

ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual Parish Council Meeting held on the 6 January 2021 at 20:00hrs

Present: Cllr. Mrs P. Garrett – Chairman, Cllrs. Mrs. A. Adams, Mrs. L. Chalk,
Mr. P. Robinson, Mrs. C. Short
County Councillor Sarah Hohler, Borough Councillor Piers Montague
2 members of the public

120/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Ann Kemp and Cllr. Macdonald-Gay.

121/20] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were none.

122/20] MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was proposed and agreed that the Chairman, sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2 December 2020.

123/20] REPORTS

a) County Councillor – County Councillor Sarah Hohler advised Members that the cost of replacing the flashing sign at the junction of the A20 and Trottiscliffe has escalated out of control to over £15,000.00 which she would be prepared to partially fund from her Member Grant but is disappointed that the sign will not be activated unless a vehicle is travelling over 57mph. County Councillor Sarah Hohler's preference would be to spend these funds on further speed surveys to try and bring about a reduction in the speed limit on both the A20 and Trottiscliffe Road. County Councillor Sarah Hohler advised that a virtual meeting with Steven Pay at KCC and Cllr. MacDonald-Gay and the Clerk will be arranged soon to find a solution for the school children from the village that are having to cross the busy A20, often in the dark, to change buses following a change to the timetable. County Councillor Sarah Hohler reported that there have been fewer HGVs this week at Manston and the M20 at Brock, possibly due to stockpiling before Christmas, which caused so much disruption. The DFT has been testing at 23 sites outside Kent and will have 35 running by the end of this week. Sevington, which is near Ashford and was set up for checking border readiness and HGV parking was quickly adapted to allow for testing. The site is managed by KCC on behalf of the DFT and KCC are using local contractors where possible. Today there were fewer than 10 HGVs at M20 Brock and Manston. There were 1,789 Covid tests in 24 hours, with 5 positives. There were 997 Kent Access Permits issued and the DVSA fined 20 HGVs for not having valid passes and 6 for using the contraflow. Tourists without Covid tests are still being turned away, (there is a private testing site at Folkestone), and efforts are being made to remind tourists they need to be tested to cross to France. County Councillor Sarah Hohler also advised that there is strict enforcement of HGVs which park anti-socially across East Kent and other districts. Last week there were warnings, this week they are being clamped with a £150 fine to get unclamped. This warning has been issued in 14 languages. By 31 December 2020 there had been 37,770 tests with 9,972 in 24 hours and it is now possible to get tested even if you do not have symptoms. County Councillor Sarah Hohler discussed the consistent problem with flooding on Addington Lane and is aware that work is needed to the culverts. It was suggested the Parish Council could apply for funding to create a pond for newts on the village green at East Street. County Councillor Sarah Hohler revealed that KCC is set to increase Council Tax by 5%. KCC lost out on a lot of income last year as a result of the pandemic and still has the same level of services to deliver and is also faced with an increase in demand for adult social care.

20:12hrs County Councillor Sarah Hohler left the meeting

b) Borough Councillor – Borough Councillor Piers Montague reported that T&MBC is still busy responding to enquiries and issues surrounding the pandemic. Members discussed the amount of fly-tipping cases in Addington over the last few weeks. Borough Councillor Piers Montague agreed that it is a problem most villages are suffering and that as a direct result of the number of incidents it is taking a while for the rubbish

to be collected. Members discussed preventative measures and Borough Councillor Piers Montague advised that he has sought advice from Waste Services on this subject and will share this information when he receives it. CCTV, signage and even automatic number plate were discussed as possible solutions. It was agreed that the need to book an appointment at the tip is probably exacerbating the problem.

20:21hrs Borough Councillor Piers Montague left the meeting

c) Kent Police – On Friday 25 December 2020 somebody broke into a Nissan 720 Pick-Up parked in East Street and stole tools and a radio- controlled car. The tools were later recovered. On Sunday 3 January 2021 somebody attempted to break into a container at a commercial property in Trottiscliffe Road. They were probably interrupted and abandoned their equipment. Members discussed how helpful PCSO Amy Sears has been to the Parish Council and the Clerk was asked to write to Inspector Lizzie Jones to let her know how impressed Members are with the outstanding work PCSO Amy Sears has provided the village.

