developments in the cricket world at a lottery funded Citizen's Advice Bureau event due to take place at Ightham Mote.
- 3] Cllr. Garrett gave her apologies for the next meeting.

163/13 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

Nothing additional to above.

164/13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 5 March 2014 in the Pavilion at 20:00hrs.

165/13 ANY CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were none.

The meeting was closed at 21:40hrs

SignedChairman Date