

**ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3 July 2019 at 22:00hrs**  
**in the Pavilion, Park Road.**

**Present:** Cllr. Mrs. P. Garrett – Chairman, Cllrs. Mrs. A. Adams, Mrs. L. Chalk Mr. P. Robinson,  
Mrs. C. Short

**53/19] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

County Councillor Sarah Hohler, Borough Councillors Ann Kemp and Piers Montague and Councillor Stephen MacDonald-Gay.

**54/19] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

Cllr. Short declared a pecuniary interest in item 60/19 (a) (4).

**55/19] MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

It was proposed that the Chairman signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5 June 2019 as a correct record. Agreed.

**56/19] REPORTS**

- a) County Councillor – There was no report
- b) Borough Councillor – There was no report.
- c) Kent Police – Cllr. Garrett reported that in June there was an attempted break-in into a new residential property on a building site, no access was gained. On the 20 June 2019 there was an attempted break-in into a new container in a yard on Addington Lane. Four barns have also been reported as broken into and items stolen in London Road.

**57/19] 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. Cllr. Robinson gave the defibrillator for the sports pavilion to the Clerk to check and order replacement parts if necessary.
- 2] Speedwatch – A lack of volunteers means the scheme is unable to continue at the moment.
- 3] Play equipment at the recreation ground – The Clerk has placed the order for both the groundworks and equipment and is waiting to hear about possible installation dates. The contractor will arrange a set-up meeting which the Clerk will attend with either Cllr. Robinson or Peter Mcdermot from the Recreation Ground Committee.
- 4] T&MBC Local Plan Development – T&MBC has advised the Clerk that they are not able to arrange a meeting to include presentations on the forecasts for local demographics for the BART parishes as they are too busy preparing for the Local Plan Inspection.
- 5] Reinstatement of the footbridge over the M20 – Highways England has submitted the Section 38 application and are in the process of making arrangements for the advertising of the official Notice. The Clerk was asked to find out what remedial works are planned for the reinstatement of the area once the works are completed.
- 6] Smart Motorway Junction 3-5 – The Clerk has been copied in on correspondence between Highways England and residents in The Paddocks who can now see a large newly erected gantry on the M20 from their properties which they feel they should have been consulted about. Members discussed this situation and resolved that the Clerk should contact MP Tom Tugendhat to see what he could do to help.
- 7] Kent Men of The Trees Competition 2019 – The Clerk has submitted an application form and is waiting to hear when the Judge will visit. Cllrs. Garrett and Short offered to accompany the Clerk on the visit with the Judge. The Clerk is in the process of sourcing a replacement sapling for one that has previously been won.
- 8] Communication with parishioners – Members discussed their concerns about ‘Nextdoor’ which is social media account for communicating with residents following recent incidents of letters and emails being received by people who have not subscribed to the account. Members discussed other forms of social media

and agreed that the Clerk should investigate setting up a Parish Council Facebook page and find out whether it could be linked to the website.

9] Vacancy on the Parish Council – The Clerk has advertised the vacancy on the noticeboard, website and in the Pilgrims.

### 58/19] FINANCE

a) A statement as at 3 July 2019 was circulated:

Business Reserve Account	£44,811.68
Current Account	£ <u>391.39</u>
Less cheque 2012	£ 150.00
Less cheque 2013	£ 10.00
Less cheque 2019	£ 75.00
	£ <u>156.39</u>
Consuls Account	£ 100.00
National Savings Account:	£ 25,163.07

b) **Receipts:** There were none

c) Other matters:

1] Bank Mandate – The Clerk has submitted the revised Bank Mandate online to NatWest and will find out why they have not been in touch to add the new signatories.

2] Consolidate Stock Account – The Clerk is investigating the benefits of keeping the Stock Account or whether it would be better to cash it in. The Clerk may need to take the certificate in to the Bank of England to discuss the options available. Cllr. Adams offered to take the certificate in to the Bank of England if needed.

