

**ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held in the Pavilion, Park Road**  
**held on Wednesday 2 March 2022 at 19:00hrs**

**Present:** Cllr. Mrs. P. Garrett – Chairman, Cllrs. Mrs. A. Adams, Mrs. L. Chalk,  
Mr. S. Macdonald-Gay, Mr. P. Robinson.

**In Attendance:** Louise Goldsmith (Clerk), County Councillor Sarah Hohler

**165/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

An apology for absence was received from Borough Councillor Ann Kemp and Councillor Mrs. C. Short and their reasons for absence were accepted.

**166/21] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:**

Cllr. Robinson declared a pecuniary interest in item 170 (3).

**167/21] 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 February 2022 as a true and accurate record of the meeting

**168/21] REPORTS**

a) County Councillor – County Councillor Sarah Hohler explained that further consultation will be carried out asking residents for their views about what services libraries could offer communities. Cllr. Robinson suggested that the libraries could become a centre for people to research their family history and heritage. County Councillor Sarah Hohler explained that KCC is currently spending £6m to support less used bus services but needs to cut back on this expenditure. A consultation has been issued and bus route number 58 is on the list of services to be withdrawn as the service, which costs KCC £84,000 a year, has not been used enough over the last few years. Members explained the importance of this service which takes children from the villages to secondary schools and provides residents without a car access to routes to town centres and hospitals. County Councillor Sarah Hohler urged Members and residents to complete the survey in an attempt to save the service. Cllr Garrett suggested that KCC should monitor the use of the 58 bus service for another year explaining that it was not acceptable to base any cut of service on usage over the last two years given the pandemic. County Councillor Sarah Hohler agreed to discuss this logic with KCC. Kent County Council is investing in new and improved play areas across most of its country parks. Kent Country Parks have received £1.1million of Public Health Covid-19 recovery funding to invest in its play provision. The money will be used to improve existing play areas as well as install new play equipment. Breaking the News is a free exhibition which looks at how the news has shaped the world we live in for centuries and how it plays a vital role in all our lives today. The exhibition is being held at the Kent History and Library Centre, in Maidstone, until 2 April 2022, and will visit several other county libraries in the spring and summer. The Kent History and Library Centre in Maidstone is now equipped to help businesses with advice and support they need to succeed by offering insights and access to free resources, training, and events. County Councillor Sarah Hohler advised Members that KCC has submitted an objection to the pre-application for the proposed lorry park in Wrotham. KCC has objected to the amount of additional vehicle movements and resulting chaos on the roads. Cllr. Robinson would like to know if the emissions and air quality will be monitored should the proposal go ahead. KCC is urging residents to ensure that any waste removed and collected from their homes is done so by a licenced operator. An increase in unlicenced operators has resulted in an increase in flytipping. In spring 2022 the Turner Contemporary in Margate will present the first major solo exhibition by British-Ghanaian artist Larry Achiampong. The exhibition will include the newly commissioned feature-length film Wayfinder, which follows a young girl's journey across England. Achiampong has also curated a display of paintings by JMW Turner. He has selected a group of oil paintings, watercolours, engravings and sketchbooks, predominantly from Turner's British tours and collaborated with Turner Contemporary to create a gaming room.

*19:20hrs County Councillor Sarah Hohler left the meeting*

b) Borough Councillor – There was no report.

c) Kent Police – There has been no crime in Addington in February 2022. A car was stolen from a pub car park in Trottiscliffe on the 10 February 2022. PCSO James Robinson has been carrying out some foot patrols. It was noted that the Clerk has been advised that ‘My Community Voice’ is replacing any monthly newsletters issued to Parish Councils. PCSOs will only be able to attend meetings if a hybrid virtual meeting can be offered. Members agreed that the Clerk should advise Kent Police that the Parish Council do not have the technology or authorisation from Government to offer a hybrid arrangement.

**169/21] 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. A decision between meetings to appoint The Small Works Building Company to give both BT boxes a thorough clean including cleaning out the light fittings and to remove some redundant posts in Trottiscliffe Road for a cost of £375.00 was ratified. It was agreed to continue to pay the annual charge of £144.00 for the emergency phone on each BT box. Members discussed the ongoing problem of parked cars regularly blocking the BT box at the Jet Garage. The Clerk was asked to find out if KCC could put some hatch lining on the tarmac to prevent cars parking near to the BT box.

2] T&MBC Local Plan Development – There was no update.

3] Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – Cllr. Chalk explained that the working group is meeting next week to further progress the ideas in place to mark this momentous occasion.