*The Chairman proposed and it was **resolved** to bring the agenda item Members of the Public forward*

126/20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

A member of the public expressed their concerns about the effect the widening of the motorway has had on noise levels and is concerned about the light pollution from the gantry. The member of public would like an agreement that the lights will be dimmed on the gantry at night and that when the barriers are reinstated that they are replaced with new acoustic ones so that the sound proofing matches that further down the motorway.

124/20] 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. Unfortunately, the battery on the defibrillator in Trottiscliffe Road has failed. The Clerk has ordered a replacement battery and the defibrillator has been removed. Webnos has been updated to state that this defibrillator is out of action. A replacement battery should be installed within two weeks.

2] Speedwatch – A lack of volunteers means the scheme is unable to continue at the moment. The Clerk advised that Speedwatch has been suspended during the Lockdown.

3] T&MBC Local Plan Development – The Local Hearing is still suspended. It is not officially known why it has been suspended although it is believed there has been a query on the legal compliance.

4] Reinstatement of the footbridge over the M20 – A virtual meeting was held on the 10 December 2020 between Highways England, County Councillor Sarah Hohler, MP Tom Tugendhat, the Contractor – Osborne, 3 representatives from the Parish Council and some local residents. Members also attended a site meeting on the 13 December 2020 with Osborne. The visual impact and height of the replacement footbridge was discussed as it has a detrimental effect on the residential amenity of some of the neighbouring properties. Highways England has since advised that they have undertaken a topographical survey of the area to establish the heights required to mitigate the visual impact. Following initial discussions with the environmental specialist Highways England proposes the following:

- Planting a line of dense evergreen conifers, typically leylandii, to be planted between the upper bridge ramps and the boundary of parish council land/private properties to the south. This solution will have the effect of visually screening residents from bridge users at the end of East Street
- The new evergreen trees shall be planted semi-mature, at typically 7 to 8m high.
- The line of evergreen trees is to be supplemented by a secondary screen of native species, which will provide a long-term solution. These will typically be hornbeam, holly and yew, which are medium height trees and should not overwhelm the site.
- Longer term, and when the native trees have achieved sufficient height, the evergreen screen may be taken down. This can be reviewed and agreed at a later date.
- Natural screening (trees) to block the view of the bridge from Bumblebee Barn has been explored and evaluated. However, this is not recommended due to concerns over disturbing the root structures of the mature oak trees already on site. Excavation around these could damage and even kill these trees. Moreover, it is considered highly unlikely that planting new trees in and

around these oak trees would be successful anyway, due to competing requirements for light and water uptake.

Members discussed the replanting of the village green where trees were removed for the works to take place. The Clerk has asked Highways England to provide a plan of the proposed re-planting. Cllr. Robinson suggested that tree sapling packs are obtained from the Woodland Trust and planted in the scrubland area to provide further screening. These packs are free but will not be available until the Spring. The Clerk will apply for these packs and either arrange a group of volunteers to plant them or request a quote from the grounds maintenance company. The Clerk has also asked that Highways England include green and copper beech in the mix of trees for the secondary screen which has been agreed. KCC also welcome requests for tree planting and so the Clerk will apply.

Members remain concerned about the lighting around the gantry and the lack of acoustic fencing. The Parish Council has requested on numerous occasions that the fencing is replaced with a better acoustic fencing but were advised by Highways England that this was not a financial consideration for this project. The Clerk has arranged for concerned local residents to talk to Highways England directly on this subject. Cllr. Garrett advised Members that Highways England's own website gives guidance on lighting on motorway issues and that the lighting at the gantry could be in breach of this. The Clerk was asked to report Members' concerns about the lighting to MP Tom Tugendhat and also request that the case is re-opened to get better acoustic fencing for the residents of East Street. The Clerk was also asked to send to MP Tom Tugendhat a copy of the google map showing historically the density of planting adjacent to the M20 and request that this is re-instated by Highways England.

Members were in agreement that the contractors working on the replacement footbridge have been exemplary and the Chairman has delivered a small gift to show the Parish Council's appreciation.

5] M20 – Operation Fennel and Smart Motorway issues – Members discussed and noted the disruption on the M20 caused by Operation Fennel. The M20 now seems to be functioning normally.