3] Internal Auditor Report – Members noted the full report of the internal auditor and **resolved** to take on the recommendation that the interviewing and appointment of co-opted Councillors is voted on and recorded in the minutes.

c) Cheques for signature:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary- June)	2021	£ 547.20
HMRC	(Tax – June)	2022	£ 136.80
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses –June & July)	2023	£ 196.12
Satswana	(DPO service for 1 year)	2024	£ 180.00
SLCC	(50% annual membership)	2025	£ 68.00
Lionel Robbins	(Internal Audit)	2026	£ 75.00
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary – July post-dated)	2027	£ 547.20
HMRC	(Tax – July post-dated)	2028	£ 136.80
Brindle Installations	(Install emergency phones)	2029	£ 216.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£2103.12</b>

**Transfer from the Business Reserve Account to the Current Account - £2,100.00**

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

### 59/19] MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

There were no members of the public.

**60/19] PLANNING****a) Applications:**

1] TM/19/01067/FL – Scarbutts, London Road, Addington, ME19 5AN

Redevelopment of the site to provide 10 x detached dwelling houses with associated parking, turning, landscaping and improvements to the access road.

*Resolved: Object. Members feel that proposal by virtue of the size and proposed number of dwellings constitutes inappropriate development and overcrowding of this green belt site. Members do not feel that the village needs more large dwellings and have concerns about the impact of the run-off from these properties on the drainage and sewers in this location. Members also do not agree that the developer should not make any S106 contributions to the village and feel that if T&MBC are mindful to grant permission that an allowance should be made for this and in particular for local leisure facilities. Members also have concerns about the access to the site and the increase of vehicle movements on to this busy stretch of the A20. In conclusion Members disagree with the conclusion that Very Special Circumstances exist for planning permission to be granted.*

2] TM/19/01023/FL – Land between M20 and M20 East of Ford Lane, Wrotham Heath

Erection of forestry building and yard. *Resolved: No objection*

3] TM/19/01202 – Mayhill Barn, London Road, Addington, ME19 5AN

Erection of two storey side extension (renewal of planning permission TM/13/02085/FL.

*Resolved: No objection*

*Cllr. Chalk declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion*

4] TM/19/01390/OA – West Malling Golf Club, London Road, Addington

Outline application: Erection of 3 dwellings with all matters reserved apart from access to land south of Sycamore House, East Street, Addington.

*Resolved: Object. The proposal by virtue of the size, position and proposed layout constitutes inappropriate development within the Green Belt, which is harmful by definition and would result in material harm to the openness of the Green Belt. No very special circumstances are considered to exist that outweigh these identified harms to the Green Belt. Members are also concerned about the access arrangements and potential increase in vehicle movements on to this narrow lane.*

**b) Decisions:**

1] TM/19/00867/OA – Land North of Mill House Lane, Addington

Outline Application: Apportioning of existing land to create two residential units. *Refused*

2] TM/19/00586/FL – Jungle Café, London Road, Addington

Demolition of existing café, bungalow and garage building, erection of two pairs of semi- detached dwellings and one new detached dwelling with associated access, landscaping and parking facilities – amended proposed drawings. *Approved*

**c) Other Matters**

1] 16/00337/USEH - Jet Garage portakabin/portaloos for car wash – Enforcement has advised that the appeal has been refused and that the Enforcement Notice has been upheld and amended to extend the compliance period to four months to cease the hand car wash use and remove all associated structures by 28 October 2019.

2] TM/18/02608/FL – Land East of Mayhill Bungalow, London Road – An appeal has been made by the applicant against the decision by T&MBC to refuse the above mentioned proposal.

3] The Jays, East Street – The Clerk has reported to Enforcement that the new occupants of The Jays, East Street have erected a very large timber structure on a hardstanding at the rear of the property.

**61/19] HIGHWAYS:**

a) Highways & PROW enquiries Outstanding:- (as at 3 July 2019)

1] PROW – the rotten post at the top of the footpath outside the church has been reported

2] PROW – maintenance needed to the public footpath crossing Aldon Lane. The Clerk has reported.

