

**ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4 January 2017 at 20:00hrs**  
**in the Pavilion, Park Road.**

**Present:** Cllr. Mr. S. MacDonald-Gay – Chairman, Cllrs. Mrs. A. Adams, Mr. P. Annis, Mrs. M-F Bailey, Mrs. P. Garrett, Mrs. A. Holmes, Mr. P. Robinson  
Borough Councillors Ann Kemp and Matthew Balfour  
1 member of public

**134/16] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

County Councillor Sarah Hohler.

**135/16] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

Cllr. Garrett disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 141/16 (c) (1). Cllr. Bailey disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 141/16 (c) (2).

**136/16] MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

It was proposed that Chairman signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7 December 2016 as a correct record. Agreed.

**137/16] REPORTS**

- a) County Councillor – County Councillor Sarah Hohler has advised the Clerk that she has reported that two ivy-clad trees are leaning across St. Vincents Lane and that she has requested signs for Woodgate Road, possibly ‘pedestrians in the road,’ or ‘SLOW’ markings. County Councillor Sarah Hohler does not think speed restrictions in St Vincent's Lane will be possible as it would be difficult to enforce them. Speed/traffic counts are also expensive and it would be difficult to find a good location to put one.
- b) Borough Councillor – Borough Councillor Ann Kemp reported that the layout of the Council Tax bills will be different this year and will explain the changes in the charges. A discussion about the changes in business rates for the recreation ground took place.

*20:11hrs Borough Councillors Ann Kemp and Matthew Balfour left the meeting*

- c) Kent Police – The Chairman reported that there was a theft of some telephone cable in St. Vincents Lane on the 6 December 2016.

**138/16] 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.
- 2] Speedwatch – The Clerk reported that speedwatch will take place at the end of January.
- 3] Play equipment at the recreation ground – No further update.
- 4] T&MBC Call for Sites – There was no update.
- 5] Reinstatement of the footbridge over the M20 – Aone+ arboriculturalist has contacted Liz Guthrie at T&MBC with regards the removal and reinstatement of any trees. The trees recommended for removal are a mix of young, semi-mature field maple, cherry, alder and oak with the exception of one mature cherry. To retain these trees will place severe constraints on the demolition and place additional pressure on retained trees. Liz Guthrie agrees with the proposal for replacement planting of like for like native species with 2-3m standard trees. Replacement planting around the ramp will be discussed when the design for the replacement ramp is finalised. Members **resolved** to approve the proposals on the proviso that there is substantial replanting in terms of providing screening.

6] Developer contribution to community projects – The Clerk had asked T&MBC when the developer contribution towards open space provision within the village set as condition for planning proposal TM/16/02154/FL - Plowenders Close, Addington would be paid. The Clerk has been advised that the contribution is payable prior to occupation of the first dwelling to be constructed.

7] Dark Skies Policies – Members discussed their concerns about external lighting in the village at night time. Members noted that Ashford Borough Council have done a lot of work in trying to promote ‘dark skies’ at night and in particular with the business community. The Clerk was asked to write to both T&MBC and KCC to establish what their policies are when assessing applications which include external lighting. The Clerk was asked to copy County Councillor Sarah Hohler in on the correspondence.

### **139/16] FINANCE**

a) A statement as at 4 January 2017 was circulated:

Business Reserve Account	£ 39,259.17
Current Account	£ 479.58
Consuls Account	£ 100.00
National Savings Account:	£ 24,716.23

**Receipts:** There were none

Other matters:

i] Annual Review of the Risk Management Policy – Members **resolved** to adopt the updated Risk Management Policy.

c) Cheques for signature:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary- December)	1847	£ 373.20
HMRC	(Clerk’s Tax)	1848	£ 248.80
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses December)	1849	£ 91.98
<b>Total</b>			<b>£713.98</b>

**Transfer from Business Reserve Account to Current Account - £700.00**

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

### **140/16] MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

A member of public discussed the fly-tipping in Park Road/St. Vincents Lane.

### **141/16] PLANNING**

**a) Applications:**

1] TM/16/03668/FL – Wychwood, Sandy Lane, Addington, ME19 5BX

Single storey and two storey extension to front and rear and first floor extension and alterations to convert three bedroom bungalow to a five bedroom house with integral garage. *Resolved: No objection.*

**b) Decisions:**

1] TM/16/03424/TNCA – Overlea Cottage, Addington Green, Addington, ME19 5BE

Removing 2 conifer trees and pollarding 1 sycamore tree. *No objection*

2] TM/16/03399/FL- Little Orchard East Street Addington ME19 5DE

Proposed single storey rear extension, two storey front extension and conversion of garage into habitable room. *Approved*

3] TM/16/03251/FL - Rellew Farm Aldon Lane Addington ME19 5PJ

Conversion of agricultural barn into residential accommodation. *Approved*

4] TM/16/03182/FL – 1 Dunckley Villas, Sandy Lane, Addington, ME19 5BX

Demolition of porch. Erection of single storey front extension and entrance porch. *Approved*

