

**ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held in the Pavilion, Park Road**  
**held on Wednesday 1 February 2023 at 19:00hrs**

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

**In Attendance:** Louise Goldsmith (Clerk), County Councillor Sarah Hohler, 2 members of the public.

**136/22] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

An apology for absence was received from Borough Councillor Ann Kemp and Cllr. Mr. S. Macdonald-Gay and the reasons for absence were accepted.

**137/22] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.**

**138/22] MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

It was proposed and **resolved** that the Chairman signs the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4 January 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

**139/22] OPEN SESSION**

A member of the public stated that residents in East Street are still experiencing problems with their bins not been emptied due to parked cars blocking the access. A member of the public expressed their concerns about a planning application for a replacement telecommunications mast on land adjacent to the M20 East Street (TM/23/00159/TEN).

**140/22] REPORTS:**

a) County Councillor – County Councillor Sarah Hohler advised Members that Ferns, Addington Quarry, is registered for the aggregate levy but that all contributions now go to Central Government. The Head of Planning at KCC has suggested that the Parish Council could try and request to have access to some of the contributions. A landfill tax is to be imposed in the future but there are lots of exemptions and it has been suggested that Ferns will not have to pay. KCC has received over 9000 reports of potholes this winter so far compared to 2000 complaints over the same period last year. The hot summer followed by a wet autumn and cold winter has created an unusual amount of potholes. KCC is dealing with the urgent potholes first but will have to return later to repair them thoroughly. Smaller potholes are being repaired quickly and KCC apologises for the delay due to the large number it needs to deal with. County Councillor Sarah Hohler advised Members that KCC is planning to reset its community assets so they are located in fewer buildings which will save on maintenance, be more convenient for residents, especially those most in need, the cost of running more buildings, and reducing carbon footprint. KCC wants to hear from local residents as they are the ones who know what their communities need. A consultation runs till the end of March and details may be found on the KCC website. KCC Highways has advised that they would not consider the traffic islands on the approach to Seven Mile Lane from West Malling as a priority for any improvements as there are no accident records for this location. KCC has visited the site and have advised that the right hand turn out of the houses is tight but still possible. It is also possible to turn left and then turn around via the garage, which is a short distance away.

b) Borough Councillor – There was no report.

*19:20hrs County Councillor Sarah Hohler and 2 members of the public left the meeting*

c) Kent Police – Catalytic converters were stolen from five vehicles at a motor vehicle company on London Road, Addington on the 15 January 2023. On the 20 January 2023 some young people threw rocks from the motorway bridge in Forge Lane and broke the windscreen of a car travelling on the motorway below. On the 29 January 2023 an outbuilding in Pilgrims Way, Trottiscliffe was broken into and tools were taken.

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## **141/22] CLERKS REPORT/PAST MATTER (Information purposes only)**

- 1] Monthly check of the defibrillator – The Clerk advised Members that both of the defibrillators in the village have been checked this month and an update provided on WebNos. The handyman has installed the new defibrillator sign on the BT Box at the Jet Garage.
- 2] West Malling Green Belt Petition – West Malling, East Malling and Larkfield Parish Councils have jointly launched a petition to extend the Green Belt to the East. The purpose is to press T&MBC to include this proposal in the Draft Local Plan.
- 3] Dying Trees at East Street: National Highways have advised that they have asked the contractor who planted the trees for a detailed plan on their intentions to keep the trees watered. MP Tom Tugendhat has been made aware of the situation and is copied in on all correspondence with National Highways.
- 4] Allotment Training: The Clerk attended a KALC training course on the setting up and running of allotments on the 19 January 2023. Notes from the course have been circulated.
- 5] East Street: The PCSO has been attending East Street and will continue to monitor the issue of parked cars blocking the road when on duty. The PCSO has also suggested that the residents report the offending vehicles to Environmental Services at T&MBC given that they are stopping the bins from being emptied which could lead to a rodent infestation.

## **142/22] PLANNING**

### **a) Applications:**

#### **1] 23/00092/FL – Regents Court, London Road, Addington**

Creation of new vehicular access to dwelling house with associated engineering works and crossover to highway.

