

**ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 1 March 2017 at 20:00hrs**  
**in the Pavilion, Park Road.**

**Present:** Cllr. Mr. S. MacDonald-Gay – Chairman, Cllrs. Mrs. A. Adams, Mr. P. Annis,  
Mrs. P. Garrett, Mrs. A. Holmes, Mr. P. Robinson  
County Councillor Sarah Hohler  
2 members of public

**166/16] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Borough Councillors Ann Kemp and Matthew Balfour. Councillor Mrs. M-F. Bailey.

**167/16] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

Cllr. Garrett disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 173/16 (c) (1). Cllr. Adams disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 173/16 (a) (3).

**168/16] MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

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

**169/16] REPORTS**

- a) County Councillor – County Councillor Sarah Hohler reported that subject to her being re-elected the road signs for Woodgate Road will then be ordered. KCC set themselves a target for the amount of rubbish being sent to landfill to be reduced to 5% by 2020. KCC have already exceeded this target and just 2.8% of rubbish was sent to landfill last year. It was noted that the proposed new Thames Crossing would funnel more traffic on to the roads around Addington. It was suggested that KCC should think about funnelling this traffic west from Dover. 3,600 more parking spaces for HGVs are planned.  
*20:09hrs County Councillor Sarah Hohler left the meeting*
- b) Borough Councillor – There was no report
- c) Kent Police – The Chairman reported that there was criminal damage to a car parked in London Road, Ryarsh on the 12 February and that a car was broken into in Chapel Close, Ryarsh on the 14 February.

**170/16] 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. The Clerk will check that the electrician has been carrying out some inspections.
- 2) Speedwatch – The Clerk reported that speedwatch will take place again later in the month.
- 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 – There was no update.
- 6) Dark Skies Policies – Members noted that T&MBC have responded and state that they do not have a specific policy relating to external lighting within the Borough but instead rely on more general policies concerning visual, rural and residential amenities contained within the Core Strategy. T&MBC claim that there is some more general text contained within the MDE DPD which reference artificial lighting but this is not followed up by a specific policy. Members **resolved** that the Clerk should contact Ian Bailey at T&MBC, who is responsible for developing the new Local Plan, to discuss proposals for external lighting within the context of the emerging local plan. Members remain concerned whether policies are in place to prevent light pollution in rural areas.

### 7] Addington Green Management Ltd.

Members noted that Shaun Alexander and Peter Catt have stepped down as Directors. The two new Directors are Liz Salter and Phil Mockford. Clarendon Homes have resurfaced the road from outside The Old School House to where it meets Millhouse Lane and with funding from Addington Green Management Ltd. completed the works to the entrance of the trackway. At a recent shareholders meeting it was agreed that each year each shareholder would pay £120.00 to the Company in order to build up a funds for any future work that may be needed. It is hoped that apart from some pothole filling each year there will not need to be any major work for some time.

### **171/16] FINANCE**

a) A statement as at 1 March 2017 was circulated:

Business Reserve Account	£ 37,759.83
Current Account	£ <u>772.56</u>
Less cheque 1851 £248.80	
Less cheque 1853 £99.32	£ <u>424.44</u>
Consuls Account	£ 100.00
National Savings Account:	£ 24,864.73

**Receipts:** There were none.

b) Other matters:

- i) Kent Air Ambulance – Members **resolved** to make a donation of £100.00 following a request for support.
- ii) Proposal to purchase a Flail tractor – Cllr. Robinson requested some financial support for purchasing a flail tractor for use on the recreation ground. Cllr. Robinson was then excluded from a decision about this. Members **resolved** to give £500.00 towards the purchase of the £2,000.00 tractor and also agreed to sign another cheque between meetings up to a sum of £1,500.00 if Cllr. Robinson is unsuccessful in obtaining funding from elsewhere.
- iii) Community Budget – Members noted that on paper it would seem that the community budget for this financial year has not been spent. The Clerk will place a note on the accounts that a sum of £5,000.00 has been promised to the Village Hall Committee should they go ahead with the alterations to the village hall.