### **c) Other Matters**

- 1] Big Motoring World, London Road/Bonheure, Addington – T&MBC are awaiting some additional technical information from the agents concerning the planning proposal for the lights. Once T&MBC have this information they will be looking to report to the Area 2 Planning Committee.
- 2] TM/15/0401/WORKM – Humphries and Parks Ltd, London Road, Addington, ME19 5AN – alleged unauthorised lights - Enforcement have advised that enforcement action has begun
- 3] TM/16/00112/USEH – Stubblesdown, London Road, Addington, ME19 5AL - alleged unauthorised change of use from residential use to mixed residential use/business use - T&MBC have received an appeal against the Enforcement Notice, however the application is only appealing against the time period for compliance with the notice, rather than arguing that planning permission should have been granted.
- 4] Jet Garage – portaloos and new outbuilding for car wash – enforcement are reviewing the situation.
- 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] TM/16/01204/FL – The Birches, Sandy Lane, Addington, ME19 5BX – appeal. Refusal of single storey rear extension housing swimming pool, gym and garage and addition of 2 front dormers and conversion of the garage to living space.
- 7] 16/02154/FL – Plowenders Close, Addington – street naming and numbering consultation for 5 detached bungalows – T&MBC have advised the Clerk that it would be hard for this new piece of road to be accepted as being part of Plowenders Close with its existing numbering scheme. Members discussed this information but agreed that their preference is for the new area of road to be also called Plowenders Close with either new numbering or house names. As an alternative the new area of road could be named Hurricane Close which would be a link to the neighbouring golf course.

### **142/16] HIGHWAYS:**

#### **a) Highways Outstanding:- (as at 4 January 2017)**

- 250282 - Shrubs need removing on eastern side of Trottscliffe Road approaching the junction with the A20 – *works programmed*
- 250280 - Posts on A20 where signs have been displayed by the golf club need removing – *enquiry is under investigation*

#### **PROW Outstanding**

- PROW188652 - a tree has been uprooted on the footpath across the golf course to the main road at the junction with St. Vincents Lane - *works have been programmed*

#### **b) New requiring attention**

- 1] The Clerk was asked to contact the golf club again to remind them that the light on the western of their building is blinding to cars travelling on the A20 in an easterly direction.
- 2] Brambles on footpath on A20 – from Mayhill Farm down to La Casa
- 3] Hernewell Farm – more signage seems to be appearing on the A20
- 4] St. Vincents Lane – hedges and overhanging branches on the road
- 5] Stile on the footpath from East Street village green needs replacing as rotting

#### **c) Other matters:**

- 1] Request for a litter bin at Plowenders lay-by – the Clerk was asked to find out when T&MBC will be installing a bin in this area.
- 2] Woodgate Road/St. Vincents Lane – A decision from KCC is required about whether a ‘pedestrians in road’ type warning sign and some SLOW markings on the road will be possible.
- 3] Width restriction in Trottscliffe Road - Members noted that Highways at KCC have advised the Clerk that they will not be able to fund the additional sign until the new financial year.

### **143/16] REPORTS OF MEETINGS:**

- a) Village Hall – There has been no meeting but Cllr. Robinson reported that the Committee have submitted an application for a grant for the approved alterations to the village hall. Members

were pleased to hear that the Caravan Club had a successful and happy celebration at the village hall over New Year.

b) Recreation Ground Committee – There has been no meeting.

c) Parish Partnership Panel – Cllr. Adams hopes to attend the next meeting due to be held on the 16 February 2017.

d) Standards Committee meeting – Members noted that the meeting due to be held on the 12 January 2017 has been postponed.

e) KALC Area Committee – Cllr. Garrett hopes to attend the meeting due to be held on the 12 January 2017.

#### **144/16] OPEN SPACES:**

1) Protecting trees in the village – The Clerk has arranged to meet with Liz Guthrie at T&MBC on the 31 January 2017 to discuss the next steps for nominating 3 trees to be considered for Tree Preservation Orders.

2) Oak tree on the village green – Bartletts have advised the Clerk that following an inspection of the tree they would recommend a more detailed survey is carried out to check the structural integrity of the tree. Members agreed that this survey should take place.

3) Noticeboard refurbishment – Members agreed that the Clerk should obtain a quote for the noticeboards in Trottscliffe Road and The Clearways to be refurbished.

#### **145/16] CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) For information:-

- 1] Area 2 Planning Committee – 25 January 2017
- 2] Joint Transportation Board – 13 March 2017
- 3] Parish Partnership Panel – 16 February 2017
- 4] Standards Committee – 12 January 2017 - postponed
- 5] KALC Area Committee Meeting – 12 January 2017

b) On circulation: -

- 1] Downs Mail December 2016
- 2] The Parish News – December 2016
- 3] Kent Community Speedwatch Scheme
- 4] KALC Tonbridge & Malling – Agenda for meeting to be held on the 12 January 2017

c) New requiring attention

1) No extension of Council Tax Referendum Principles to Parish Councils – Members were pleased to note that the Government has announced that Council Tax referendum principles have not been extended to Parish and Town Councils in 2017/18.

2) Ban on Parish Councillors attending T&MBC Planning Committee site visits – Members were disappointed to hear that T&MBC have decided, outside the public arena, that they will now ban Parish Councillors and members of the public from attending Planning Committee site visits. Developers will still be allowed to attend. Borough Councillor Mike Taylor had contacted the Clerk to request that the Parish Council register their concerns about this decision with Nicolas Heslop, Leader of T&MBC, direct. Members agreed that the Clerk should register their concerns.

3) Country Eye App – Members noted that County Eye has launched a free App to help Kent residents receive rural information and report information quickly and efficiently.

#### **146/16] ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

1] Woodpeckers, new house off Church Road – which parish benefits from their contribution to a precept?

2] Bumblebees, East Street – seems security cameras are now shining down the road.

**147/16] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

Nothing additional.

**148/16] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 1 February 2017 in the Pavilion at 20:00hrs

**149/16] ANY CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:** There were none.

The meeting was closed at 21:17hrs

Signed .....Chairman Date .....