4] T&MBC Waste Collections – The bin service was suspended on Friday 18 February 2022 due to Storm Eunice which resulted in T&MBC having to catch up on missed bins. The interim garden waste collections were also affected. Urbaser continues to experience issues with the recruitment of drivers and have unfortunately lost another driver.

5] Proposal to consider the renewal of the Recreation Ground Lease – Roger Taylor at Wellers Law Group sent the Clerk an initial draft of a lease document for discussion this afternoon. Cllr. Robinson agreed to send any comments on the draft lease to the Clerk and asked whether a meeting with the solicitor would be possible.

6] Annual Parish Meeting – Chelsea Honey-Bradfield, Senior Development Obligations Officer at T&MBC has agreed to present the S106 information at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 6 April 2022. The Clerk has sent out the agenda/invitation to local organisations and have received two reports. The agenda has been placed on the noticeboards and will be posted on the website

7] Great British Spring Clean 2022 - Back for its seventh year, the 2022 Great British Spring Clean takes place 25 March – 10 April. The aim is for people to collect a bag of litter in the area that they live. The Parish Council remains frustrated that an organised litter picking group is not possible in Addington. Safety of people working on roads, including volunteers is paramount. KCC will not endorse, support or insure volunteer activities taking place on roads of 40 mph or above. However, KCC's standard does not prevent residents wishing to litter pick (or other associated activities) in these areas, but they must be aware that their actions are undertaken at their own risk. Members agreed to publicise the campaign on the website and Facebook and for residents to get in touch with the Clerk if they need any litter picking equipment.

## 170/21] FINANCE

A statement as at 2 March 2022 was circulated:

### **Balances as at 2 March 2022:**

Unity Trust Account: £21,009.60  
National Savings Account: £25,546.99

**Receipts:** None

### a) **Payments:**

Supplier	Description	Amount
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary – February)	£596.00
HMRC	(Tax – February)	£149.00
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses –including email account)	£ 202.00
Gel Creative	(Monthly website maintenance)	£100.00
Community Heartbeat	(Emergency phone annual rental)	£144.00
Viking	(Ink, paper and folders)	£ 87.39
NALC	(Policing event x 2)	£116.20
Addington Recreation Ground	(Donation to essential works)	£500.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,894.59</b>

**Resolved:** To make the above payments electronically and to be authorised online by Cllrs. Chalk and Garrett.

### b) Other matters:

1] Annual review of the Risk Register

**Resolved:** To adopt the slightly amended register dated 2 March 2022.

2] Asset Register

**Resolved:** To adopt the Asset Register dated 2 March 2022.

*19:49hrs Cllr. Robinson declared a pecuniary interest and abstained from voting*

3] **Resolved:** To donate £500.00 towards remedial works carried out by the Recreation Ground Committee

**171/21] MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** None present.

## 172/21] PLANNING

### a) Applications:

1] 22/00243/NMA – 2 The Links, Addington, ME19 5RX

Non Material Amendment to planning permission TM/20/02805/FL to increase the width of the front and rear dormers. *Resolved: No objection*

### b) Approvals

1] 21/03150/LDP – New House, East Street, Addington, ME19 5DG

Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: Single storey rear extension and removal of existing glazed conservatory.

c) Refusals None to consider

d) Withdrawn applications None to consider.

### e) Planning Appeals

1] TM/20/01876/OA – West Malling Golf Club, outline application erection of 3 dwellings. Noted that an appeal has been made

### f) Other Planning Issues

1] 20/00030/USEH – Mayhill House, London Road, Addington – alleged unauthorised hardstanding and caravans – Enforcement has advised the Clerk that the use of the chalet style building and associated hardstanding are unauthorised and subject to enforcement action but has suggested that T&MBC has up-to four years to act on breaches of planning control of that nature as pursuant to Section 171B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Enforcement has advised the Clerk that they have served two

enforcement notices on the owners of Mayhill House since 2020 and have apologised for the delay in progressing these and will look into the other issues raised regarding the site.

2] S106 Agreements/Planning Obligations - see item

3] Fish & Chip Shop at the Vineyard – Enforcement has written to the registered owners of the site requesting removal of all ‘Fishyard’ associated signage within 28 days of the date of letter. If they fail to remove the signage Enforcement will take further action at the site.

### **173/21| HIGHWAYS:**

a) Highways & PROW enquiries Outstanding:

1] Fault 220148228 - Footpath from East Street to Mill House Lane – the Clerk has reported a number of diseased trees adjacent to this footpath.