c) Cheques for signature:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary- December)	1854	£ 373.20
HMRC	(Clerk's Tax)	1855	£ 248.80
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses December)	1856	£ 91.98
T&MBC	(Stationery)	1857	£ 315.60
Kent Air Ambulance	(Donation)	1858	£ 100.00
Addington Recreation Ground	(Equipment purchase)	1859	£ 500.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£1,629.58</b>

**Transfer from Business Reserve Account to Current Account - £1,400.00**

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

### **172/16] MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

A member of public explained that he had attended on behalf of Big Motoring World.  
20:32hrs a member of public left the meeting

**173/16] PLANNING****a) Applications:**

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. *Resolved: No objections*

2] TM/17/00364/FL – Regency Lodge, London Road, Wrotham Heath, TN15 7RU

Single storey infill and rear extension with roof lanterns, replacement of flat roof over garage with hipped roof extension and 2 x new roof lanterns to existing flat roofed side extensions. *Resolved: No objections*  
20:36hrs Cllr. Adams disclosed a pecuniary interest and left the meeting

3] TM/17/ 00379/LDP – 2A Clearway, Addington, West Malling, ME19 5BP

Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: New front and side door. *Resolved: No objections*  
20:36hrs Cllr. Adams returned to the meeting

**b) Decisions:**

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. *Approved*

2] TM/16/03466/FL – 5 The Links, Addington, ME19 5RX

Single storey front extension to link house to garage. Single storey rear extension. Conversion of part of garage to playroom. *Approved*

**c) Other Matters**

20:53hrs Cllr. Garrett disclosed a pecuniary interest and left the meeting

1] Big Motoring World, London Road/Bonheure, Addington – the two current applications which relate to the extended hours of operation and lighting details are to be decided by the Area 2 Planning Committee due to be held on this evening. Members noted that the Planning Officer is recommending approval for both applications.

20:55hrs Cllr. Garrett returned to the meeting

2] TM/15/0401/WORKM – Humphries and Parks Ltd. London Road, Addington, ME19 5AN – alleged unauthorised lights - Enforcement has advised that enforcement action has begun

3] TM/16/00112/USEH – Stubblesdown, London Road, Addington, ME19 5AL – The appeal paperwork has been received and the applicant has chosen to appeal on the grounds that planning permission should be granted as well as appealing that the time frame for compliance to the notice is too short. T&MBC will be preparing a statement for the Inspector.

4] Jet Garage – portaloos and new outbuilding for car wash – T&MBC are investigating the buildings on the site. The Clerk will ask T&MBC to investigate the drainage on the site in terms of the car washing taking place.

5] TM/16/01377/FL – Sunnysdene, 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 – 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. Members noted that the appeal has been dismissed. As the owner has already started work on the site officers are asking Area 2 Planning Committee for permission to start enforcement action.

7] Rathlea, London Road, Addington - The Clerk was asked to find out why the Parish Council has not been consulted on the name of this property.

**174/16] HIGHWAYS:**

a) Highways Outstanding:- (as at 1 March 2017)

- 265490 - West Malling Golf Club - vegetation to entrance has now been cut back.
- 265493 – The verges outside Endeavour Park. It seems that the Environment Agency which is based in Endeavour Park is willing to pay for bollards or an alternative method of restriction to be erected on the verge to assist in their workers safely

pulling out of the junction. The Enforcement team have requested an update on the situation from the Environment Agency.

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*
- Stile of the footpath from East Street Village Green needs replacing – reported to PROW

b) New requiring attention

- 1] Pothole – on crest of Aldon Lane along A20
- 2] St. Vincents Lane – pothole near to Hedgehogs
- 3] Taylors Lane & Vigo Hill to be closed from 3 April for up to 10 days to enable Southern Water to carry out heavy jetting to clean scale build up.

c) Other matters:

- 1] Woodgate Road/St. Vincents Lane – Members noted that County Councillor Sarah Hohler will fund the signage if she is still in post following the elections in May.

