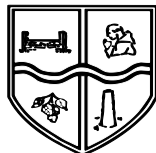


Monkton
Parish Council



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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
15th August 2019 at 7:30pm at Monkton Methodist Church Hall.**

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

In Attendance Sara Archer – Clerk, Districts Cllr Reece Pugh & David Hart plus 15 members of the public.

15/19-20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

District Cllr Trevor Roper, PCSO Debbie Forsyth, Kent County Councillors Liz Hurst & Emma Dawson

16/19-20 **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Claire Beavis was formally co-opted onto the Parish Council and the relevant documentation was completed.

17/19-20 **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.

- It was noted that the bins at the recreation ground had not been emptied for some time. This was due to the waste van not being able to access the recreation ground. The Clerk confirmed that TDC would be issued with a spare key for the safety barriers.

- Concern was raised on behalf of the farm workers at Docker Hill Farm due to the amount of dog mess that is left by owners using the concrete track. The meeting were advised that dogs are being let off their leads and left to run through the marshes and thus disturbing the wildlife. Resident's were urged to keep their dogs closely under control whilst using this track. Signs would be erected in due course.

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18/19-20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

The Chair advised that interests concerning planning applications were not considered pecuniary and therefore declaration was unnecessary.

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

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 10th May 2019 were accepted as a true record. These were proposed by Cllr Davina Ransom and Seconded by Cllr Bennett and duly signed by the Chair.

20/19-20 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Brown introduced and welcomed Cllr Beavis to the meeting who was appointed following the recent co-option interviews. District Councillors Reece Pugh and David Hart were also welcomed.

The Chair advised there were a number of significant planning applications to be considered.

Residents were encouraged to comment on each development and the responses submitted by the Parish Council would reflect these views.

Cllr Beavis had suggested liaison with the School was re-established. This would be taken forward in due course.

Councillor's responsibilities had been examined and two new roles established. Environmental issues would be considered by Cllr Davina Ransom and Cllr Beavis would be responsible for Communications and improving interaction between the Parish Council and residents.

Cllr Brown advised the Hare Krishna procession had walked through the village with their oxen and had been well received by residents.

The grass cutting at the Play Area had been a concern, however, it had recently been addressed by Serco and the usual cutting schedule would resume.

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21/19-20

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

S. Archer – Clerks Salary & Expenses	
H. Gunton -Plants for Memorial	£ 19.96
J. Smith - Barrier keys	£ 6.50
Javes Security - Alarm service	£ 92.00
SLCC - Clerk's Membership fee	£ 122.00
KCC - CCTV permit	£ 28.00
Business Stream - Water at Pavilion	£ 23.49
D. Ransom - Travel expenses	£ 7.90
H. Gunton -Plants for Memorial	£ 10.00
Spectrum Safety - Fire extinguisher service	£ 79.99
KALC - Membership fees	£ 278.02
SNS - Domain hosting	£ 24.48
HMRC - Employee PAYE	£ 29.60
SNS - Domain hosting	£ 24.48

Receipts:

MFC - Reimbursement for Water	£ 12.97
HMRC - VAT return	£ 1,716.81
SNAW PC - 1/2 Clerks Training fee reimbursed	£ 61.00
Donation for Neighbourhood Plan	£ 500.00
Pavilion Hire fee	£ 40.00
KCC Grant - Defibrillator	£ 450.00
Donation for Neighbourhood Plan	£ 500.00
MFC - Annual lease payment	£ 2,000.00
Bank Interest	£ 1.24

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

b) The revised Financial Regulations had been circulated previously to all Councillors. It was resolved to approve the Policy. This was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr C Ransom.

22/19-20

COUNCILLOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Councillor roles and responsibilities were agreed as listed below:

- Planning – **Gilly Brown**/Davina Ransom/Claire Beavis
- Highways – **Steve Bennett**/Admin – Claire Beavis
- Thanet Area Committee – **Chris Ransom**/Gilly Brown
- Thanet Rural Regeneration Group – **Davina Ransom**
- Parish Council Forum – **Gilly Brown/Clerk**/Chris Ransom
- Monkton Football Club – **Gilly Brown**/Claire Beavis
- Recreation Ground/Play Area – **Steve Bennett**/Chris Ransom
- Village Hall Committee – **Steve Bennett**
- NEW: Environmental Issues – **Davina Ransom**/ Chris Ransom
- NEW: Communications – **Claire Beavis**/Gilly Brown/Davina Ransom

It was agreed that the Village Hall representative would not be expected to attend every meeting but would be invited to attend as required by the Committee.

23/19-20

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

- a) County Councillor – Cllr Dawson/Hurst were not present and no report received.
- b) District Councillor – Cllr Pugh congratulated Cllr Brown and thanked the previous Parish Council for their support and hard work, he continued to oppose the Heyhill development. Cllr Pugh advised he had attended a meeting with the Senior Management Team at TDC in order to discuss reducing the carbon footprint. A dedicated Tree Officer would be appointed in due course. It was confirmed that funding had been applied for from Government to increase the planting of trees in Thanet. Enforcement was also being increased to ensure trees are protected accordingly. A renewable energy company had been liaising with TDC. A 'fake tree' to combat emissions was in production which would be piloted in Birchington. It's function would be to remove pollutants from the air, filter and release clean air back into the environment. Cllr Hart reported that trees had been planted in nearby towns and villages however, he expressed the importance of appropriate management.
- c) PCSO – PCSO Forsyth was not present and no report received.
- d) Village Hall Committee – Nothing to report.

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- e) Thanet Rural Regeneration Group – The AGM had been held in May and had not been well attended. Speedwatch had been discussed, representatives confirmed they were currently holding a session a week when possible. Volunteers were welcomed to join the scheme.
- f) Thanet Area Committee – No meeting held.
- g) Parish Council Forum – No meeting held.

24/19-20 **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

- a) Cllr Davina Ransom gave a short explanation of the initiative. Residents were encouraged to become involved and put forward suggestion of how to improve the environment in the village. Ideas including car sharing, edible landscape, community garden, clothes swap and tree planting were shared.
The Ramblers' Association representative had been invited to attend the next meeting.
- b) As discussed above.

25/19-20 **RECREATION GROUND**

- a) A safety inspection had been carried out by Wicksteed which highlighted medium risks. The swings and multiplay frame required attention. Cllr Bennett recommended these repairs were carried out by a professional company. The wooden footgrips required immediate attention. Cllrs Bennett and Ransom would make enquiries and obtain quotes to be considered at the next meeting.

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- b) It was agreed that a monthly written report would be sufficient. Reports should be submitted at each meeting and held by the Clerk in order for due diligence to be evidenced if necessary.

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- c) Cllr Bennett confirmed that the Community Payback Scheme required that all materials and equipment be provided. It was just labour that was offered. Although a few projects could be considered, after discussion, it was agreed that the scheme would no longer be pursued. This was proposed by Cllr D Ransom and seconded by Cllr C Ransom.

26/19-20 **MONKTON FOOTBALL CLUB**

Cllr Brown confirmed a meeting had taken place with the Chair and Secretary of the Football Club. The speeding issues had been discussed and it was proposed a Marshall was sited at the access road for each match. Villagers were requested to report any issues of speeding experienced to the Chair or Clerk in order for a record to be kept. A sandwich board was also suggested, to be used during matches if marshalling does not prove to be a satisfactory resolution.
The installation of double yellow lines at the bell mouth of the access road was discussed, however, enforcement remained an issue.

27/19-20 **HIGHWAYS**

- a) The inconsiderate school time parking was perceived to be a huge concern for the safety of all road users, particularly at Willets Hill. The PCSO had been made aware and a road safety operation had been arranged by Kent Police which would be carried out in September to raise awareness and educate road users to park appropriately. The use of double yellow lines was again discussed, and agreed that although enforcement was difficult, they would act as a visual deterrent.
It was highlighted that the vehicles parking at the bell mouth of the concrete track also made it difficult for agricultural vehicles to enter and exit the Farm.
The School are aware of the problem and regularly send out messages to parents encouraging them to park considerately.
- b) Cllr Beavis confirmed the damaged road sign would be reported accordingly.

28/19-20 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Gilly Brown confirmed the plan was progressing slowly.

29/19-20 **EMERGENCY PLAN**

Cllr Ransom offered a short explanation of the requirements of the plan. A contacts list would be produced in due course. It was confirmed the School evacuation point was the Church. Cllr Ransom confirmed he continued to work on the Plan and update as appropriate.

30/19-20 **PLANNING**

- a) A method to involve the residents with responses to planning applications had been discussed. Applications would be posted on the noticeboards and social media page.
- b) A list of current Planning Applications had previously been circulated to the Cllrs. All applications available online via the TDC website.

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

Objections had been noted and a decision was pending. The letter of response would be resubmitted to TDC as it did not appear on their website.

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 pending.

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.

PN06/TH/19/0679 – The Old Forge And Joinery Monkton Court Monkton

Notification of a proposed change of use from Light Industrial (Use Class B1(c)) to 1No 3-bed two storey dwelling and 1No 2-bed single storey dwelling (Use Class C3)

Application withdrawn.

FH/TH/19/0904 – 68 Monkton Street, Monkton

Erection of a two storey rear extension

No objections raised by the Parish Council, application pending.

FH/TH/19/0784 & L/TH/19/0785– 163 Monkton Street, Monkton

Erection of garage following demolition of existing garage

No objections raised by the Parish Council, application pending.

F/TH/19/0966 - Land West Of Gore Street Gore Street Monkton

Retention of access to farmland

No objections raised by the Parish Council, application pending.

PN01/TH/19/0863 – The Haven Canterbury Road Monkton

Erection of single storey rear extension to extend 4.04m in depth, 3.2m to eaves and overall height of 3.2m

Prior approval not required.

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

It was noted the two properties located at either side of the proposed access to the site have a clause in their deeds permitting the landowner to purchase up to 6m of their frontage in order to acquire visibility splays if necessary. Highways were still opposed to the development due to the inadequacy of the access visibility. Resident's were requested to forward evidence of wide load vehicles/agricultural vehicles having difficulty using this narrow section of road to the Parish Council.

F/TH/19/1026 – Land adjacent to 150 Monkton St Monkton

Erection of 9No. two-storey 4 bed dwellings with associated parking

(Previous Appeal dismissed)

The submission of a draft Unilateral Undertaking Agreement (UUA) to mitigate against the environmental impact of the development had been noted. The landowner/applicant was present at the meeting and confirmed the absence of this document had been the reason for the previous application to be rejected by TDC, however, they were unaware that the UUA was a requirement at the time and hence have since resubmitted their planning application.

Nicola Dyas was present at the meeting and explained in depth the importance of adequate drainage provisions to be put in place with any such development.

Cllr Brown confirmed a drop-in evening had been arranged to present the proposed Coles Yard development. All residents were encouraged to attend.

31/19-20

DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 30th September 2019, **7:30pm** in the Village Hall.

Future dates: 25th Nov

(Last Monday of the month, bi-monthly)

The meeting closed at approximately 21:25hrs.

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