

ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a virtual Parish Council Meeting held on the 4 November 2020 at 20:00hrs

Present: Cllr. Mrs P. Garrett – Chairman, Cllrs. Mrs. A. Adams, Mr. P. Robinson, Mrs. C. Shor

88/20| APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Sarah Hohler, Borough Councillors Ann Kemp and Piers Montague and Councillors Mrs. L. Chalk and Mr S. MacDonald-Gay

89/20| DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were none.

90/20| MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was proposed and agreed that Chairman, sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7 October 2020.

91/20| REPORTS

- a) County Councillor – County Councillor Sarah Hohler has advised the Clerk that she has objected strongly to the fact KCC will not be replacing the flashing sign at the junction of the A20 and Trottscliffe and feels KCC should fund a replacement. County Councillor Sarah Hohler has advised the Clerk that if the Parish Council fund the replacement sign that she may be able to contribute some of her Member Grant.
- b) Borough Councillor – Borough Councillor Ann Kemp has advised the Clerk that an announcement will be made soon about compensating residents who did not receive their garden waste bins for many weeks and also for when the bins were not emptied during the first Lockdown. It is expected that any affected households will get two months free collection.
- c) Kent Police – On Saturday 3 October 2020 between 6:30pm and 7:00pm both number plates were stolen from a vehicle parked in the road.

92/20| 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 BT boxes have also recently been cleaned. The Clerk was pleased to report that T&MBC has removed the black bin next to the defibrillator.
- 2] Speedwatch – A lack of volunteers means the scheme is unable to continue at the moment. Kent Police has advised the Clerk that speedwatch is not allowed to continue during the second Lockdown.
- 3] T&MBC Local Plan Development – The Clerk reported that the Planning Inspectorate has suspended the Local Hearing. It is not known why it has been suspended or when it will re-commence.
- 4] Reinstatement of the footbridge over the M20 – Works continue in East Street on reinstating the footbridge. Cllr. Garrett and the Clerk went to the site and met with the contractor who seemed keen to ensure that all local residents are happy with their presence. Cllr. Garrett was pleased to report that a Notice of Exemption has been displayed as the works are taking place on both the registered common land and village green at East Street. It is expected that the footbridge will be craned into place on the weekend of the 28 November 2020 and the M20/M26 will be closed overnight. Further works to the ramps will be required and the project is expected to be completed January 2021 despite the second Lockdown. Works to reinstate the area will then follow.
- 5] Waste Collection – review of new arrangements – Cllr. Garrett reported that when Sandy Lane was closed last week for roadworks the bins were not emptied and expressed disappointment that there seems to be no communication between T&MBC and KCC. The Clerk was asked to raise this issue with T&MBC to try and ensure that this situation does not happen again. Cllr. Short suggested that a rebate of just two months for residents who subscribed to the garden waste collection is not enough given that the whole collection service

has been a shambles. Members agreed that all residents should be given a rebate for the poor service received for the whole waste collection service this year.

93/20| FINANCE

a) A statement as at 4 November 2002 was circulated:

Balances as at 4 November 2020:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Business Reserve Account | £ 29,652.45 |
| Current Account | £ 834.92 |
| Less cheques 2115 & 2117 | <u>£ 581.32</u> |
| National Savings Account: | £ 25,364.38 |

Receipts: None

| <u>Supplier</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Cheque Number</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Mrs L S Goldsmith | (Salary - October) | 2118 | £ 561.10 |
| HMRC | (Tax – October) | 2119 | £ 140.40 |
| Mrs L S Goldsmith | (Expenses – October) | 2120 | £ 174.11 |
| Mrs L S Goldsmith | (Stationery) | 2121 | £ 67.27 |
| Squeak'n'Clean | (Defibrillator box | 2122 | £ 80.00 |
| Four Seasons | (Grounds | 2123 | £ 91.73 |
| Total | | | £1,114.61 |

Transfer from Business Review Account to Current Account: £1,000.00

b) Other matters:

1] To set a date for a Precept discussion meeting - It was resolved for Cllrs. Garrett and Short to hold a virtual meeting with the Clerk on Wednesday 9 December 2020 at 2pm to discuss the budget and precept requirements for 2021/22.

2] Grass cutting contract 2021 – Members were in agreement that the Clerk should obtain at least two quotes for the grass cutting contract for 2021.

c) Cheques for Signature - Approved

94/20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

None present.

95/20| PLANNING

a) Applications:

1] TM/20/02204/FL – Bumblee Barn, East Street, Addington, ME19 5DG

Demolition of existing outbuilding, erection of detached dwelling with parking and associated hard and soft landscaping. Erection of detached garages, relocation of existing access gates within the site and creation of second driveway to proposed house.