6] Waste Collection – review of new arrangements – The Clerk has contacted Waste Services at T&MBC to find out if a rebate is to be given to residents who did not receive their brown garden waste bin for many weeks and for the poor service received by many residents since the new contractors took over. T&MBC has advised that appropriate deferral periods on the renewal of the garden waste subscriptions have been applied to those customers who contacted them and were considered to have had a recorded history of either a significant late delivery of brown garden waste bins or repeated non-collection of said bins with an unacceptable timescale for returning for the missed collection. There is to be no rebate for any poor service experienced by residents at the start of the new service in October 2019. T&MBC has advised that the majority of residents have received an acceptable service since the start of the new service and continue to do so. Although performance may have been poor for certain roads and individuals at the start, officers have worked hard with Urbaser throughout this year to resolve these issues and performance has significantly improved since that experienced within the first few months of the new services. Cllr. Short expressed her disappointment with the lack of rebate for the poor service experienced at the start of the contract and that this goes against advice given by the Borough Councillors who suggested a rebate would be payable. The Clerk was asked to remind Waste Services that Sandy Lane is due to be closed again the week commencing the 25 January 2021 for works to the highways and that the bins still need to be collected which failed to happen last time there was a road closure.

7] Proposal to consider employing a handyperson – Members discussed the idea of employing a part time handyperson whose role could include grass cutting, litter picking, drain clearance and other general duties for the Parish Council. The Clerk has contacted the neighbouring parishes to find out how they tackle such roles and whether they would be interested in jointly employing a handyperson and is waiting for feedback. The Clerk explained that she feels the role will pay for itself and also save time in not having to obtain numerous quotes for smaller jobs. The Clerk will investigate the situation with regards the insurance for such a role. The Clerk envisages that the role will not have set hours and that the minimum wage of £8.72 would be applied and the employee would take care of their own PAYE and NI. Members remain unsure if there is a need for such a role but agreed that the Clerk should develop a job description for further discussion at the next meeting.

8] Broadband in the village – The Clerk has contacted Callflow to see if they could assist with increasing broadband speeds in Addington by extending the cabling to reach many of the areas where the service is poor. The Clerk is waiting for a response. County Councillor Sarah Hohler has agreed to give the contact details to the Clerk for an officer at KCC who may be able to assist with getting better broadband for the village.

9] Vacancy on the Parish Council – Co-option – Cllr. Garrett asked Members to have a think about who they knew in the village who would be suitable and consider being a Parish Councillor.

10] KALC Community Award 2021- Members **resolved** unanimously to nominate Mrs Audrey Reeves for this award for her services to the community. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Audrey Reeves to make sure she is happy to receive the award and to then put forward the nomination.

11] Communication – proposal to trial an electronic newsletter – The Clerk has advised Members that Offham produce a useful newsletter for residents which is available both on the website and emailed directly to households that give their permission to do so. The Clerk used to provide a brief report in The Pilgrims but since the pandemic began this has not been produced and the space allocated to the Parish Council within it was quite limited. Members **resolved** to trial an electronic newsletter and the Clerk will prepare a first draft to be rolled out in February 2021.

12] Census 2021 – Members noted that the Census is due to take place this year. More information on how the data is to be collected will follow.

125/20] FINANCE

a) A statement as at 6 January 2021 was circulated:

Balances as at 6 January 2021:

Business Reserve Account	£ 26,820.70
Current Account	£ 475.79
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 - December)	2132	£ 561.30
HMRC	(Tax – December)	2133	£ 140.20
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses – December)	2134	£ 174.11
Mrs. P. Garrett	(Gift reimbursement)	2135	£ 9.50
Total			£ 885.11

Transfer from Business Review Account to Current Account: £800.00

b) Other matters:

1] Clerks Salary for 2021/22 - Members **resolved** to agree an increment rise to scale 24 on the new pay scales for Clerks endorsed by NALC.

2] Budget 2021/22 Cllrs. Garrett, Short and the Clerk had prepared a budget document for circulation. A total estimated expenditure of £28,350.00 for 2021/22 which includes £7,000.00 for community projects was agreed.

3] Precept request - It was **resolved** that the precept upon T&MBC for the financial year 2021/22 should not be changed and remain at £23,000.00. Any shortfall will be met from reserves.

