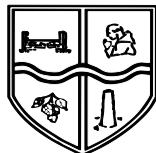


Monkton
Parish Council



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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
25th November 2019 at 7:30pm at Monkton Village Hall.**

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

In Attendance Sara Archer – Clerk, District Cllrs Trevor Roper, Reeve Pugh & David Hart plus 10 members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed and introduced the three District Councillors.

47/19-20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
PCSO Debbie Forsyth, Kent County Cllr Liz Hurst & Community Warden Peter Gill

48/19-20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
No interests were declared.

49/19-20 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
Members of the public were given the opportunity to raise any concerns/comments that would not be addressed during the main business of the agenda.
- The licensing problems at TDC were discussed. It was agreed the problem was unacceptable and Cllr Pugh advised he would be investigating the matter on behalf of the resident.
- Cllr Hart was questioned regarding his decision to vote in favour of the planning application on the land adjacent to 150 Monkton St. It was explained that by making this decision, it was felt that it went against the majority of views and opinions of the village which he represents, and he did not fully understand the impact of the development with regards to the designated village gap or unique drainage situation. He responded that he felt he made his decision based on what he felt was right for that particular piece of land. The conditions attached to the approval regarding adequate drainage restrictions remained in place and would be enforced.
- Nicola Dyas advised she had met with a representative from the Environment Agency to make arrangements for the pumps to be run 24 hours a day during the migration period for eels, in order to mitigate against potential flooding of the marshes and surrounding area.

50/19-20 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was resolved to accept the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 30th September 2019 as a true record. These were proposed by Cllr Bennett and Seconded by Cllr Beavis and duly signed by the Chair.

51/19-20 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
Cllr Gilly Brown reported as follows:
Picking up on issues raised at the last meeting...

- The rubbish collection at Millers Lane has now been dealt with although they remain on a different rota to the rest of Monkton. Cllr Beavis is looking into the green waste collection service.
- Minster Parish Council has agreed to consider Monkton planning applications as well as their own, and it is suggested that Monkton Parish Council also start considering applications in Minster that may have an impact on the village.

New issues to be considered...

- Changes in legislation require all Parish Council websites to meet accessibility regulations, this includes visually impaired capability. The changes are to be implemented by September 2020. The financial impact will need to be considered when setting the next budget.

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- Church Christmas Tree Festival – The Parish Council have been invited to participate, the decoration would be discussed after the meeting.
- Confirmation of the gritting contract has been received, priced this year at £131 per visit; the snow plough charge is £55/hr, minimum 4 hours. This is an on-going contract on an ad hoc basis, it has been agreed it is needed in emergencies, so will be continued. Cllr Beavis and Cllr C Ransom would instruct the company as required.
- Correspondence had been received from a resident at Church Row regarding loose dogs in the churchyard. This would be forwarded to Rev Braddy for consideration. **Action SA**

Cllr Brown offered Cllr D Ransom well with her forthcoming operation and a speedy recovery.

52/19-20

FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which had been previously circulated as below. This was proposed by Cllr C Ransom and seconded by Cllr Bennett.

Sunstone - CCTV Maintenance contract	£1,491.53
SNS - Domain Hosting	£28.56
C. Beavis - Repayment for Office Equipment	£24.95
H. Gunton - War Memorial Plants	£19.96
TDC - Election fees	£346.33
Serco - Grounds Maintenance	£1,071.11
D. Ransom - Repayment for Postage	£4.27
Eyeball Signs - Dog Signs	£112.20
Ladywell Accountancy - PAYE Returns	£75.00
HMRC - PAYE	£41.80
Clerk's salary & expenses	

Receipts:

Natwest - Bank Interest	£1.37
TDC - 1/2 Precept & Agency Payment	£7,906.00

b) The request for a contribution towards funding for speedwatch equipment, made by the speedwatch co-ordinator was discussed and the report submitted was read by the Clerk. An annual contribution of £360 towards the maintenance, service and repair of equipment had been requested. A poster would be included in the newsletter to recruit more volunteers to join the speedwatch team. **After discussion it was resolved to agree to make a contribution of £360 for the forthcoming year to be reviewed annually. This was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr C Ransom.**

c) Following the misunderstanding from the previous meeting, it had been confirmed that the costs of installing the defibrillator would be met by the Village Hall Committee. The electrician had wired the cabinet in however, the alarm unit was faulty. This had been replaced and was now awaiting installation. Electrician Jack Whybrow had generously offered his service to the Parish Council free of charge, however, materials would be paid for accordingly.

