

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

Present:

Cllr. Mrs. C. Short – Chairman for this meeting, Cllrs. Mr. S. Macdonald-Gay, Mr. P. Robinson,

In Attendance: Louise Goldsmith (Clerk), Borough Councillors Piers Montague and Martin Coffin, 3 members of the public.

150/22] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor Sarah Hohler, Borough Councillor Ann Kemp, Cllrs. Mrs. P. Garrett, Mrs. L. Chalk and Mrs. A. Adams and the reasons for absence were accepted.

151/22] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

152/22] MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was proposed and **resolved** that the Chairman signs the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1 February 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

153/22] OPEN SESSION

A member of the public spoke in support of planning proposal 23/00203/FL. Concern was expressed about the intensity of the lighting in Humphries and Parks forecourt on London Road. Two residents from Addington Green explained why the track around the green needs urgent remedial works.

19:12hrs 3 members of the public left the meeting.

154/22] REPORTS:

a) County Councillor – County Councillor Sarah Hohler has advised the Clerk that she mentioned the planning application 23/00159/TEN for a replacement telecommunications mast to the Chair of Ryarsh Parish Council and that this was placed on the agenda for their last meeting.

b) Borough Councillor – Borough Councillor Piers Montague advised Members that he has not received any update on the enforcement case 22/002222/TPOT, Land to the side of the Jet Garage, London Road. A package of measures to improve the efficiency of bin collections has been given the green light. The proposals will see a switch to the latest modern trucks which will be dedicated to collecting certain types of waste or recycling. Some collection routes are also set to change to make rounds more efficient. Nearly 200 solar panels have been installed on the roof of Larkfield Leisure Centre to help cut carbon emissions. It is estimated that the panels will save 19 tonnes of carbon emissions per year and T&MBC is hoping to install solar panels at Tonbridge pool. Borough Councillor Martin Coffin advised Members that T&MBC has approved the budget. The precept will increase by 2.9% which will add an average of £6.73 a year to Council tax bills. T&MBC has given 1000 coats to children in need. Members were also advised that Borough Councillor Des Keers is actively trying to tackle anti-social behaviour in the Borough. As a result T&MBC is purchasing CCTV cameras to be deployed around the Borough to help prevent fly-tipping.

c) Kent Police – PCSO James Robinson has advised that gates were stolen from a field in London Road on the 24 February 2023.

155/22] 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.

2] Climate Change Conference: It was noted that the Clerk will attend a KALC conference on Climate Change on the 17 March 2023.

3] 58 Bus Service: Borough Councillor Mike Taylor has been advised that KCC is minded to approve the application for a Community Transport Grant of £10,000 and if so the grant will be received by the 1 April 2023. Borough Green Parish Council will look to open a 'Bus Subsidy' bank account and it is suggested that smaller participating parishes like Addington contribute £50.00 to the funding.

156/22] PLANNING

a) Applications:

1] 23/00159/TEN – Land adjacent M20 North of Bumblebee Barn, East Street

Prior Telecommunications Notification: Replace existing mast with a 30m high lattice telecommunications mast, 12no, antennae, 4no. 600m diameter transmission dishes, 6no. equipment cabinets, new 1compound fencing and ancillary development.

Resolved to ratify a decision between meetings to object. We feel the proposed height and size of this mast will affect the residential amenity of the neighbouring properties and be harmful to the Green Belt. We would also like to understand if there has been an assessment of any potential risks to health

2] 23/00216/LDP – Westbank, London Road, Addington, ME19 5PL

Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: Single storey side extension.

Resolved: No objection.

3] 23/00203/FL – 1 Greenways, London Road, Addington, ME19 5AN

Single storey rear extension and attached side garage.

Resolved: No objection.

b) Approvals:

None to consider.

c) Refusals:

None.

d) Application Withdrawn:

None.

e) Appeal in Progress:

1] TM/21/02135/FL/ APP/H2265/W/22/3291685– 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. The appeal was lodged in January 2022 and the appellant submitted their paperwork in May 2022 however the Planning Inspectorate did not receive the report from T&MBC until October 2022. It is taking on average 34 weeks to determine a case.