4] Proposal to consider online dual authorisation banking – The Clerk reported that as it seems virtual meetings are likely to continue throughout 2021 many parishes are looking to change their banking arrangements so that payments can be made online. Members noted that NatWest, the Parish Councils current bank, no longer offer dual authorisation online banking. The Clerk has received feedback from other parishes and Unity Trust Banking seems to be a popular choice as they offer 3-way authorisation. There is a quarterly charge of £18.00 for the service and a cheque book is also provided. The new model financial regulations do make allowances for Parish Councils to make online payments. Members **resolved** to switch the current account from NatWest to Unity Trust Banking for the start of the new financial year. A decision about where to invest the savings account money will be made at a later date.

c) Cheques for Signature – Approved

127/20] PLANNING

a) Applications:

1] TM/20/02711- Park Cottage, Addington Green, ME19 5BG

Proposed side and rear single storey addition to form new plant room and open fronted, roofed verandah
Resolved: No objection but would like a condition set that no materials are to be stored on the neighbouring village green.

2] TM/20/02805 – 2 The Links, Addington, ME19 5RX

Double storey and single storey pitched roof side extension including the demolition of existing garage
Resolved: No objection

b) Applications received after distribution of the agenda: None received

c) Approvals

1] TM/20/02381/FL – Woodpeckers, East Street, Addington, ME19 5DE

Part demolish the single storey extension. Erection of rear extension, front porch, raise the existing ridge height by 1.0m with a flat crown, dormer windows and rooflights to form first floor accommodation. Construct a new driveway to the front of the property with permeable parking area and retaining walls.

2] 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)

3] TM/20/02544/FL – 32 The Links, Addington, ME19 5RX

Single storey rear extension

d) Refusal: None to consider

e) Withdrawn applications:

1] 2 The Links, Addington, ME19 5RX

Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey pitched roof side extension

f) Planning Appeals: Nothing new.

g) Other Matters

1] 16/00337/USEH - Jet Garage – The Clerk has reported to Enforcement that the car washing operations are operating outside the approved curtilage again. Enforcement has agreed to visit the site again when the hand car washing operations commence again. Members were horrified that car washing activities continued at this site and The Vineyard for over 10 days from when Kent entered Tier 4 and new restrictions were imposed. The Clerk reported both activities to Kent Police who visited the sites. Activities have now ceased.

2] 20/00030/USEH – Mayhill House, London Road, Addington – alleged unauthorised hardstanding and caravans – Enforcement met with the owners of the site and carried out inspections of the static caravan and chalet style building. The owners have been advised that both structures will require planning permission and have warned of potential enforcement action in the future.

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.

T&MBC is still waiting to receive a decision from the planning inspectorate. Should the appeal be dismissed by the Inspectorate then the owners will have no alternative but to cease the use and remove any associated works/structures. Alternatively, the Inspector may allow the appeal which will effectively grant the use as planning permission. The Clerk has reminded Enforcement that that there is no drainage system for the infiltration of surface water into the ground and, without planning permission or ceasing of trade, there is no protection to the underlying groundwater which is at risk from pollution.

4] 20/00324/WORKH – Adjacent the Vineyard Restaurant, London Road, Addington - alleged unauthorised work to form new porch and patio area. The Clerk has reported to Enforcement that there is a new area of hardstanding to the east of the car park and that the cottage to the western side of the vineyard, which has had several changes of use in recent years, now has a porch and an area of patio/concrete. Enforcement is currently investigating.

5] 20/00275/WORKH – Land East of B2015 and South of London Road, Addington – alleged unauthorised engineering works - Enforcement has contacted the owner's agent who has assured them that no further activities will take place. However, the site is being kept under observation. Enforcement is still looking into the implications of the removal of the trees from the woodland and are discussing this case with the Landscape Officer. Enforcement is also preparing an Article 4 direction to remove certain permitted development rights. The Clerk has asked enforcement for clarification on what permitted developments rights are being removed and what this actually means and also whether a felling licence should have been obtained.

6] 20/00325/WORKH - 26 Clearway – alleged unauthorised work to convert garage into a habitable room. Enforcement is investigating.

128/20] HIGHWAYS:

a) Highways & PROW enquiries Outstanding: (as at 6 January 2021)

1] Enquiry 484292 – verges in St Vincents Lane are being eroded. Following a meeting with the Highways Steward last month a number of works are due to take place shortly

2] Enquiry 506566 - Breaking up of the road and trench appearing in vicinity of the Angel Inn and Park Road. Works were due to take place but were cancelled. The Clerk will find out from the Highways Steward when the works will now take place.

