

ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4 February 2015 at 20:00hrs
in the Pavilion, Park Road.

Present: Mr. S. MacDonald-Gay- Chairman Cllrs. Mrs. M-F Bailey, Mrs. J. Grey
Mrs. A. Holmes and Mr. P. Robinson
County Councillor Sarah Hohler (arrived 21:04)
Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour
1 member of public and PCSO Laura Bullen

150/14] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Borough Councillor Mrs. Ann Kemp and Councillors Mrs. M. Castle and Mrs. P. Garrett.

151/14] DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Cllr. Bailey disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 158/14 (c) (2).

152/14] MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

It was proposed that the Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 January 2015 as a correct record. Agreed.

153/14] MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 15 JANUARY

It was proposed that the Chairman sign the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 15 January 2015 as a correct record. Agreed.

154/14] REPORTS:

a) County Councillor – see page 4.

b) Borough Councillor – Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour reported that both T&MBC and KCC are very busy looking at budgets. Cllr. Balfour suggested that the Clerk contacts the planners at T&MBC to find out how the community could benefit from any S106 payments made by a developer.

20:15 Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour left the meeting

c) PCSO Laura Bullen - PCSO Laura Bullen reported that there was a theft of fuel from the Jet Garage again in January. On the 17 January tools were taken from a van parked at the golf club. Members discussed the disappointing attempted break-in to the workshop on the recreation ground in the evening of the 24 January. CCTV footage has been given to the Police. It was suggested and agreed that the Clerk places some photographs from the CCTV footage of the crime on the Parish Council website.

20:22 PCSO Laura Bullen left the meeting

155/14] MATTERS ARISING:

1] Monthly check of the defibrillator and any other update

The Clerk advised Members that the defibrillator at the Jet Garage is fully operational and that both defibrillators had been checked this month.

2] Seven Mile Lane

KCC have advised the Clerk that there are still a number of issues outstanding. Although the foundations for the new signs have been redone they have not been done to a satisfactory standard. The foundations will be removed and replaced again and the signs will be re-erected. The ducting for the new columns on the south side is done but the columns have not yet been erected. As the scheme is not complete the Stage 3 Safety Audit has not been undertaken. Michael Heath, Traffic Engineer for KCC, has advised the Clerk that he is also frustrated with the lack of progress and will be pressing for the outstanding issues to be resolved.

3) Speedwatch - The Clerk reported that unfortunately the Parish Council did not currently have access to any speedwatch equipment. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would contact other parishes to see if anyone would be willing to share their equipment and/or consider a joint purchase.

4) Kent Men of Trees Competition – It was noted that the Clerk had collected the sisal oak saplings from the supplier used by Kent Men of Trees. The supplier had managed to source and provide 5 saplings. Cllr. Bailey kindly agreed to nurture the saplings until the weather conditions were suitable for them to be planted on the East Street North village green,

5) Play equipment at the recreation ground

Cllr. Robinson is in the process of getting some quotes for replacing the items which are in a poor state. Cllr. Robinson reported that he had registered the project to be considered by Entrust for a Landfill Tax Credit grant.

6) Review of the Parish Plan

The Clerk was asked to consider how the Parish Plan could be reviewed and investigate the merits of doing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk was also asked to find out from T&MBC how the community could benefit from approved housing developments such as that proposed at Plowenders Close if a Neighbourhood Plan is not in place.

156/14] FINANCE

a) A statement as at the 4 February 2015 was circulated:

Balances as at 30 January 2015:

Business Reserve Account	£ 27,199.82
Current Account	£ 1,092.07
Consuls Account	£ 100.00
National Savings Account:	£ 24,532.24

Receipts

National Savings Account Interest 1 January – 31 December 2014: £182.62

b) Other matters:

1) Online banking – The application for online banking has been approved. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk now have access to the accounts online. It was **resolved** that the Chairman should check the accounts on a monthly basis and report to the meeting.

c) Cheques for signature:

Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary- Dec)	1706	£ 551.70
HMRC	(Clerk's Tax)	1707	£ 7.80
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses)	1708	£ 92.95
Total			£652.45

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

157/14] MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

A member of public expressed their concern about what seems to be the felling of trees in the wooded area on the north side of St. Vincents Lane adjacent to Westfields Farm. Concern was also expressed about the time it has taken T&MBC to determine planning application TM/14/01688/FL which was submitted in June 2014. T&MBC have exceeded the statutory time allowed for determining such a planning application and the member of public would like to know on what basis an extension to the statutory determination period had been granted.