**175/16] REPORTS OF MEETINGS:**

a) Village Hall – Cllr. Robinson reported that both the village hall and recreation ground Committees are looking to train someone up to do electrical PATS testing which would save both organisations money. It was noted that the wattage of the external lights on the village hall has been reduced.

b) Recreation Ground Committee – Cllr. Robinson reported that Mr. Dave Allen has been appointed as the new Treasurer. Various organisation and documents have been altered to reflect the appointment. The Committee are looking at the costs of installing more efficient heaters and also investigating the problem that the changes to the £1 coin will have on the electricity meter. The majority of the plumbing reticulation upgrades have been completed which will help minimise water consumption following the leak test on the supply pipe from the meter to the Pavilion and Village Hall. There is bit of electrical work to do on the urinal flushing motion sensor in the male toilets in the Pavilion. The Committee will then monitor the metered water consumption for a few weeks to confirm that the modifications have reduced the utility costs.

c) Parish Partnership Panel – Cllr. Adams was not able to be held on the 16 February 2017. The minutes of the meeting will be circulated.

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

e) KALC Area Committee – There has been no meeting.

**176/16] OPEN SPACES:**

1] Protecting trees in the village – Members noted that the Clerk and Cllr. Garrett met with Liz Guthrie at T&MBC to discuss the next steps for nominating 3 trees to be considered for Tree Preservation Orders. Cllr. Garrett reported that two of the trees which are on private land were considered not to be under any current threat. The owner of the third tree is happy for the Parish Council to try and obtain a TPO. The Clerk will now start this process off. Liz Guthrie was very reassuring and stated that the protection of trees is considered to be very important when assessing any planning proposal.

2] Oak tree on the village green – Members have previously accepted a quote of £650.00 plus VAT from Bartletts for a full arboricultural report on the old oak tree on the green **resolved** to accept a further quote of £528.00 for the ivy to be removed from the tree prior to conducting any internal tests. The Clerk will find out if they would be willing to reduce the quote for doing both and whether they could carry out an age assessment.

**177/16] CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) For information:-
- 1] Area 2 Planning Committee – 1 March 2017
  - 2] Joint Transportation Board – 13 March 2017
  - 3] Parish Partnership Panel – 16 February 2017
  - 4] Standards Committee – 14 June 2017
  - 5] KALC Area Committee Meeting – 11 May 2017
- b) On circulation: -
- 1] Parish Partnership Panel – Agenda for meeting held on 16 February 2017
  - 2] Area 2 Planning Committee – Agenda for meeting held on 1 March 2017
  - 3] The Parish News – February 2017
  - 4] JPCTCG – Minutes of meeting held on 23 January 2017
  - 5] T&MBC update on Special Expenses and Churchyards
  - 6] Clerk & Councils Direct March 2017
  - 7] Tonbridge & Malling Community Safety Partnership – Newsletter – March/April 2017
  - 8] Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2017/18
  - 9] Parish Partnership Panel – Minutes of meeting held on 16 February 2017
- c) New requiring attention
- 1] New online Council Tax billing – Members noted the new T&MBC online billing service for Council Tax.
  - 2] Members site inspections – Members noted that in future no members of the public will be able to attend Members site inspections. One representative from the Parish Council will be able to attend. Members noted the procedures for site inspections.
  - 3] Consultation for Public Space Protection Order in Tonbridge & Malling – the consultation was discussed. Members support the proposals within the consultation and the Clerk was asked to respond on behalf of the Parish Council
  - 4] How to Keep it Local Guide - noted.

**178/16] ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1] MP Thomas Tugendhat has invited local residents to a session due to be held on the 24 March 2017 at 7.30pm in Leybourne Village Hall where representatives from BT and other service providers will be present to discuss any problems with broadband speeds.
- 2] The Clerk will send out the invitations for the Annual Parish Meeting and will find out if Ian Fern would be willing to give a talk on the quarry. If Ian Fern is not available Cllr. Robinson agreed to find out if someone would be willing to come and talk about fire hydrants.

**179/16] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

There were none.

**180/16] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 April 2017 after the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.30pm in the Pavilion

**181/16] ANY CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:** There were none.

The meeting was closed at 21:20hrs

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