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. They have received the responses to the interviews under caution and are considering these. The Clerk was asked to report to Enforcement that there is evidence that the utilities on site have been interfered with.

3] Westbank, London Road – It was agreed that the Clerk should report Members' concerns about a breach of planning in respect of working hours and a lack of consideration to the neighbouring properties.

4] 23/00030/COM Big Motoring World: Enforcement have written to the owner requesting that the HGV turning area is reinstated but have not received a response. Enforcement visited the site today and this has confirmed that no action has been taken and that cars continue to be offloaded directly on to the A20.

5] 23/00034/USEM – Bonheure, London Road: Enforcement has opened an investigation into an alleged breach of planning involving the storage of cars on the site.

157/22 RESOLUTIONS

1. Coronation Commemorative Gift

Members decided against purchasing commemorative gift to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

2. Policies:

RESOLVED: To adopt the Risk Assessment.

3. 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. Short and Chalk to authorise the payments online.

Balances as at 1 March 2023:

Unity Trust Account: £12,213.66

National Savings Account: £25,573.33

Receipts: None

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary February)	£679.76
HMRC	(NI & Tax – February)	£175.24
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses –including email account)	£196.35
Gel Creative	(Monthly website maintenance)	£100.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	(Annual Cellular phone rental x 2)	£144.00
Total		£1,295.35

158/22] 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. KCC has risk assessed and advised no further action required.

3] Enquiry 691957: Potholes on the London Road outside Jungle Café have been reported. Works have been programmed.

4] Enquiry 689832: Flooding on footpath outside Heathfield, London Road has been reported. KCC has inspected but no fault found.

5] Enquiry 666515: Junction A20 with Trottiscliffe Road, blocked drains, road continually flooding.

6] Enquiry 699656: St Vincents Lane – damaged road surface at entrance to Westfields has been reported.

7] Enquiry 699657: Trottiscliffe Road – hedges overgrown behind the bus stop has been reported.

8] Enquiry 699659: Park Road – scrub elms need attention has been reported.

b) New requiring attention:

1] Cllr. Macdonald-Gay reported that a severe car accident took place at the junction of Trottiscliffe Road and the A20. The Clerk to investigate the cause.

2] **Highways Improvement Plan:**

Cllrs. Garrett, Robinson and the Clerk had a virtual meeting on 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. The Community Engagement Officer advised that the first step will be to carry out some ATC surveys as these have not been done for over 3 years. KCC has agreed to pay for surveys to take place in 3 locations on the A20 throughout Addington and these are now programmed to take place the w/c 6 March 2023. A further meeting will then be set to discuss the results and the next steps. The Road and Footway Asset Team (RaFAT) has advised that the A20 throughout Addington is programmed to be resurfaced in the medium term which means works will take place in the next 3-5 years.

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.

4] **Addington Quarry:** There was no update.

5] **Allotments**

The Parish Council will continue to try and find land suitable for allotments. The Clerk will place a request on social media asking for suggestions for land and will also approach some of the local landowners.

6] **Newsletter**

The Clerk has prepared the next edition of the newsletter which contains information about the screening of the Coronation on the recreation ground on the 6 May 2023. The Clerk will arrange for the newsletter to be printed and distributed.

7] **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Clerk will publicise details about the Annual Parish Meeting which is due to take place on Thursday 6 April 2023 at 7pm in the village hall. The Parish Council has arranged for the Kent Fire and Rescue Service Education Team to talk about fire safety in the home. Tips on safe cooking, smoke alarms and general electrical safety will be given as well as advice on what to do in the event of a fire in the home.

8] **Climate Change Action Plan**

The Clerk will be attending the KALC Climate Change Conference due to be held on the 17 March 2022. The Clerk will arrange a further date for Borough Councillor Robin Betts to present the approach of T&MBC to Climate Change to Members.