*Resolved: Object. We are concerned about the siting of the proposed new access given its proximity to a busy petrol station. We have concerns about the sight lines on this busy stretch of the A20.*

#### **2] 22/02818/OA – Development site at Leafdale, London Road, Addington**

Outline Application: Demolition of existing dwelling house and various class B1 workshops and storage buildings and redevelopment of site with three new dwellings.

*Resolved: Object. We feel this proposal represents an over development of the site and will affect the residential amenity of the neighbouring property. We are concerned about sight lines and the number of additional vehicle movements on this busy stretch of the A20.*

### **b) Approvals:**

#### **1] TM/22/02511/FL – Westbank, London Road, Addington**

Rear two storey extension and development of existing roof space into habitable living space (re-submission of application TM/12/00600/FL).

#### **2] TM/22/02499/PDVDAS – New Barn, Addington Green, Addington, ME19 5BE**

Prior Notification: The enlargement of a dwellinghouse by the construction of an additional storey.

### **c) Refusals:**

#### **1] TM/22/02440/FL – The Sycamores, London Road, Addington, ME19 5DA**

Additional floor, two storey front extension, two storey rear extension and single storey side extension for form an annex.

### **d) Application Withdrawn: None.**

### **e) Appeal in Progress:**

#### **1] TM/21/02135/FL – Offham Service Station, London Road Addington**

Temporary change of use of land to hand car wash and stationing of portacabin to act as staff welfare unit (3 years) – appeal against refusal decision. It was agreed that the Clerk contacts the Planning Inspectorate for an update on when this case will be determined.

### **f) Other Planning Issues:**

1] 20/00030/USEH – Mayhill House, London Road, Addington – alleged unauthorised hardstanding and caravans – Enforcement has advised that there are undertaking further inspections of the site to see if there has been a breach of planning control.

2] 22/002222/TPOT - Land to the side of the Jet Garage, London Road – Enforcement has advised that their investigations into the removal of the trees is continuing with further interviews under caution being

undertaken. The Forestry Commission were not able to provide any updates to the Clerk.

3] Aldon Lane, alleged encampment- Enforcement has advised that the unauthorised caravans have been removed from the site and that they will be contacting the owner of a caravan that is being stored on the site to request its removal.

## 143/22 RESOLUTIONS

### 1. **Community Bus Service:**

KCC has advised the Clerk that an average of 43 journeys have been made per day on the current 58 bus service over the last year and working on the crude assumption that most passengers travel in both directions this equates to a little over 20 people using the bus per day. As a result of this low use from the 11 February 2023 the KCC funding for the Mondays to Saturdays buses 558/578 will cease. However, Nu-Venture has agreed to operate a limited daytime replacement service on Fridays. The Clerk has posted the timetable on Facebook and the website. Borough Councillor Mike Taylor has applied for a Community Grant to support this bus service post July if the take-up is good. Borough Councillor Mike Taylor has calculated that if 50% of the current users adjust their bus use to the single run each week the one day service could be self-funding. The Clerk will continue to promote the new service and it was agreed to monitor the use.

### 2. **KALC Community Award 2023**

**RESOLVED: - To nominate Mr John Ashworth for his services to the community. Mr. Ashdown has accepted the nomination.**

### 3. **Policies:**

**RESOLVED: To adopt the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Asset Register.**

### 4. **Financial**

a) To receive the monthly review of the accounts and budget:

Members noted the review of the accounts and budget circulated by the Clerk. No further action required.

b) To approve the Financial Statement and make arrangements for authorisation

**RESOLVED: To approve the Financial Statement and for Cllrs. Chalk and Garrett to authorise the payments online.**

### **Balances as at 1 February 2023:**

Unity Trust Account: £12,213.66

National Savings Account: £25,573.33

**Receipts:** Interest: NS&I account: £23.78

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary January)	£679.76
HMRC	(NI & Tax – January)	£175.24
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses –including email account)	£194.25
Gel Creative	(Monthly website maintenance)	£100.00
The Small Works Company	(Defibrillator sign)	£131.25
Viking	(Ink)	£ 59.46
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,340.29</b>

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## **144/22] PARISH MATTERS:**

### **1] Highways:**

#### **a) Highways & PROW enquiries Outstanding:**

- 1] MR172 - the Clerk has reported that the post is leaning at the entrance to the footpath on the north side of London Road.
- 2] Enquiry 679264: Cars parked on the grass outside Heathfield, sight lines impaired. Enquiry under investigation.
- 3] Enquiry 691957: Potholes on the London Road outside Jungle Café have been reported.
- 4] Enquiry 689832: Flooding on footpath outside Heathfield, London Road has been reported.
- 5] Enquiry 666515: Junction A20 with Trottiscliffe Road, blocked drains, road continually flooding.