158/14] PLANNING:**a) Applications:**Applications:

1] TM/15/00007/FL – Poynings, 6 London Road, Addington, ME19 5BT

New vehicle access to London Road. *Resolved: No objections. Observation: on safety grounds, that this would be an opportunity for KCC to remove all the verges and create a service access.*

b) Decisions:

1] TM/14/03794/LDE – Regents Court, London Road, Addington, ME19 5PL

Lawful Development Certificate: Existing: Class B2 Industrial – Metal working and metal engineering construction. *Certified*

2] TM/14/03605/FL – Kingfishers, Mill House Lane, Addington. ME19 5BA

Two storey extension to rear. *Application withdrawn*

3] TM/14/04035/TNCA – 1 Stone Cottage, Addington Green, ME19 5BB

T1: Oak – reduce crown by 20% to allow more light into the front of the property. *No objection*

c) Other Matters:

1) Big Motoring World, London Road, Addington

Planning Enforcement have visited the site again and having discussed the issues with their legal advisors will be issuing a Notice shortly. The Clerk was asked to find out for what breaches the Notice is being served.

4] Pre-fabs at East Street North – The owner had until the 13 December 2014 to comply with the Breach of Condition Notice. Planning Enforcement has confirmed that the owner has not complied with the Breach of Conditions Notice and that T&MBC will be looking to prosecute. Planning Enforcement are also looking to serve an Enforcement Notice against the use of the site.

20:49 Cllr. Bailey disclosed a pecuniary interest and left the room

2] 13/00038/WORKM - Winsor car breakers, London Road, Addington – regarding alleged unauthorised engineering works. A full response has still not been received from enforcement however enforcement will not be taking any action until the planning proposals recently submitted have been determined. Members **resolved** that the Clerk should contact T&MBC and ask for an explanation as to why it has taken them so long to determine this planning application and on what grounds an extension to the statutory determination period had been granted

20:51: Cllr. Bailey returned to the meeting

4 TM/13/03555/FL – Woodgate Farm, Woodgate Road, Addington – demolition of 2 storage buildings and replacement with 1 B8 storage building split into 2 units with parking and drainage. Members noted that an appeal is still in progress

159/14] HIGHWAYS:

a) Outstanding:- (as at 4 February 2015)

1] A sign on the A20 near the layby at the junction with Trottiscliffe Road needs attention – the damaged sign has been removed, a replacement sign is expected soon.

2] A parking sign which used to be near to the layby on the western side of Stubblesdown on the south side of the A20 needs to be reinstated – The request has been passed to T&MBC to assess.

3] Request for a street sign giving directions to the village hall on the west side of Park Road. KCC have advised the Clerk that they would have no objection to a new sign in Park Road giving directions to the village hall subject to agreement on the location. KCC had suggested erecting a sign in an area around The Seekers Trust. Members felt that a sign erected on the land of a property called Rose Alba in Park Road would be a better position. The Clerk was asked to liaise with KCC about the suitability of this as a location and then write to the owner of to see if they would be happy for a sign to be erected on their land.

4] Branches of conifers, possibly on Seekers Trust land, blocking access along the pavement in Trottiscliffe Road. The branches have now been cut back.

5] New signs on the A20 – the Clerk has advised the Highways Steward that some new signs have appeared on the A20 at Hernwell Farm and also that the golf club has erected another sign.

