

ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3 October 2018 at 20:00hrs
in the Pavilion, Park Road.

Present: Cllr. Mr. S. Macdonald-Gay – Chairman Cllrs. Mrs. A. Adams, Mr. P. Dey, Mrs. P. Garrett, Mrs C. Short
Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour

85/18] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

County Councillor Sarah Hohler, Borough Councillor Ann Kemp and Councillors Mrs. M-F Bailey and Mr. P. Robinson

86/18] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr Garrett expressed a pecuniary interest in 93/18 (c) (1).

87/18] MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was proposed that the Chairman signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5 September 2018 as a correct record. Agreed.

88/18 CO-OPTION

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Dey to the meeting. Mr. Dey read out and signed a Written Undertaking document which was also signed by the Clerk. Mr. Dey submitted a completed copy of his Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests which will be forwarded to the Monitoring Officer at T&MBC and will eventually be placed on the website. A copy of the Model Code of Conduct and Standing Orders have been given to Mr. Dey.

89/18] REPORTS

a) County Councillor – There was no report

b) Borough Councillor – Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour discussed his new role at Kent County Council looking at social isolation and loneliness. Government research has proved that community involvement is a key factor in terms of health and well-being. Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour also advised that T&MBC has approved a new handling of household waste contract.

20:15hrs Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour left the meeting

c) Kent Police – Cllr. Macdonald-Gay reported that on the 6 September 2018 a motorcycle was stolen from a drive in London Road and on the 7 September a car was stolen from Trottscliffe Road. On the 10 September fence panels to a property in Wrotham Water Lane, Trottscliffe were damaged.

90/18] 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 2 sessions took place in September and more will be planned.

3] Play equipment at the recreation ground – The Clerk is waiting to hear from a group of residents about their ideas on raising funds for new play equipment. Cllr. Day stated that he would be happy to assist this group with suggestions for funding and installation.

4] T&MBC Local Plan Development - Members noted that the formal public consultation on the draft Local Plan, required under Regulation 19, has commenced. Parish councils and members of the public have until the 12 November 2018 to give comments. KALC are holding a workshop on the 17 October 2018 which will give guidance to Parish Councils on how to respond to the consultation. The Clerk and Cllr. Adams agreed to attend the workshop. Members were asked to pass their comments on the proposed Local Plan to the Clerk so that a draft response can be considered at the next meeting.

5] Reinstatement of the footbridge over the M20 – Members expressed their disappointment with an article that had appeared in the Downs Mail between meetings which suggested that the Parish Council were

responsible for the delay in the replacement footbridge being installed by Highways England. In between meetings Members had approved the wording of an article explaining that the delays were due to Highways England not obtaining the necessary Section 38 Consent to erect the footbridge on Common Land belonging to the Parish Council. The editor at Downs Mail asked the Clerk to withdraw a claim that the article in their publication was factually incorrect and has subsequently refused to publish this article. Members **resolved** that the Clerk should submit the article to the Kent Messenger for publication. Meanwhile Highways England has advised the Clerk that they are still awaiting critical information on the proposed site works arrangements (temporary access and permanent works) from A-One Plus to enable them to complete a Section 38 application. Highways England are hoping to form a realistic programme for completing all the required tasks and ultimately the construction of the bridge. MP Tom Tugendhat has been copied in on all of the correspondence.

6] Smart Motorway Junction 3-5 –. MP Tom Tugendhat, on behalf of the Parish Council, has written to the Highways England’s Director of Major Projects, Peter Mumford, requesting noise barriers to be installed in the East Street and The Paddocks area which would not only benefit these properties but the whole village. MP Tom Tugendhat is also pressing for a full resurfacing of the whole carriageway with lower noise tarmac as part of these works. The projects team have confirmed this is not in their remit, though completing this now would result in savings from Highways England’s maintenance budget in future years. MP Tom Tugendhat has asked the Chancellor, with the support of other local MP’s, that he considers giving Highways England additional funds to do this work. The Clerk was asked to place an article in The Pilgrims asking residents to support a request for noise barriers and a complete resurfacing of the M20 which would benefit the whole village by contacting MP Tom Tugendhat.

7] New Website – The Clerk reported that the new website is now fully operational.

8] General Data Protection Regulation – The Clerk has issued login details and passwords for each Councillor to have a generic email addresses which is linked to the proposed new website. Members are in the process of activating these accounts. The Clerk has completed the registration with the ICO.