4] Enquiry 524272 East Street – hedges as you enter East Street are very overgrown and full of brambles. *KCC has attended and are programming works.*

5] PROW 7145550 – footpath to the church gate the wooden railing was down as well as the sign. *Cllr. Robinson has kindly carried out the repairs. The Clerk will notify PROW.*

6] Aldon Lane – broken drain cover – *works programmed . The Clerk was asked to remind KCC that they agreed to carry out the works if the service company failed to do so within a reasonable time period and then invoice the service company. Members feel it has been an unacceptable period of time since this fault was reported and that remedial works should now be carried out.*

7] Slip road Ford Lane – broken drain cover. As above the Clerk was asked to remind KCC that this broken drain cover is a hazard and that the works now need to be carried out by KCC

8] Addington Lane – The Highways Steward has heard back from the drainage team who have been out to inspect the culvert on Addington Lane and are going to make contact with the landowner to have the ditch dug and then jet the culvert under the carriageway to make sure it is clear.

9] Motorbike issues on St Vincents Lane and the quarry – there has been various sightings again this month of motorbikes riding on private land including the quarry in the vicinity of St Vincents Lane. The PCSO has been made aware of the situation again and has suggested that all sightings are reported on 101. The Clerk has been in touch with Ferns who confirmed they were aware of the issue. Ferns met with the PCSO earlier this week to look at ways of securing their land further to stop these incidents. The PCSO has confirmed that Ferns are now going to be installing some fencing around this field to prevent any further access. The MR168 is also being used to get access to this field and the PCSO has advised PROW that Ferns would like to install a kissing gate at the entrance. Members were in agreement that this would be an acceptable solution given that this footpath is not actually suitable for anyone with a disability.

b) New requiring attention

1] Londerek, East Street – conifers on bank obstructing the road. The Clerk has reported

2] Overhanging vegetation outside Bonheure on the A20 and excessive amount of mud on the footpath. The Clerk to report.

c) Other matters:

1] Big Conversation Update – No update.

2] School bus issues with children crossing the A20 – see item 123/20 (a).

3] Warning sign on A20 approaching junction with Trottscliffe Road – see item 123/20 (a).

4] Redundant highways – The Highways Steward has advised the Clerk that the road adjacent to the Jet Garage is privately owned and that KCC is investigating who owns the road from East Street North down to the village green - see item 130/20 (2).

5] Ash Trees on south side of A20 – Members discussed their disappointment with the fact that a number of Ash trees along the southern section of the A20 that stretches from Church Road to the entrance to the ‘Car Boot’ sale field had to be recently felled to ensure the safe passage of highway users including pedestrians. The trees were suffering from dieback. The Clerk was asked to find out if KCC will be planting replacement trees given the amount that have been felled. Cllr. Garrett mentioned that KCC’s website outlines how they maintain their trees and that they look to replant if trees have to be removed. County Councillor Sarah Hohler has also suggested that a request for replacement tree planting can be made online.

6] Highways Improvement Plan

i) Gateways & Pedestrian Signs, St Vincents Lane, Sandy Lane and Park Road - The Clerk reminded Members that the Parish Council raised these locations on the HIP to be quiet routes but were advised by KCC last year that this was not possible and that they would assist to make these roads safer. Members were pleased to hear that the Clerk has since been advised that KCC has raised an order for the implementation of Gateways and pedestrian warning signs within Sandy Lane/St Vincent’s Lane and Park Road. These works will be completed before the end of the financial year.

ii) Proposal to request a reduction in the speed limit on East Street – Cllr. Chalk has expressed her concerns about the speed of traffic in East Street and suggested a reduction in the speed limit. This request will need to be considered when the Highways Improvement Plan for the village is reviewed in April 2021.

iii) Fly-tipping – see item 123/20 (b). Members agreed to discuss the continual problems with fly-tipping in the village once feedback from Borough Councillor Piers Montague on how this can be tackled is received.

