

ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held in the Pavilion, Park Road
held on Thursday 6 April 2023 at 20:25hrs

Present:

Cllr. Mrs. P. Garrett – Chairman, Cllrs. Mrs. A. Adams, Mrs. L. Chalk, Mr. S. Macdonald-Gay, Mrs. C. Short

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

01/23] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was received from Borough Councillor Ann Kemp, Cllr. Mr. P. Robinson and the reasons for absence were accepted.

02/23] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

03/23] MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The signing of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1 March 2023 was postponed to the next meeting.

04/23] OPEN SESSION

A member of the public reported that the recent resurfacing that took place on East Street is already breaking up. Concern was expressed about the amount of litter on Trottiscliffe Road. It was suggested that the village hall lease needs to be renewed.

05/23] REPORTS:

a) County Councillor: A report was given at the Annual Parish Meeting.

b) Borough Councillor: There was no report.

c) Kent Police: PCSO James Robinson has advised that there was no crime in Addington during March. However, local knowledge informs us that two deers were recently sadly slaughtered on the golf course. *County Councillor Sarah Hohler left the meeting*

06/23] 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] 58 Bus Service: Borough Councillor Mike Taylor has advised that Borough Green Parish Council has agreed to adopt the Parish Alliance 'Shopper Bus Scheme' and to act as agents between Nu-Venture and the participating parishes which of course includes Addington. Borough Green Parish Council will manage the accounting, invoicing and payments. The Clerk will send a letter of thanks from the Parish Council to both Mike Taylor and Nu-venture for organising this service.

3] New lease for the Recreation Ground: Cllr. Robinson has prepared a statement of truth for the land registry application which has been forwarded to Asma Shamim at Wellers Hedleys.

4] Trackway around the village green: The Clerk has received a copy of the method statement and risk assessment for the proposed works to the trackway around the green. The Clerk will place the order once funds have been received from the Management Company.

5] Audit Arrangements: The Clerk has received the Annual Governance and Accountability Return from the new external auditor, Mazars. The internal auditor is due to inspect the accounts on Friday 14 March 2023.

6] Community Payback Scheme: The Clerk had submitted a request for works to be undertaken in Addington by the Community Payback offenders. The Clerk explained that litter picking is not a service they can provide due to insurance issues.

7] Old Oak Tree Addington Green: The Clerk has arranged a meeting with Bartlett's on the 20 April 2023 to review the welfare of the old oak tree on Addington Green.

07/23] PLANNING

a) Applications:

1] 23/00330/LDP – 6 The Chestnuts, Addington, ME19 5BH

Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: Extension of off-road parking and dropped kerb.

RESOLVED: No comment.

20:41hrs Cllr. Garrett declared a pecuniary interest and left the room

2] 23/00374/PDVDAS – Westbank, London Road, Addington, ME19 5PL

Prior notification: The enlargement of a dwellinghouse by the construction of additional storeys with a maximum overall height of 7.5m: Schedule 2, Part 1, Class AA of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended).

RESOLVED: Object. We question the validity of the plans as various works are taking place at the site which are now shown on this application. We feel the proposal represents an overdevelopment of the site. We are concerned about bulk of the proposal and the effect on the street scene. The proposal is out of keeping with the neighbouring properties. The mass and bulk will destroy the views from adjacent public footpath FP MT172. We are deeply concerned about the effect of the building works on the neighbouring properties and the damage that is already taking place.

20:47hrs Cllr. Garrett returned

3] 23/00356/FL – The Kindlings, London Road, Addington, ME19 5DA

Erection of detached garage and roof alterations to include hip to gable conversion, addition of front and rear dormers and velux windows.

RESOLVED: In principle we support the roof alteration as we feel it fits in with street scene.

However, we would like to draw your attention to a covenant on the area of the land where the garage is to be sited which is to give access to a mains water supply.

b) Approvals:

1] 23/00216/LDP – Westbank, London Road, Addington, ME19 5PL

LDC Proposed: Single storey side extension.

c) Refusals:

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

Single storey rear extension and attached side garage.

2] 20/02967/LDE – Winsor Works, London Road, Addington

Lawful Development Certificate: General industrial use.

3] 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 compound fencing and ancillary development.

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. A decision is still awaited.

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.

3] Westbank, London Road – The Clerk has reported Members’ concerns about a breach of planning in respect of working hours and a lack of consideration to the neighbouring properties. Contractors have been working late at night and all weekend and many bonfires have been lit. The proximity of building works to the boundary is affecting the land. Members noted that Planning Enforcement are due to visit the site next week to investigate these alleged breaches.

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.

5] 23/00034/USEM – Bonheure, London Road: Local knowledge suggests that the illegal storage of cars on this site has ceased.

6] 23/00063/COM – Humphries and Parks, London Road: Enforcement is investigating an alleged unauthorised breach of the lighting condition.

7] Aldon Lane - The Clerk was asked to advise Enforcement that the remaining caravan is still being stored on the site and to request its removal.

08/23] RESOLUTIONS

1. Draft Minutes

RESOLVED: To place draft minutes of meetings on the website.

2. Financial

a) Proposal to give £2,200.00 towards the solar batteries for the village hall.

RESOLVED: To pay £2,200.00 towards the solar batteries for the village hall.

b) 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.

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

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

Balances as at 6 April 2023:

Unity Trust Account: £9,560.02
National Savings Account: £25,573.33

Receipts: None

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary – March)	£679.76
HMRC	(NI & Tax March)	£175.24
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses)	£181.96
Gel Creative	(Monthly website maintenance)	£150.00
Communicorp	(Clerk & Councils Direct Subscription)	£14.00
Four Seasons Gardens	(Wildflower planting)	£1000.32
Addington Village Hall (Contribution to solar system)		£2,200.00
Total		£4,401.2

09/23] 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.

Initials:

5] Enquiry 666515: Junction A20 with Trottiscliffe Road, blocked drains, road continually flooding. KCC has inspected and works are planned.

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

7] Enquiry 699657: Trottiscliffe Road – hedges overgrown behind the bus stop has been reported. No further works are required.

8] Enquiry 699659: Park Road – scrub elms need attention has been reported. KCC have assessed the trees and concluded no works are required.

b) New requiring attention:

Enquiry 710154: Potholes entrance to Seekers Trust.

East Street – the Clerk to report that the surface is breaking up.

2] Highways Improvement Plan:

The Community Engagement Officer has provided the results from the ATC surveys that took place the w/c 6 March 2023 on the A20 throughout Addington and has advised that in order for ATC data to support a speed reduction, average speeds should be below the enforcement speed of the proposed speed limit. If KCC were looking to reduce the speed limit along London Road to 40mph they would want to see current average speeds of below 46mph. The speeds along the 60mph section of road are a little higher, when averaging the speed in both directions, at 47.7mph (west) and 46.6mph (east), albeit only just, but the average speed in the 50mph section is below this threshold. The Planning & Advice team at KCC will now review the results of the ATC surveys and accident data and decide whether or not a reduction in speed limit would be suitable for this stretch of the A20.

3] Climate Change Action Plan

The Clerk attended the KALC Climate Change Conference held on the 17 March 2023 and has circulated the papers from this. Cllrs. Garrett, Adams, Robinson and the Clerk attended a virtual presentation given by Borough Councillor Robin Betts on the approach of T&MBC to Climate Change. It was agreed that the next step will be to consult residents on their views about Climate Change and what the village can do to address this. It was agreed that the Clerk will draft a survey.

4] Kings Coronation 6 May 2023:

The Clerk advised Members that the screen is going to arrive at 8am on the 6 May 2023 and that the setup takes approximately 2 hours. The screening of the Coronation will commence from 10am. The Cricket Club will provide a BBQ and bar. Cllr. Robinson has arranged a cricket match with Trottiscliffe for the afternoon. 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 and will prepare a risk assessment.

5] Open Spaces:

a) Wildflower border: It was noted that Four Seasons have now extended the wildflower border on Addington Green and have re-sown seed over the whole area.

b) Fly-tipping: The Safe & Stronger Communities Manager at T&MBC has advised that mobile CCTV have been ordered to be used around the Borough at hotspots for anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping. The Clerk has submitted an application to go on the waiting list for a mobile CCTV camera for St Vincents Lane/Park Road.

10/23] REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS:

a) Village Hall Committee: The solar panels are due to be installed on the 13 April 2023 along with the batteries.

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. Cllr. Robinson has transferred the soil and turf removed from Addington Green for the extended flower meadow to create a security bund on the roadside of the car park. Cllr. Robinson will be planting the area with wildflower seeds in addition to the trees that have already been planted on the verge. 200 saplings have also been planted around the perimeter of the recreation ground. T&MBC has confirmed zero business rate for the pavilion for 2023. The Committee's finances remain in a critical position with the current energy price eating up all the revenue.

- c) **Parish Partnership Panel**: There has been no meeting.
- d) **Standards Committee**: There has been no meeting.
- e) **KALC Area Committee**: Nobody was able to attend the meeting held on the 30 March 2023. The Clerk will circulate the minutes when received.

11/23] CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

- a) For information:
 - 1] Area 2 Planning Committee: 31 May 2023
 - 2] Joint Transportation Board: 5 June 2023
 - 3] Parish Partnership Panel: 18 May 2023
 - 4] Standards Committee: 3 July 2023
 - 5] KALC Area Meeting: TBC
- b) **New requiring attention**: Nothing to consider.

12/23] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:
KALC Award. Village Hall Lease. Moto application.

13/23] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:
The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7pm in the Pavilion

14/23] ANY CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:
There were none to consider.

With no further business to transact the meeting was closed at 21:06hrs

Signed _____ Chairman Date _____

Initials: