

Monkton
Parish Council



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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on
10th May 2019 at 8:45pm at Monkton Village Hall.**

Present Parish Councillors Gilly Brown [GB], Davina Ransom [DR], Chris Ransom [CR], Steve Bennett [SB]

In Attendance Sara Archer – Clerk plus 18 members of the public.

01/19-20 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Cllr Gilly Brown was nominated to be elected as Chairman, this was proposed by Cllr Chris Ransom and seconded by Cllr Steve Bennett, all were in favour.

02/19-20 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Cllr Davina Ransom was nominated to be elected as Vice-Chair by Cllr Gilly Brown, this was seconded by Cllr Steve Bennett, all were in favour.

Thanks were noted to John Way who had decided not to re-stand in the recent elections. John had been involved with the Parish Council for some 11 years, 8 of which he served as Chairman. His energetic and committed approach would be missed.

Thanks were also expressed to Teresa Brown who had also made the decision not to stand for election. Her input during the past term had been greatly appreciated.

Representatives for Committees and Groups were usually allocated at this time, however, it was agreed to defer this decision until the next meeting when a full council had been appointed.

03/19-20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Reece Pugh

04/19-20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Acceptance of Office and DPI forms were completed. No interests were declared.

05/19-20 **VACANCY OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

It was confirmed that following the recent elections, a vacancy on the Parish Council had arisen. The vacancy would be filled by co-option and would be advertised in due course. Applications for the position would be welcomed. **Action SA**

06/19-20 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chairman confirmed the minutes of the last meeting were unavailable due to an administration problem. They would be circulated as soon as possible and all were in agreement for the Chairman to approve them upon receipt accordingly.

07/19-20 **INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) County Councillor – Cllr Dawson was not present and no report received.
- b) District Councillor – Cllr Pugh was not present and no report received.
- c) PCSO – PCSO Forsyth was not present and no report received. ** Report received following the meeting as per addendum at the end of these minutes.
- d) Village Hall Committee – No representatives present.
- e) Thanet Rural Regeneration Group – No representative present.
- f) Thanet Area Committee – No representative present.
- g) Parish Council Forum – Cllr C Ransom confirmed parking charges had been discussed and the enforcement of double yellow lines. A warden would be appointed to monitor the yellow lines in Minster.
- h) MFC – Nothing to report.

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Cllr Brown suggested that until representatives had been appointed. Councillors would attend meetings according to their availability.

08/19-20

RECREATION GROUND

a) Cllr Bennett confirmed he had performed a visual check of the Play Area, there were no issues with the equipment.

A safety inspection had been carried out by Wicksteed which highlighted medium risks.

It was suggested Cllrs Bennett and C Ransom visited the play area and drew up a list of action points which could be addressed by the Parish Council and those which would need specialist attention.

Action SB/CR

b) It was noted that MFC should have been approached to appoint a marshal during training/matches in order to address the issue of speeding along the access road. As this had not been evident, it was suggested a meeting was arranged to discuss the problems encountered.

Other items to be discussed with MFC include the transfer of the water bill and receipt of minutes/accounts from the club, litter issues.

Action GB/SA

c) Cllr Brown confirmed the safety barriers had been raised to deter Travellers from the area. It was discussed and agreed they should remain in position for the time being.

The Clerk advised she had received notification that the blue storage container had been broken into. This had been reported accordingly.

d) Cllr Brown reported that correspondence had been received from resident at Seamark Close requesting the weeds/bracken are removed from next to the boundary fence. The owner had been visited to discuss the problem and the area had been viewed. The Clerk confirmed Serco had attended and strimmed back the vegetation. It was discussed and agreed that for future the Parish Council would allow access to the area for the resident to maintain the boundary personally.

09/19-20

FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which had been previously circulated as below.

Wicksteed – Play Area Safety Inspection 72.00

S. Archer – Clerks Salary & Expenses 497.83

Cheques signed as appropriate. Proposed by Cllr C Ransom and seconded by Cllr Bennett.

b) The Clerk offered a short explanation of the income and expenditure for the Parish Council. Information would be available on the website. The accounts for year ending 2018-19 were approved, this was proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr C Ransom.

c) Cllr Ransom confirmed no payment was necessary Tree Warden Course.

d) The Clerk advised the meeting of the options for installing dog waste bag dispensers at the Recreation Ground. After discussion, it was agreed not to install dispensers at this stage.