9] First World War Centenary Event – 11 November 2018 – An article has been placed in The Pilgrims about the event to be held as a joint venture with St Margaret’s Church. The event will start at 5pm on Sunday 11 November 2018 and will feature displays and memorabilia from the era. The beacon will be lit at 6pm. Cllrs. Garrett, Adams, Short and the Clerk will meet with representatives from the Church on Tuesday 9 October 2018 to discuss all of the details. The Clerk will place further information about this event in the Pilgrims and on the website and noticeboards. The Clerk has taken delivery of a 6 foot ‘Tommy’ figure to be displayed as part of the commemorative events. The Clerk will arrange for the silhouette to be insured and installed on Addington Green. Members agreed this would be a good place to install the silhouette but also agreed it would be beneficial to move it around the village.

91/18] FINANCE

a) A statement as at 3 October 2018 was circulated:

Business Reserve Account	£ 35,248.04
Current Account	£ 12,784.81
Consuls Account	£ 100.00
National Savings Account:	£ 24,981.90

Receipts: T&MBC Precept Second Instalment - £11,500.00
VAT Refund - £1,056.82

b) Other matters:

1] Special Expenses query regarding The Links –T&MBC has advised that if the current contractor ceased cutting the grass at the Links the impact on the overall contract sum would be a minimal reduction, if indeed there were a reduction at all. Therefore, asking the Parish Council to cut this area would not result in any financial efficiency and there would be no funding available. T&MBC has advised that this arrangement could be reassessed in the future when the contract is re-tendered. Members agreed that the Clerk

should contact the Director of Street Scene Leisure and Technical Services at T&MBC to express an interest in investigating the feasibility of the Parish Council taking on the cutting of the grass in the Links long term and what savings this could mean for residents.

c) Cheques for signature:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary- August)	1964	£ 320.38
HMRC	(Tax – August)	1965	£ 320.37
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses –September)	1966	£ 124.14
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Tommy Silhouette)	1967	£ 776.30
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(ICO registration)	1968	£ 40.00
Four Seasons Gardens	(Grass cutting)	1969	£ 246.00
Total			£1,827.19

Transfer from Current Account to Business Reserve Account - £10,800.00

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

92/18] MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were no members of public present

93/18] PLANNING

a) Applications: There were none to consider

b) Decisions:

1] TM/18/01709/FL – Southfields, St Vincents Lane, Addington

Proposed basement extension comprising a subterranean swimming pool, Jacuzzi, shower room and plant room. *Approved*

2] TM/18/01628/LDE – Bumblebee Barn, East Street, Addington

Lawful Development Certificate: Existing use of land South of Bumblebee Barn as garden area for a period in excess of 10 years. *Certified*

3] TM/18/01279/OA – Regents Court, London Road, Addington

Demolition of existing buildings and containers and erection of new workshop building to serve existing engineering business with landscaping reserved. *Approved*

c) Other Matters

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

2] Stubblesdown, London Road – Members noted that there has been no car selling activities recently.

3] Fly tipping – Members were pleased to hear that there has been no fly-tipping incidents recently though Cllr. Short commented on the amount of cans which have been disposed of in St. Vincents Lane. The Clerk has asked T&MBC, and is waiting for a response, about whether the Parish Council could erect a warning sign about fly tipping in St Vincents Lane on land which the owner has previously given permission for a sign to be installed.

4] 16/00337/USEH - Jet Garage – portakabin/portaloos for car wash – An Enforcement Notice was served on the 23 July 2018 with a compliance date of the 22 September 2018. An appeal was lodged against the initial Enforcement Notice. The Clerk was asked to find out what action Enforcement will now be taking. Environmental Services at T&MBC has investigated a query about rats being present on the premises and has reported that the site does have a Pest Control Contract with a reputable Company and documentation showed that the site has been recently visited. Some rodent activity was determined, but this is being addressed by means of bait boxes on the site.

5] TM/18/00138/WORKH – Investigation Land East of B2016 and south of London Road, Addington – The Clerk has reported a new entrance and the erection of fencing on this area of land to Enforcement. Enforcement have written to the owner requesting that the fencing is removed.

6] 17/00312/WORKH – The Seekers Trust – T&MBC served an Enforcement Notice on the 20 June 2018 requiring the removal of the single storey building for the storage of fish within the grounds. No appeal was lodged against this or the refusal of planning application TM/18/00268/FL, therefore the 6 month

compliance period has begun and the owner has until the 20 January 2019 to comply with the Notice to remove the structure.

7] 17/00182/USEM – 6 Hazelview, East Street – Enforcement are still waiting for a formal planning application regarding a change of use from residential to mixed residential/business use to facilitate a window cleaning business. The Clerk was asked to find out how long the owner has to comply with this request before enforcement action is taken.