#### **b) New requiring attention:**

- 1] St Vincents Lane: The Clerk to report the damaged road surface at the entrance to Westfields.
- 2] Scrub elms on Park Road: The Clerk to report that they are in a poor state.
- 3] Seekers Trust: The Clerk was asked to remind the Trust to trim their hedges along Trottiscliffe Road.

### **2] Highways Improvement Plan:**

It was noted that a virtual meeting has been arranged for the 8 February 2023 with the Community Engagement Officer and County Councillor Sarah Hohler to discuss the process of requesting a speed reduction on the A20 through Addington.

### **3] Renewal Recreation Ground Lease:**

Asma Shamim from Wellers Hedleys has sent a draft statement of truth for the land registry application and has requested some information to support the application. A draft lease has also been prepared. The solicitor will submit an application to register the triangular piece of land at the Land Registry. The tenants can then apply to the register the lease. This triangular piece of land on the recreation ground is currently unregistered but will form part of the leasehold title at the Land Registry.

### **4] Addington Quarry**

See item 140/22 (a).

### **5] Climate Change Action Plan**

Cllr. Robinson has sent Borough Councillor Robin Betts some initial thoughts on a Climate Action Plan for Addington. Borough Councillor Robin Betts has kindly agreed to give a presentation on preparing a Climate Change Action Plan to Members on the 1 March 2023, just before the Parish Council meeting.

### **6] Kings Coronation 6 May 2023:**

Members discussed the arrangements for the outdoor screening of the Coronation of King Charles III due to take place on the 6 May 2023. Cllr. Robinson offered to find out if the Cricket Club could provide a BBQ and bar. Nobody has come forward to offer light refreshments. The Clerk offered to find out if Trottiscliffe would like to have another cricket match on the recreation ground on the afternoon of the Coronation. The Clerk will continue to advertise the event on social media, the website and in the next edition of the newsletter.

### **7] Open Spaces:**

a) Height Barrier Village Hall Car Park – Cllr. Robinson reported that the driver of the cherry picker accidentally hit the height barrier in the village hall car park. The gate has been bent. The hire company has agreed liability and will cover the cost of the repair works.

#### **b) Fly-tipping**

Members expressed their disappointment with the number of recent fly-tipping incidents in the village. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the feasibility and cost of having a mobile CCTV system.

## **145/22] REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS:**

- a) Village Hall Committee – Cllr. Robinson advised that the installation of the solar panels on the roof of the village hall has been put back to April 2023.

- b) **Recreation Ground Committee** – Cllr. Robinson is in the process of drafting an application for grant funding for solar panels for the roof of the pavilion. The committee is in the process of making improvements to the car park and verge. The water leak has been resolved and the water use and invoices are back to normal.
- c) **Parish Partnership Panel** – There has been no meeting.
- d) **Standards Committee** – The meeting due to be held on the 23 January 2023 was cancelled.
- e) **KALC Area Committee** – There has been no meeting.

**146/22] CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS**

- a) For information:
  - 1] Area 2 Planning Committee – 22 February 2023
  - 2] Joint Transportation Board – 6 March 2023
  - 3] Parish Partnership Panel – 9 February 2023
  - 4] Standards Committee – Cancelled
  - 5] KALC Area Meeting – 30 March 2023
- b) **New requiring attention:**
  - 1] T&MBC Draft Corporate Strategy
  - 2] KCC Community Services Consultation

**147/22] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

Allotments – consider land. Planning Proposal: TM/23/00159/TEN

**148/22] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 March 2023 at 7pm in the Sports Pavilion Park Road, Addington.

**149/22] ANY CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:**

There were none to consider.

With no further business to transact the meeting was closed at 20:32hrs

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

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