Resolved: Object. There is an active golf course to the east of the property and the proposed new dwelling would be on the edge of the course and we can see no suggestion of robust screening. There is also a footpath beside the northern edge of the property. The proposal does not discuss how this will be protected. We note that the Ecological Survey was not done on site. We are very concerned about the stream that runs under East Street into a small pond to the south west of this property. This stream then goes underground to the golf course and there have been many floods and blockages over the years and we do not feel the proposal addresses this water course. A planning application for a hotel in this vicinity was refused some years ago because of concerns about this water course and flooding. We feel that the proposed dwelling is out of keeping with the neighbouring listed properties. We would also insist that the status of the garden should remain as incidental and not domestic. We object as we feel that the proposed dwelling will impact the openness of the green belt and be harmful to the residential amenity.

b) Applications received after distribution of the agenda

1] TM/20/02253/FL - Woodgate Farm, Woodgate Road, Addington

Demolition of two existing storage buildings (Class B8) and erection of a terrace of three dwelling houses (Class C3)

Resolved: Object. Members were happy to approve a previous proposal in 2018 for the erection of one replacement dwelling but feel that three dwellings represents an over development of the site and is not in keeping with the area.

c) Approvals

1] TM/20/01942/FL – Cedar House, Trottscliffe Road, Addington, ME19 5AZ

Single storey rear extension

d) Refusals

1] TM/01876/OA - West Malling Golf Club, London Road, Addington ME19 5AR

Outline Application – erection of 3 dwellings all matters reserved except access

e) Withdrawn applications None to consider

f) Planning Appeals:

1] TM/19/01067/FL - Scarbutts, Winsor Works, 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 - non determination appeal

c) Other Matters

1] 16/00337/USEH - Jet Garage – T&MBC, at the request of the Clerk, has removed the bin positioned next to the defibrillator. Members noted that the car wash operators seem to be now working within the curtilage. An Environmental Health Inspector visited the site in October to investigate the welfare facilities for the staff which Members were concerned about. The Clerk has been advised that the car wash staff have access to the toilet facilities and the kitchen in the garage at any time. The owner has been asked to remind his staff to use the toilets in the garage and not use the surrounding woodland.

2] 20/00030/USEH – Mayhill House, London Road, Addington – alleged unauthorised hardstanding and caravans – The Clerk is waiting for Enforcement to provide feedback following a meeting with the owners of Mayhill House to inspect the site and gather further evidence in regard to the static caravan and chalet type building.

3] 20/00032/USEH The Vineyard Restaurant, London Road, Addington – The owners exercised their right of appeal and lodged an enforcement notice appeal to the Planning Inspectorate on 21 July 2020. Enforcement has confirmed that the appeal is now underway and that any final comments from the appellant and T&MBC have to be submitted by the 9 November 2020. A site inspection by the Planning Inspector will be arranged following the submission of the appeal statements and comments. The Clerk has advised Enforcement that the bank down to Sandy Lane continues to be damaged by water from the car wash which is also filtering through to St Vincents Lane. The Clerk was asked to find out how the applicant can appeal when a valid planning application has not been considered.

96/20] HIGHWAYS:

a) Highways & PROW enquiries Outstanding:- (as at 4 November 2020)

1] Enquiry 484292 – verges in St Vincents Lane are being eroded.

Cllrs. Robinson, Short and the Clerk met with the Highways Steward yesterday and walked the length of St. Vincents Lane. The following points were discussed and the Clerk was asked find out what KCC will be doing to address these:

- the lane has been neglected for years - there is a build up of leaves and soil at the lane edges that has reduced the width of the lane significantly;
- various areas where the lane had been patched up and now these are breaking up/deteriorating;
- numerous areas where the lane surface is breaking up;
- 3 areas where the lane edges have become damaged with ruts at the side of the lane;
- flooding issues were discussed and overall drainage issues experienced recently particularly near to Sandy Lane;