2] Fault 210910210 - Footpath from Mill Lane to East Street – the Clerk has reported that the fence bordering the dwelling Kingfishers is falling across the footpath.

3] Enquiries 597903,597906,597907 – request for remedial works to a number of trees in the village – KCC is in the process of assessing.

4] Enquiry 606806 - Several bollard lights on the A20 located on the islands near to Seven Mile Lane are not working – further works awaited.

5] Enquiry 618861 - A20 between Regency Court and Sundown – the Clerk has reported that water is pulsating on the verge – KCC has attended and claim no works are required.

7] Enquiry 616950 – Plowenders lay-by – mud on the road

b) New requiring attention

1] Enquiry 624014 – flooding on carriageway near to Hernwell Farm. The Clerk has reported

2] Park Road – the Clerk to report that KCC has left debris behind following recent works

3] West of Aldon Lane – the Clerk to report that there is a tree across the path

4] East side of Hernwell – the Clerk to report that the canopy of tree is across the footpath

5] East Street – the Clerk to report piles of vegetation left on the ground on the corner

c) Other matters:

1] Highways Improvement Plan and School Bus Service – A follow-up meeting with Claire Venner, Schemes Project A ‘walkabout’ of the village has been arranged with Claire Venner, Schemes Project Manager for Friday 11 March 2022. The Clerk and Cllr. Garrett are hoping to attend. Members noted that MP Tom Tugendhat has responded to a Trottiscliffe resident’s concerns about the lack of school bus services. MP Tom Tugendhat has written to David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to ask for clarity about the future of the bus services for Addington and Trottiscliffe.

### **174/21| REPORTS OF MEETINGS:**

a) Village Hall Committee – There has been no meeting.

b) Recreation Ground Committee – Works to install a height barrier at the entrance to the car park should commence next week. Jacksons have provided a method statement and risk assessment. Members thanked Cllr. Robinson for all his hard work in excavating the ground to establish the source of a water leak from the kitchen area of the sports pavilion. Further works are required to re-route the pipework and make good the area at an estimated cost of £1,500.00. The Parish Council has agreed to pay £500.00 towards the total cost. Cllr. Robinson explained that the Committee is keen to tarmac an area of grass adjacent to the car park to provide more much needed parking but is struggling to find any suitable grants. The Committee will obtain quotes and may need to approach the Parish Council for financial support.

c) Parish Partnership Panel – There has been no meeting.

d) Standards Committee – There has been no meeting.

e) KALC Area Committee – Cllr. Short attended the meeting held on the 24 February 2022 and advised that Parish Councils were reminded to update their Emergency Plans. It was agreed for this to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**175/21] OPEN SPACES:**

1] Entrance to Overlea Cottage, Addington Green – The Clerk met the owner to discuss the access to Overlea Cottage and agreed that steps to the front door were required for safety reasons. Members agreed that steps using terracotta rustic materials could be installed. The Clerk reported that the soil tests around the old oak tree came back positive and that the PH is in the ideal range so no prescription fertiliser treatments are required.

**176/21] CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) For information:

- 1] Area 2 Planning Committee – 6 April 2022
- 2] Joint Transportation Board – 7 March 2022
- 3] Parish Partnership Panel – 26 May 2022
- 4] Standards Committee – 2 March 2022 - CANCELLED
- 5] KALC Area Meeting – TBC

b) New requiring attention:

- 1] T&MBC Consultation – Off Street Parking Charges Proposal
- 2] KCC Consultation on proposed reduction of supported bus services – Members agreed to respond to the consultation individually and as a Parish Council to express their dismay that the 58 bus service could be axed. The loss of this service will affect school children and all residents who rely on it to connect to other routes. Members also fail to see how cutting bus services assist with achieving any Carbon Zero target. The Clerk will place details about the consultation on the noticeboards, website and Facebook and will also suggest that the local organisations respond to the consultation.

**177/21] ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1] Cllrs. Short and Garrett to attend the virtual NALC workshop on ‘Working together to make communities safer’ on the 30 March 2022.
- 2] The Local Boundary Commission for England has published the final recommendations setting out the electoral arrangements for Tonbridge and Malling. Addington is going to be in The Pilgrims and Ightham Ward.

**178/21] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

Vacancy on the Parish Council  
Review of the Emergency Plan

**179/21] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 April 2022 after the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7pm in the Sports Pavilion Park Road, Addington.

**180/21] ANY CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:**

There were none.

The meeting was closed at 20:26hrs

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date \_\_\_\_\_