94/18] HIGHWAYS:

a) Highways & PROW enquiries Outstanding:- (as at 3 October 2018)

1] Enquiry 364398 - Standing light on the island near to the junction of the A20 with Trottiscliffe Road is still not working. The Clerk has reported this several times and the portal is suggesting that it has been fixed. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Steward to report this problem.

2] Enquiry 383686 – Park Road. The Highways Steward has advised that there is a degree of erosion and minor breakout occurring between the Churchfield junction and Trottiscliffe Road junction. A job has been raised for these areas to be patched. This will require a minor road closure between these two junctions and a preliminary works/closure date has been agreed with the contractor for the 11 and 12 October 2018.

b) New requiring attention

1] Sandy Lane – the Clerk to report 3 pot holes at The Clearway end of Sandy Lane

c) Other matters:

1] Bus waiting times at bus stop Trottiscliffe Road – Members noted that despite promises from Arriva that the new bus timetable would improve waiting times for the buses at this junction that this has not been the case. It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

2] Recycling ‘Bring’ Sites in the Borough - Members discussed recent communication from T&MBC advising that as the new waste and recycling collection service will commence next year, offering a much improved recycling collection service from the home, that they believe the usage of many of the recycling bring sites (47 in total) will fall once the new kerbside service starts. This reduction has apparently been demonstrated in other boroughs when a comprehensive kerbside collection is introduced and the numbers of bring sites have been reduced or removed completely. The plan is to reduce the number of recycling bring sites to 10. Although Members understood the reasoning behind this reduction there was a general concern that the reduction in recycling bring sites and the proposed charging structure for disposing of household garden waste could mean more fly-tipping in villages such as Addington.

3] Proposal for a speed reduction on the A20 – Members noted that the Clerk had written a strong letter of support to KCC for a speed reduction on the A20 from 50mph to 40mph from Brickfields to the Wrotham side of the Trottiscliffe Road/Church Road crossroads. The Clerk also requested a reduction of the speed limit from 60mph to 50mph to be considered on the stretch of the A20 around Aldon Lane. Members were disappointed to hear that KCC have consulted with the Kent Police Traffic Management office and been have advised that the road environment, as it stands at this time, does not fit the DfT criteria for a 40mph limit. Further development may result in a change but will need to be assessed at the time. County Councillor Sarah Hohler is still pressing for this speed change and will investigate what further action could be taken.

95/18] REPORTS OF MEETINGS:

a) Village Hall Committee – In between meetings the Committee asked the Parish Council to form a team for the quiz night.

b) Recreation Ground Committee – There was no report.

- c) Parish Partnership Panel – Cllr. Adams attended the meeting held on the 6 September 2018. The main areas of discussion were the consultation on the Local Plan and on the new household waste contract. The minutes of the meeting have been placed in the circulation file.
- d) Standards Committee meeting – There has been no meeting as the meeting due to be held on the 15 October 2018 was cancelled.
- e) KALC Area Committee – Cllr. Garrett will attend the meeting due to be held on the 4 October 2018.

96/18] OPEN SPACES:

- 1] Oak Tree on village green – The Clerk will ask Neil Moulton if he could inspect a growth on the trunk of the old oak tree.

97/18] CORRESPONDENCE:

a) For information:-

- 1] Area 2 Planning Committee – 7 November 2018
- 2] Joint Transportation Board – 26 November 2018
- 3] Parish Partnership Panel – 15 November 2018
- 4] Standards Committee – 15 January 2019
- 5] KALC Area Committee Meeting – 4 October 2018

b) On circulation: -

- 1] KALC – Minutes of meeting held on 2 August 2018
- 2] Agenda Area 2 Planning Committee 2018
- 3] Parish Partnership Panel – Agenda for meeting due to be held on 6 September 2018
- 4] The Clerk Magazine – July 2018
- 5] Tonbridge & Malling Community Safety Partnership Newsletter – September/October 2018
- 6] Hospice in the Weald News – Summer 2018
- 7] KALC – News September 2018
- 8] Roughetts Sandpit – Briefing Document July 2018
- 9] Tonbridge & Malling Parish Partnership Panel – KCC Services Update

c) New requiring attention:

- 1] KCC ‘Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Consultation – noted.
- 2] Big Conversation - Update – information from KCC was noted.

98/18] ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None to report

99/18] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: Nothing additional.

100/18] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 November 2018 in the Pavilion

101/18] ANY CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS: There was none.

The meeting was closed at 21:49hrs

SignedChairman Date