53/19-20

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

a) County Councillor – Cllr Hurst was not present and no report received.

b) District Councillor – Cllr Roper advised he had attended an engagement session with Riveroak. A questionnaire was circulated for comments on the traffic flight paths. The main consultation would be held in July 2020.

Cllr Roper had been part of a working party tasked with looking into the provision of temporary Travellers sites in the area. Three sites had been identified to be used on a rotational basis, Potten Street – St Nicholas, Ramsgate Port and Tivoli Park in Margate. TDC would provide water, waste collection and chemical toilets at the sites. The overview and scrutiny committee had decided to take the proposal to public consultation for consideration. It was confirmed that the site at Minster which has been identified for a Travellers site, is private land and an application may be submitted in due course by the land owner.

A designated Tree Officer had been appointed by TDC who will be taking his post in January.

Cllr Pugh confirmed the site at Potten Street was contentious as the area already had issues with various anti-social behaviour problems. He confirmed he would call-in an application if it is submitted at Minster as it was an unsuitable location.

Cllr Pugh congratulated the villages on the poppy displays and remembrance services.

A meeting of the climate change working group would be taking place on 5th December at TDC.

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Cllr Pugh advised he stood by his decision to vote against the Local Plan and acknowledged that villages will need more housing, however, the development at the land adjacent to 150 Monkton St would ruin the current vista.

Cllr Hart confirmed he had nothing further to report.

- c) PCSO – PCSO Forsyth was not present however, she had encouraged residents to be extra vigilant at this time of year, particularly taking care with security.
- d) Thanet Rural Regeneration Group – Cllr Brown attended the last meeting where Speedwatch was discussed. It was also noted that an increase in fly tipping had been experienced. Residents were encouraged to download the Countryeye app which sends information direct to the relevant authorities to deal with. The Community Warden should be notified if salt bins required filling and the Kent Fire and Rescue Service are offering to supply and fit Carbon Monoxide detectors.
- e) Thanet Area Committee – Cllr Ransom attended the meeting and reported that KCC were investing in road improvements in the area. Residents were advised to report potholes direct on the KCC website or to contact the Parish Council.
- f) Parish Council Forum – Cllr Brown and the Clerk attended the last meeting. Ramsgate Town Council would like to introduce 20mph speed limits at various roads in the town and were seeking other Parishes comments. TDC budget was discussed and the provisions being made in preparation for Brexit were summarised.
- g) Councillors Training - Cllr Beavis and Cllr Davina Ransom recently attended the Dynamic Councillors course hosted by KALC (Kent Association of Local Councils) which outlined the roles and responsibilities of the Councillors, Clerk and Chairman.

54/19-20

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

a) Cllr Davina Ransom confirmed she had written to several landowners with regard to planting trees. Three responses had been received, two of which were positive and would welcome the initiative. Maura Pell, Rambler Association, had followed up some of the issues raised at the last meeting. The erosion of the path TE26 beside the river bank had been reported and a survey would be carried out in due course. The signage for TE24/TE23 was inadequate and required attention which was the reason for walkers entering the private garden. Damage to path TE24 caused by horses had been raised with Maura, complainants were advised to report the issue to KCC who would investigate the issue further if enough complaints were received.

55/19-20

RECREATION GROUND

- a) A monthly written report had been received. No issues of concern were raised.
- b) Cllr Davina Ransom and Cllr Bennett would liaise regarding the fitness trail and report at the next meeting. **Action DR/SB**
- c) It was noted that the Insurance Company had advised that the Parish Council were not liable for the claim.