- concern about the lack of co-ordination between departments at KCC, in particular drainage, when works have taken place
- 2] Enquiry 506566 - Breaking up of the road and trench appearing in vicinity of the Angel Inn and Park Road. *KCC has advised that works are programmed to take place to resurface the area, however the Highways Steward needs to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order*
 - 3] Enquiry 522610 - A20 – 2 large potholes west of the entrance to Endeavour Park. *The Highways Steward has advised that the potholes are not deep enough to need attention*
 - 1] Enquiry 522629 – Drain cover on slip road from A20 to Ford Lane – *The Highways Steward has advised the drain cover needs to be replaced by Southern Water. KCC has contacted them on numerous occasions but it has not been replaced. If Southern Water fail to replace it soon then KCC will replace it and will then invoice Southern Water.*
 - 3] Enquiry 521765 St Vincents Lane – a spring has appeared on St Vincents Lane near to Brookfield House which needs attending to before the icy weather commences. *The Highways Steward has advised that the drainage team cleared the drain and for the time being the problem has stopped*
 - 4] Enquiry 524272 East Street – the Clerk to report that the hedges as you enter East Street are very overgrown and full of brambles. *The enquiry is under investigation*
 - 5] PROW 7145550 – footpath to the church gate, the wooden railing is also now down as well as the sign
 - 6] Addington Lane – *The Highways Steward has advised that the road is to be resurfaced next year and that the nearby culverts and drains will be attended to*
 - 7] A20 from the Hernewell farm shop to the Seven Mile Lane roundabout vegetation all over the footpath and a trunk is still across the footpath – *The Clerk has reported*
 - 8] A20 (Hernewell farm area) – *Flooding issues discussed with the Highways Steward who has advised that the drains were cleaned by the drainage team. Recent flooding on the A20 was due to blocked drains*
 - 9] Aldon Lane – broken drain cover – *The Clerk to check on progress with the Highways Steward*
- b) New requiring attention
- 1] Drains on the A20 – full of leaves and need dredging to avoid future flooding.
- c) Other matters:
- 1] Big Conversation Update – No update.
 - 2] School bus issues with children crossing the A20 – Councillor Sarah Hohler has advised that the bus company is unable to assist. Members remain concerned that children are having to cross the busy A20 to change buses. It seems that parents are having to drive their children to alternative bus stops to avoid this issue which means this service is not supporting the community.
 - 3] Warning sign on A20 approaching junction with Trottscliffe Road - KCC has advised that the replacement sign could cost up to £7,500. County Councillor Sarah Hohler has taken this issue up with KCC and has suggested that the Parish Council state their case clearly to KCC. Members were in agreement that this sign needs to be reinstated, at whatever cost, to prevent any further deaths or accidents. The Clerk was asked to contact KCC and advise them that this sign should have been repaired as requested on numerous times in the past and that a new sign should be erected to avoid any further casualties. Although it would be a reluctant decision Members were in agreement that if KCC refuse to fund the replacement sign that the Parish Council would have to find the funds and hopefully have some financial support from County Councillor Sarah Hohler.
 - 4] Assessment of the trees on the A20 – The Tree Inspector from the Arboriculture Team has advised trees on the south side of the A20 from Shaw Hill House to the Jet Garage have been assessed recently.
 - 5] Redundant highways – The Highways Steward has advised the Clerk that KCC is responsible for the maintenance of Plowenders lay-by. The Highways Steward has been on annual leave but has agreed to do a land search to see who own the road adjacent to the Jet Garage. The Highways

Steward has agreed to speak with his line manager about the ownership of the road from North East Street down to the village green which needs clearing.

6] Broadband – Cllr. MacDonald-Gay has been in touch with Callflow who has suggested that it would not be a major project for them to improve broadband speeds because there is already cabling in and around Addington. They believe that they could accommodate the shortfall in Addington by extending the cabling to reach many of the areas where the service is poor, e.g. London Road. Members **resolved** that the Clerk should contact Callflow to investigate further what can be done.

97/20] REPORTS OF MEETINGS:

- a) Village Hall Committee – Cllr. Robinson reported that quad bikes have recently been spotted again in the quarry and using the village hall car park as a base. Cllr. Robinson has reported this activity including registrations of the vehicles involved to the new PCSO Amy Sears who has been very helpful and is going to write to the owners to advise them to stop. If the activities continue the PCSO will look to issue a Section 59 Order which could lead to their bikes being seized. The Clerk was asked to find out if Ferns have also noticed and reported this activity.
- b) Recreation Ground Committee – Cllr. Robinson reported that vermin in the pavilion have chewed through various cables including the alarm and other items. The damage needs to be assessed.
- c) Parish Partnership Panel – There has been no meeting.
- d) Standards Committee – Cllr. Short attended the virtual meeting held on the 12 October 2020. Cllr. Short reported that since the pandemic began there has been a significant increase in the number of complaints about Borough Councillors.
- e) KALC Area Committee – There has been no meeting. Cllr. Short will attend the virtual AGM due to be held on the 28 November 2020.

98/20] OPEN SPACES:

1] To discuss a request to erect a nativity scene on Addington Green - It was **resolved** that the Parish Council will give permission for St Margaret's Addington to erect a nativity scene on the village green for the month of December 2020 subject to the following conditions:

- a) St Margaret's Church provides a letter stating that they take full responsibility for the erection of the nativity scene;
 - b) A copy of the Church's Public Liability Insurance is provided demonstrating that this insurance will provide cover.
- 2] Golf course – Cllr. Robinson reported that West Malling Golf Course will no longer be renting some of the Seekers Trust land
- 3] Definitive Public Right of Way Maps – Cllr. Robinson reported that over 50,000 footpaths have not been included in the Definitive Maps. The Clerk will find out if any of these 'lost' footpaths are in Addington.

99/20] CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) For information:-
 - 1] Area 2 Planning Committee – 4 November 2020
 - 2] Joint Transportation Board – 23 November 2020
 - 3] Parish Partnership Panel – 12 November 2020
 - 4] Standards Committee – 12 January 2021
 - 5] KALC Area Meeting – 10 December 2020
- b) On circulation (electronically): -
 - 1] Parish News – October 2020
- c) New requiring attention:

KCC Budget Consultation 2021-2022 – Cllr. Robinson kindly agreed to respond to the consultation

KALC Parish News – survey on Climate Change – Cllr. Garrett advised Members of this survey. Cllr. Robinson offered to respond.

100/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Remembrance Day – a Service is expected to take place in a reduced form on the village green.
A risk assessment has been provided.
Poppy on Tommy – a replacement larger poppy is required

101/20] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

Co-option

102/20] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 December 2020 at 8pm.

103/20 ANY CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:

There was none.

The meeting was closed at 21.16hrs

Signed _____ Chairman Date _____