10/19-20

HIGHWAYS

a) Cllr Bennett reported that he had not been able to meet with Paul Valek, KCC Highways to date. He would remind of the pothole repairs required along Plumstone Road.

Action SB

b) The highways issues had been discussed during the Annual Parish Meeting, however, residents were encouraged to write to the Highways department to outline concerns.

Richard Moore would be invited to attend a meeting to hold a Q&A session regarding highways regulations and issues experienced.

Action GB

11/19-20

PLANNING

a) A list of current Planning Applications had previously been circulated to the Cllrs. All applications available online via the TDC website.

F/TH/19/0251 – Royal Exchange, Millers Lane, Monkton

It was noted the Conservation Officer did not approve the application. Objections had been noted and a decision was pending.

APP/Z2260/W/19/32220290 – Land rear of 28 Monkton Street – Appeal

Objections had been submitted by the Parish Council.

APP/Z2260/W/19/3221920 – Land adjacent to 150 Monkton Street – Appeal

Objections had been submitted by the Parish Council.

OL/TH/19/0409 – Land rear 96-102 Monkton Street

This application was discussed at length during the APM.

OL/TH/19/0290 – Garden Cottage, Minster Road, Monkton

In principle the development was reasonable, however concern was noted regarding access to the property. It was suggested Acol Parish Council were approached to co-ordinate a suitable response.

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b) The pending application for Coles Yard was discussed at the APM.

12/19-20 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Gilly Brown confirmed CPRE were unable to attend a meeting to discuss the options available for a Neighbourhood plan but had offered a number of website links and information to be considered. A meeting had been arranged to discuss the progress of the Plan on 17th May in the Village Hall.

13/19-20 **EMERGENCY PLAN**

Cllr Ransom advised he was still awaiting a copy of the TDC Emergency Plan before progressing with the village plan.

14/19-20 **DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 29th July, **7:30pm** in the Village Hall.

The later time had been suggested in view of enabling more resident's to attend.

Future dates: 30th Sept, 25th Nov
(Last Monday of the month, bi-monthly)

The meeting closed at approximately 21:30hrs

**** ADDENDUM**

PCSO REPORT

Good evening everybody,

Firstly may I say what an absolute pleasure it is to be the Thanet villages PCSO. I have met and continue to meet, a wonderful array of characters. I very much enjoy the Monkton residents meeting on a Wednesday morning, my only regret is that I cannot attend solidly on a weekly basis but shifts and duties mean that it has to be a bit hit and miss I'm afraid but I hope that the people of Monkton who I have met, know me to be approachable and helpful for any issues which you may encounter.

Monkton, thankfully, remains to be a relatively crime free area.

There will always be calls into the police regarding issues which cannot be discussed but this is true of all areas.

Crimes of note over the past year have been well documented already, rogue traders, thefts, criminal damage and burglary. However, these crimes are extremely rare.

I have gone back over the last month to see which crimes of note can be disclosed and there aren't any! There will always be some issues ranging from obstructions to bad driving to disturbances etc but crimes of note for Monkton this month are zero!

As we all know, different seasons bring different crimes and issues, so as we head toward the warmer weather you should be advised of security measures. Please be careful when leaving windows and doors open, particularly front and back doors which may be left open for any length of time. Keep outbuildings, sheds and garages locked at all times and all tools and machinery safely under lock and key and out of sight.

Please be aware of rogue traders and fraudulent telephone calls, unfortunately these will probably always be a menace and you need to be vigilant and of course never disclose any personal information. Please always inform us of any suspicious activities.

We have received some calls regarding nuisance behaviour on quad and motorbikes, believed to be along the bridal way opposite the Foxhunter leading up to the old service road. This is something that we shall keep a close eye on. Intel tells us that it happens mainly in school holidays, bank holidays and some weekends.

That leads me to fly tipping along the old service road. This is an ongoing problem and PCSO Butterworth (Minster PCSO) and myself are keeping a close eye on this also.

My police surgeries, which if operational commitments allow, are the first Wednesday of every month in the village hall at 12.15. I am looking into combining all surgeries to Monkton as I have only ever had one person attend any of my surgeries so given the time dedicated, it appears to make sense to reduce the 3 hours spent down to one hour per month.

Thank you all for the warm welcome I have received and I look forward to my first full year with you.

Kind regards
Debbie

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Signed.....

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