56/19-20

MONKTON FOOTBALL CLUB

The Clerk confirmed she had raised the issue of litter being left behind after matches and training sessions. The Football Club had responded that the problem would be raised with their Managers, however, they also reported that a large amount of dog mess was still being left.

57/19-20

HIGHWAYS

- a) Complaints had been made to the Parish Council and School regarding inconsiderate parking during school drop off and pick up times. The school had written to parents and were trying to address the problem. The PCSO had followed up the issues and Enforcement Officers from TDC had been in attendance. The implementation of double yellow lines was also being considered.
- b) Discussion took place regarding the proposal to support the implementation of double yellow lines in various places in the village. It was felt the significant amount of traffic and parking problems supported the objections for the Heyhill development. The suggestion of parking restriction times as opposed to yellow lines could be an option for consideration along with the use of a walking bus at the end of the school day. It was agreed that implementing double yellow lines was currently not a suitable option. Clerk to write to PCSO setting out Parish Council concerns regarding double yellow lines at this stage. **Action SA**
- c) Cllr Beavis confirmed she had reported the potholes along Plumstone Road and Willets Hill. Graffiti and a metal pole which had been flytipped had also been reported. KCC were also made aware that the 30mph flashing speed sign was not working properly.
- d) The procedure for reporting highways issues was discussed and it was agreed that a more co-ordinated approach was required. The promotion of using the online portal for reporting flytipping and

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other such issues would be publicised to villagers in the newsletter with a request to inform the Parish Council who can then monitor the situation. **Action DR/GB**

58/19-20

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Davina Ransom reported that a meeting of the steering committee had taken place and it had been agreed that a number of groups within the village would be approached to market the intentions and scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.

59/19-20

FLOOD WATER MANAGEMENT

Nicola Dyas gave a short explanation of the issues and risks involved with flood water. A letter had been sent to KCC to summarise the problems encountered and to request a site meeting with other stakeholders with a view of producing a reference document that would encompass the specific issues within the villages. KCC are yet to respond to the letter however, sincere thanks were expressed to Nicola for her assistance with this on-going problem.

60/19-20

EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Ransom explained he was looking into the chain of command for the Emergency Plan. After discussion it was proposed that the implementation of a Plan for the village was no longer necessary and any relevant information such as primary key holders etc could be made available on the facebook page and website.

61/19-20

PLANNING

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

F/TH/19/1068 – 18 Parsonage Fields, Monkton

Erection of 1No link detached two storey 3-bed dwelling with access to rear following demolition of existing garage.

Application refused.

APP/Z2260/W/19/3226373 (19/00024/REF – F/TH/18/1354

Manor Farm Equestrian, Gore Street, Monkton

Appeal by Mr & Mrs Carpenter in respect of Erection of 1no. 2-bed detached single storey dwelling following demolition of existing stable block.

Appeal refused.

OL/TH/19/2090 – Garden Cottage, Minster Road, Monkton

Outline application for the erection of a perfumery manufacturing facility, offices, warehousing, associated parking and site access including layout and scale

Application pending.

OL/TH/19/0409 - Land Rear Of 96 To 102 Monkton Street Monkton (Heyhill)

Outline planning application for residential development of up to 49 dwellings including access

Application pending.

It was noted revised highways plans had been submitted and the Parish Council were awaiting comments from KCC before considering a further response.

FH/TH/19/1576 – 130 Monkton Street, Monkton

Erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension

In principle the Parish Council had no objections, however, as the application had only just been received, Councillors agreed to defer the decision to the Planning Committee who would fully consider the information provided and formulate a suitable response on behalf of the Parish Council.

62/19-20

DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 6th January 2020, 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Future dates: 30th March, 18th May, 27th July, 28th Sept, 30th Nov.

The meeting closed at approximately 21:30hrs.

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