129/20] REPORTS OF MEETINGS:

- a) Village Hall Committee – Cllr. Chalk reported that the Village Hall Committee is intending to do a leaflet drop to try and get residents interested in joining the committee as some members are stepping down which will leave a shortfall. The Committee is also working with the Recreation Ground Committee on an upgrade to the CCTV. The Parish Council gave each committee £1000.00 towards the cost of this upgrade several years ago. Given the current Lockdown there are no activities taking place in the hall at the moment but the committee is currently financially stable as it did receive a grant earlier in the year.
- b) Recreation Ground Committee – Cllr. Robinson advised Members that the Recreation Ground Committee is working in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee and a consultant on an upgrade to the CCTV. The Committee is also considering ways to get youngsters at the club to take on some of the tasks such as mowing and remedial works with the aim of building a bank of volunteers for the future.
- c) Parish Partnership Panel – There has been no meeting.
- d) Standards Committee – The formal meeting due to be held on the 12 January 2021 has been cancelled but replaced by a virtual Training Session on the Code of Conduct. Members were in agreement that as the Clerk and Cllrs. Short and Garrett had undergone this training before that there was no need to attend.
- e) KALC Area Committee – Cllrs. Chalk and Garrett attended the virtual meeting held on the 10 December 2020. The notes from the meeting have been circulated. Of interest is a possible change to S106 and planning obligations. A new draft policy will be discussed by Cabinet on the 26 January 2021. The proposal enables the local authority to have a legal agreement with developers to use a levy for local infrastructure projects.

21:33 2 members of the public left the meeting

130/20] OPEN SPACES:

1] Lantra Awards Tree Inspection Courses – Members were in agreement that given the cost of the courses that a case needs to be made by anyone interested in doing the course for how this will benefit the village. It was noted that Parish Council used to pay for the training for the previous tree warden and in return the warden used to carry out an annual walk of the village and assess all the trees. The Clerk will find out the exact cost of each course and when they will be next taking place.

2] East Street North Village Green, remedial and planting works – At the meeting on the 13 December 2020 Highways England agreed that Osborne would mechanically shovel the debris away from the asphalt surface of the road from East Street North to the village green to provide an all-ability access to and from the bridge and give sufficient width to get a small tractor down. The area has become overgrown through lack of use since the footbridge was removed and KCC do not seem to be accepting ownership of it. This work is due to commence on the 11 January 2021. Cllr. Robinson has asked that the debris, which is mainly rotting leaves, is left for future composting use when the village green is replanted. Members were in agreement that Cllr. Robinson asks Osborne to take the debris down to the field rather than leave it at the gate. The trees, that were across the road have already been cut up and laid on the banks to the side. Members agreed that some maintenance work is now needed to East Street North village green. One of the benches has rotten legs and is unstable and the lectern has a panel missing. The whole area also needs strimming and flail mowing. Cllr. Chalk kindly agreed to take some photographs and forward to the Clerk so that some quotes can be obtained for the remedial works.

3] Addington Green – The Clerk was asked to obtain some quotes for the trees on this green to be assessed. Quite a few branches came down in the recent storm and it was agreed that a health check on the trees should be carried out.

131/20] CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) For information:
 - 1] Area 2 Planning Committee – 20 January 2021
 - 2] Joint Transportation Board – 8 March 2021
 - 3] Parish Partnership Panel – 4 February 2021
 - 4] Standards Committee – see item 129/20 (d)
 - 5] KALC Area Meeting – 18 or 25 March 2021

- b) On circulation (electronically): -
 - 1] Parish News – December 2020

- c) New requiring attention:
 - 1] Climate Adaptation Survey for Kent and Medway – Cllr. Robinson offered to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council
 - 2] Kent Community Housing Hub – ACRK Kent Community Housing Hub – Members noted and agreed to revisit at a future date.
 - 3] Recycling Site Removal - noted
 - 4] Covid Winter Grant Scheme – noted
 - 5] KCC request for information on issues arising in villages as a result of Brexit – The Clerk has reported that HGVs continue to park in the village and there is notably more rubbish on pavements and verges. Members agreed to let the Clerk know of anything they see so that this can be reported to KCC.

21:59hrs In accordance with the Standing Orders the Chairman sought permission from Members to continue with the meeting – resolved to continue with the meeting

132/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Chalk asked if the need to make appointments to take rubbish to the tip could be an agenda item at the next meeting

133/20] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

- 1] Necessity for appointment system at the tip

134/20] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 February 2021 at 8pm.

22:01hrs The Meeting was closed to the public

135/20 ANY CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:

Cllr. Short expressed her concern about the perceived lack of response and accountability from the Borough Councillors and requested that this is discussed further as a confidential item at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed at 22:04hrs

Signed _____ Chairman Date _____