3] Enquiry 426869 - Trottiscliffe Road – The Clerk has reported that trees are overhanging the pavement from a property called Peacehaven. KCC have arranged for works to take place.

4] Enquiry 425724 – the standing light at the junction of the A20 and Trottiscliffe Road is not working again. Engineers are due to inspect.

b) New requiring attention

1] The Clerk to report a new dropped kerb near to The Chestnuts which could be causing a disturbance to the Neolithic burial ground.

c) Other matters:

1] Big Conversation Update – Cllr. Adams attended a meeting held on the 21 June 2019 to discuss the final service details, a start date and publicity. The new service is due to start on the 15 July 2019 and timetables will be widely publicised. Cllr. Adams explained that it will be possible to get this new bus service to stop on the A20 to collect passengers.

2] Bus service from Trottiscliffe Road – The Clerk was asked to contact the bus company again about the ongoing problem of buses waiting a long time at the bus stop in Trottiscliffe Road and blocking the sight lines of the neighbouring roads.

3] Fly-tipping standards – T&MBC has advised that the new Waste Contract does establish response times for fly-tips following notification to the contractor. Key Performance Indicators have also been established. It was noted that the Officer covering Addington is on sick leave for a few months and it is hoped that this will not affect response times. Response times are linked to Priority Levels which are based on location and material type. Priority 1 is 12 hours, Priority 2 is 48 hours and Priority 3 is 72 hours.

4] Ferns/Wrotham Quarry – Members noted communication between KCC and Ian Fern, owner of the quarry, following a complaint from a resident about the noise from the quarry with the tunnel construction. The Clerk was asked to advise Ian Fern that he was very welcome to attend Parish Council meeting to keep an open dialogue.

**62/19] REPORTS OF MEETINGS:**

a) Village Hall Committee – Cllr. Robinson reported that there is a new regular user of the hall. Yoga classes are now being held weekly which will help boost income.

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

c) Parish Partnership Panel – Cllr. Adams reported on the meeting held on the 13 June 2019. The new mayor attended the meeting and seems keen to work with the Parishes. Representatives from Southern Water discussed the problems residents are experiencing in Borough Green, Wrotham and Platt with drainage and sewers. It was explained that Inspectors are now appointed to ensure the Local Plan is deliverable. A positive report was given about the new waste contractor who has been in place for 3 months and complaints about missed bins are already down by 6% and other complaints are down 48%. A project called Bridge Works was discussed. This is a 2,000 year history of bridges over the Medway plus the story of Rochester Bridge Trust at Tonbridge Castle.

d) Standards Committee – Cllr. Short and the Clerk attended the meeting held on the 12 June 2019 where T&MBC gave a presentation on the Code of Conduct. No changes have been made since the last time this presentation was given.

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

**63/19] OPEN SPACES:**

The Clerk met with Bartlett Tree consultants and is waiting for a quote for further maintenance works. Bartlett have suggested that a full survey should be carried out next year but were pleased to see that the tree is presenting well. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote from Four Seasons to remove a dead branch from a tree on the village green.

**64/19] CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) For information:-

- 1] Area 2 Planning Committee – 3 July 2019
- 2] Joint Transportation Board – 23 September 2019
- 3] Parish Partnership Panel – 5 September 2019
- 4] Standards Committee – 15 October 2019
- 5] KALC Area Meeting – TBC

b) On circulation: -

- 1] Area 2 Planning Committee – Agenda for meeting 3 July 2019
- 2] Parish Partnership Panel – Minutes of meeting held on the 13 June 2019
- 3] KALC News – June 2019
- 4] Joint Standard Committee – Copy of presentation slides from meeting held on 12 June 2019

c) New requiring attention: Nothing new to consider

**65/19] ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Village Event – it was noted that this was very well attended and that there is a desire to hold such an event every year  
 Opening of new playground – noted that an opening ceremony should be arranged  
 Cllr. Garrett gave her apologies for the next meeting

**66/19] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

Nothing additional.

**67/19] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 20:00hrs in the Pavilion

**68/19] ANY CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS: There was none.**

The meeting was closed at 21:35hrs

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