New requiring attention

- 1] It was noted that the golf club are planning on doing some vegetation clearance at the St Vincents/ A20 junction. The condition of the ragstone wall may need to be addressed.
- 2] A fridge has been dumped on the verge adjacent to the bus stop on the A20 near to the junction with Trottscliffe Road.
- 3] One of the 'Addington' signs is missing on one of the gateways at the entrance to the village on Trottscliffe Road coming from the motorway bridge.
- 4] The felling of trees in the wooded area on the north side of St. Vincents Lane adjacent to Westfields Farm.

b) Other matters:

- 1] Verges and new village sign outside Stubblesdown – KCC are still waiting for a response from the DVLA in order for them to serve a Section 131. The new village sign which has been ordered has still not been installed. T&MBC have acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Parish Council asking again if something could be done to stop the owner of Stubblesdown parking and selling cars on the highways verge on a regular basis.
- 2] Ongoing maintenance on the footbridge at East Street – the Clerk is waiting for a response on whether the works to the footbridge have been completed and if the shrouding will be taken down or whether more works are planned.

21:04 County Councillor Sarah Hohler arrived at the meeting

154/14] REPORTS:

- a) County Councillor – County Councillor Sarah Hohler reported that KCC, as part of the budget preparation, are looking to commission more services to save money rather than cut services. KCC are satisfied that the salting and gritting of the highways etc. has been successful this year. KCC have a long term plan to switch all of the street lights to LED lighting to save money. County Councillor Sarah Hohler was pleased to see that the consultation regarding the KCC proposal to discontinue Stansted CEP School was on the agenda and provided Members with some useful historical information on the school.

21:15 County Councillor Sarah Hohler left the meeting

160/14 REPORTS OF MEETINGS:

- a) Village Hall – a planning application for improvements to the village hall is imminent. The Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee are looking at funding available to upgrade the existing security. The Caravan Club have booked the village hall facilities for a weekend in February.
- b) Recreation Ground – there has been no meeting. The Committee need to look at replacing the damaged shutter door to the workshop, following the recent attempted break-in, with something more heavy duty and improved locks.
- c) Parish Partnership Panel – there has been no meeting. Cllr. Bailey asked the Clerk to find out if an item on planning/design regulations to do with external lighting on commercial premises could be included on the next agenda.
- d) Standards Committee meeting – Members noted that the agenda for the meeting held on the 19 January 2015 had been placed in the correspondence file.

161/14] OPEN SPACES:

- 1] Posts on the green – Members noted that the Clerk is still looking the feasibility of alternative materials for the posts and trying to obtain some quotes.
- 2] Open Space Assessment – T&MBC are assessing the open spaces in the borough as part of the evidence base for the new Local Plan. Cllr. Robinson kindly agreed to respond to the consultation.

162/14] CORRESPONDENCE:a) For information:-

- 1] Area 2 Planning Committee – 4 March 2015
- 2] Joint Transportation Board – 30 March 2015

3] Parish Partnership Panel – 19 February 2015

b) On circulation: -

- 1] T&MBC The Joint Standards Committee – Agenda for meeting 19 January 2015
- 2] Local Council Award Scheme – A guide to the scheme
- 3] JPCTCG – Minutes of meeting held on the 8 January 2015
- 4] Agenda Area 2 Planning Committee Meeting held on 21 January 2015
- 5] Affordable Rural Housing – A practical guide for Parish Councils
- 6] The Clerk Magazine – January 2015
- 7] Clerk & Councils Direct – January 2015

c) New requiring attention:-

- 1] Airport Commission Consultation on proposals for Gatwick Airport – Members noted that none of the neighbouring parishes that had replied to the Clerk had responded to the consultation.
- 2] KCC consultation on a proposal to discontinue Stansted CEP School – Members discussed the consultation papers and although it was considered to be a very sad situation Members resolved to support the KCC proposal to discontinue Stansted CEP School.
- 3] Lorry Parking – Boxley Parish Council – Members **resolved** to support a request that the Parish Council should write to the local MP asking him to support a change of Government legislation to help parishes suffering from illegal lorry parking

163/14] ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

There was none.

164/14] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

- 1] Parish Plan and S106 payments

165/14] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 4 March 2015 at 20:00hrs in the pavilion.

166/14] ANY CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were none.

The meeting was closed at 21:49hrs

SignedChairman Date