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

The Clerk is waiting to hear what time the screen is going to arrive on the 6 May 2023 and for further press releases on the Coronation. Cllr. Robinson advised that the Cricket Club can provide a BBQ and bar. The Clerk has asked Trottiscliffe if they would be interested in holding a joint cricket match on the afternoon of the Coronation. Cllr. Robinson is in the process of arranging the match and advised that the Village Hall Committee have kindly offered to help with providing hot drinks and cakes. The Clerk will continue to advertise the event on social media

10] **Open Spaces:**

a) **Fly-tipping:** Cllrs. Short, Robinson and the Clerk met virtually with a CCTV company to discuss the feasibility of installing CCTV in the lay-bys in St Vincents Lane and Park Road affected by regular flytipping. The company advised that it is not practically possible to install CCTV in these locations. Wildlife cameras could be an option. The Clerk has contacted T&MBC for further advice about preventative measures on the understanding that they have recently purchased some CCTV cameras.

b) **Dying Trees at East Street:** Members were delighted to hear that National Highways will be replacing the dying trees at the end of East Street. National Highways have advised that replacement trees were due to arrive at their suppliers yesterday where they will be inspected. An installation date will then be arranged.

c) **Proposal to resurface the trackway around the village green:** The Addington Green residents have been considering options to improve the condition of the trackway. The residents have been undertaking regular repairs but would now like to resurface the track. Quotes have been obtained and the residents who have built up a substantial maintenance fund are willing to fund the resurfacing work. The Parish Council as the owner of the trackway will place the order. It was **resolved** to place the order with Arnold

Tarmac Ltd. at a cost of £15,000.00 (excluding VAT), subject to the Management Association transferring the funds to the Parish Council and sight of a risk assessment and method statement. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not use reserves to contribute to this unbudgeted expenditure.

159/22] REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS:

- a) **Village Hall Committee** – A meeting was held on the 28 February 2023. Cllr, Robinson confirmed that the Village Hall Committee is willing to help provide refreshments at the screening of the Coronation and has £103.00 remaining from the grant application for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations which can be used to purchase supplies. The Committee also has bunting to decorate the hall. The Village Hall is in a sound financial position. The Committee is also exploring the exportation of surplus energy once the solar panels are installed and await a date for the installation.
- b) **Recreation Ground Committee** – Cllr. Robinson advised Members that an application for grant funding for solar panels for the roof of the pavilion has been submitted. The LED lights have been replaced in the function room which will hopefully save money and the Committee hope to replace the remaining LED lights when funding allows. The Committee is also considering obtaining quotes for a joint insurance policy with the village hall which could also save money. The Committee remain committed to enhancing the environment and climate change initiatives and have decided to not cut the grass on the boundary of the recreation ground this summer which will hopefully allow wildflowers to grow. The Village Hall Committee has agreed to contribute to the cost of repairing the long standing water leak. An upgrade to the toilets in the bar area and an overhaul of the area is in process. The Committee has seen a reduction in the cost of waste water services as a result of the rainwater harvesting initiative.
- c) **Parish Partnership Panel** – The Clerk will circulate a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on the 9 February 2023.
- d) **Standards Committee** – There has been no meeting.
- e) **KALC Area Committee** – There has been no meeting.

160/22] CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

- a) For information:
 - 1] Area 2 Planning Committee – 5 April 2023
 - 2] Joint Transportation Board – 6 March 2023
 - 3] Parish Partnership Panel – 18 May 2023
 - 4] Standards Committee – TBC.
 - 5] KALC Area Meeting – 30 March 2023
- b) **New requiring attention:**
 - 1] Home to School and Post 16 Transport for Mainstream and SEND Pupils - Public Consultation.

161/22] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

Nothing additional.

162/22] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held after the Annual Parish Meeting on the 6 April 2023 at 7pm in the village hall.

163/22] ANY CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:

There were none to consider.

With no further business to transact the meeting was closed at 20:10hrs

Signed _____ Chairman Date _____

Initials: