

ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Addington Village Hall, Park Road
held on Wednesday 5 June 2024 at 19:00hrs

Present: Cllr. Mrs. P. Garrett – Chairman, Cllrs: Mrs. A. Adams, Mr. M. Cole, Mr. P. Robinson
Mr. D. Tighe

In Attendance: Louise Goldsmith (Clerk), 1 member of the public

36/24] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor Sarah Hohler and Councillors Mrs. L. Chalk and Mrs. C. Short and the reasons for absence was accepted.

37/24] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:

Cllr. Robinson declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 43/24 (a) (2).

38/24] INTENTIONS TO RECORD THE MEETING

It was noted that there have been no requests to record the meeting.

39/24] MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was proposed and **resolved** that the Chairman signs the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 1 May 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

40/24] OPEN SESSION:

A representative from the village hall advised Members that the village hall is making good progress with sorting out the bank mandate. The bank has agreed to accept a certified copy of the lease which is going to cost in the region of £3000.00 to produce. The AGM held on 30 May 2024 went well. The Committee is in the process of refurbishing the hall floor and extending the CCTV cover. The committee is keen to increase the amount of parking and is seeking quotes to tarmac the area of land to the side of the hall. Parking is sometimes an issue if both the cricket club and village hall are hosting events. The Clerk will keep the committee updated on progress with a grant to purchase a defibrillator for the external wall of the pavilion.

41/24] REPORTS:

- a) County Councillor: There was no report.
- b) Borough Councillor: There was no report.
- c) Kent Police: There was no reported crime in Addington in May 2024

42/4] CLERKS REPORT/PAST MATTERS (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 cleaned the BT boxes that house the defibrillators today.
- 2] Exercise of Public Rights: The Notices have been placed on the noticeboards and website along with a copy of the Accounting Statement and Governance Statement.
- 3] Bus: A revised timetable has been issued by Nu Venture that loses the Tesco Larkfield stop on the normal route, the 58 bus service will now run all the way into Maidstone. It was noted that a free shopper service from Wrotham Heath to Tesco Lunsford Park will operate on a Thursday.
- 4] Ancient Oak Tree: The Clerk reported that the Tree and Landscape Officer has advised that T&MBC will not accept liability for the tree should it fall and that any liability would remain with the Parish Council. The Tree and Landscape Officer believes that an acceptable level of risk can be achieved with pruning treatment and has requested that the Parish Council reconsiders the submitted planning application to remove the tree. The Clerk advised that this will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Initials:

43/24] PLANNING:

a) Applications:

1] 24/00816/PA: The Highlands, London Road, Addington

Proposed demolition of existing oak framed double garage and log store to be replaced by single storey timber two bed overflow accommodation.

Resolved: Neutral. We do not think the proposal fits in with the street scene.

Cllr. Robinson declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting

2] 24/00785/PA: Merlins Brook, Park Road, Addington

Prior Notification: Change of use of agricultural building to residential Dwelling (Part 3 Class Q): Conversion of existing agricultural building to a detached 3x Bed Dwelling.

Resolved: The proposal is within the Greenbelt and inside a protected open space we feel it is an impractical and undesirable location for a residential dwelling

Cllr. Robinson returned to the meeting.

b) Approvals:

1] 24/00491/PA: Humphries and Parks, London Road, Addington

Proposed erection of a steel framed car showroom building.

2] 24/00359/PA: The Sycamores, London Road, Addington

Proposed single storey/lower ground rear extension. Ground floor rear extension. Loft conversion, amendments to front fenestration.

c) Refusals: None to consider.

d) Application Withdrawn: None to consider.

e) Other Planning Issues:

1] 20/00030/USEH – Mayhill House, London Road, Addington – alleged unauthorised hardstanding and caravan: The Planning Enforcement Manager is reviewing this case with Enforcement Officers to ensure that notices have been served as needed.

2] 22/00222/TPOT - Land to the side of the Jet Garage, London Road: Enforcement has advised work to comply with a previous notice has started but has not been completed. The Forestry Commission advised T&MBC that they would not take action on the loss of trees but would advise on suitable planting. The Planning Enforcement Manager is following up on this case to consider what further steps are available to T&MBC. The Clerk was asked to find out who is paying for the replanting and the removal of the rubble.

3] 23/00200/USEM Aldon Lane: T&MBC has advised that enforcement action is proposed for this site and is being progressed for internal approval. Local knowledge suggests that the caravan has been moved and is occupied.

4] Food van on the A20: KCC has advised the Clerk that the layby will be reopened on the 8 June 2024.

5] Land West of Roughetts Road, Ryarsh: Request for an Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion to determine the information required to accompany a planning application for the proposed extraction of aggregate sand. It was noted that a number of objections have been submitted and that the Clerk has advised Ryarsh Parish Council that Members are keen to support them.

6] COM/24/03603602: Complaint to T&MBC regarding the failure to take enforcement action to ensure that Condition 4 of planning permission reference 10/00938/FL was complied with which led to the approval of a proposal for a Lawful Development Certificate, 23/01270/LDE, to remove the condition.

Members considered the response from Adrian Stanfield, Interim Chief Executive at T&MBC, to Stage 3 of the Council's complaints procedure. Adrian Stanfield has advised that it is his conclusion that T&MBC has accepted fault for the process errors that have led to the present situation and that any potential remedy now sits with the Highways Authority. Adrian Stanfield stated that T&MBC will try to work in a constructive manner with Kent County Council on this matter and that he will ensure that this is discussed at a senior level with them at his next meeting with their Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport. Adrian Stanfield has also suggested that the Parish Council could now ask the

Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman to review the complaint. Members discussed this response and agreed that nothing is to be gained from taking this complaint to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman at this stage. T&MBC has accepted fault for not taking enforcement action to ensure that Condition 4 of planning permission reference 10/00938/FL was complied with which led to the approval of a proposal for a Lawful Development Certificate, 23/01270/LDE, to remove the condition. Members agreed that they would prefer to see public funds directed towards alleviating the problem created by this failure to take enforcement action of vehicles being offloaded directly on to the highway. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council has up to 12 months to direct a complaint to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman.

Resolved: To not submit a complaint to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman at this stage. The Clerk to ask Adrian Stanfield for regular updates on the discussions held between T&MBC and KCC on how to resolve the ongoing issue of cars being loaded directly on to the highway outside Big Motoring World.

44/24] RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposal for new noticeboards

Members considered various options and costs of different types of noticeboards to replace the noticeboards in the Clearway and Trottscliffe Road and to erect a new noticeboard at East Street. Members also considered a kind offer by Cllr. Tighe to build three wooden noticeboards. Cllr. Tighe was thanked for his offer.

RESOLVED: To accept the offer from Mr Tighe to build three wooden noticeboards at cost.

2. Proposal to move the next meeting to the 10 July 2024

RESOLVED: To move the next meeting to the 10 July 2024.

3. Financial:

a) To approve the Financial Statement for May 2024 and make arrangements for authorisation.

RESOLVED: To approve the Financial Statement for May 2024 and for Cllrs. Garrett and Short to authorise the payments online.

Balances as at 5 June 2024:

Unity Trust Current Account:	£17,311.65
Unity Trust Savings Account:	£21,474.06

Receipts: None

Payments in June:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary)	£743.20
HMRC	(Tax)	£185.80
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses, printing email account reimburse)	£185.99
Gel Creative	(Monthly website maintenance)	£150.00
Capel Groundcare	(Grounds Maintenance Monthly)	£236.80
Satswana	(DPO Services)	£180.00
St Margarets PCC	(Donation)	£500.00
Clear Councils	(Annual Insurance)	£566.48
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Reimbursement Norton)	£ 89.99
Knockout Print	(Playground sign)	£144.00
The Small Works Co.	(BT Box cleaning)	£255.00
Total		£3,316.25

Initials:

45/24] PARISH MATTERS:

1] Highways:

a) Highways & PROW enquiries Outstanding:

- 1] Enquiry 751039: East Street North Trackway: Shrubs/vegetation causing obstruction: Further works required.
- 2] Enquiry: 808705: Tree fallen across verge on A20. Works completed.
- 3] Bollard flattened on Seven Mile Lane: Works completed.
- 4] Tree across footpath MR177. Reported.
- 5] Tree down across St Vincents: Works completed

b) New requiring attention:

St Vincents Lane water leak
Cars parking on the village green.

c) Flytipping

There has been a number of recent incidents of fly-tipping in and around St. Vincents Lane. The Clerk was asked to find out if Addington will benefit from the T&MBC camera deployment scheme it started a few years ago. The Parish Council applied to T&MBC for St Vincents Lane to be added to a list of fly tipping hotspots. The Clerk advised that permission would needed from KCC to install wildlife cameras or any form of cameras on verges,

2] D-Day Celebrations 6 June 2024

Cllr. Garrett reported that a commemorative event is to be held in the village hall on Thursday 6 June 2024 commencing at 7.30pm. The event has been advertised on the noticeboards and website and via the newsletter distribution list. On behalf of the Parish Council Cllr. Robinson and Coles will arrange for the beacon to be ignited. The Clerk has written a risk assessment.

3] Open Spaces

To approve a request from the residents around the green to hold a BBQ.

Resolved: To give permission to the residents around the green to hold a BBQ on the 26 August 2024 subject to sight of a risk assessment and insurance.

46/24] REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS:

- a) **Village Hall Committee:** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Committee meeting held on the 30 May 2024 were noted.
- b) **Recreation Ground Committee:** Cllr. Robinson reported that there has been no meeting. The Annual General Meeting will be held next month. The portable defibrillator needs new batteries. An ongoing issue with the fact the pavilion building does not have an official postcode is looking like it can be resolved. Cllr. Robinson reported that West Malling Golf Club will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary year. The Clerk was asked to send an email in recognition of this.
- c) **Parish Partnership Panel:** Cllr. Adams attended the meeting held on the 30 May 2024 and reported that the Electoral Services are short of polling and counting staff for the election. A copy of the draft minutes of the meeting have been circulated.
- d) **Standards Committee:** A meeting is being held this evening.
- e) **KALC Area Committee:** There has been no meeting.

47/24] CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

- a) For information:
 - 1] Area 2 Planning Committee: 26 June 2024
 - 2] Joint Transportation Board: 17 June 2024
 - 3] Parish Partnership Panel: 29 August 2024
 - 4] Standards Committee: 5 June 2024
 - 5] KALC Area Meeting: 11 July 2024

Initials:

b) New requiring attention:

1] Members Code of Conduct Training 5 June at 7pm. Noted

2] Draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-2029 Regulation 22 Town and County (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. To note that the plan has been submitted for Independent Examination. Noted

48/24] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

Planning proposal for the ancient oak tree. Approach Kent Police regarding car unloading.

49/24] DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 July 2024 at 19:00hrs in the village hall.

50/24] ANY CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:

There were none to consider.

With no further business to transact the meeting was closed at 20:31hrs

Signed _____ Chairman Date _____

Initials: