



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm in The Bell Meadow Pavilion, St Nicholas at Wade

Present: Councillors L. Ageros, S. Smyth, M. Lawrance, D. Tweedale, G. Pugh

Also, Present: District Cllr Abi Smith, PC Andy Howe, Sara Archer – Parish Clerk, plus 0 members of public.

78/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from KCC Cllr Derek Crow-Brown, Cllr David Divers - holiday, Cllr Eric Dore - unwell.

Due to the absence of Cllr Divers, Cllr Ageros – Vice-Chair was nominated to Chair the meeting.

79/22-23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests declared.

80/22-23 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 10th October 2023. These were proposed by Cllr Lawrance, seconded by Cllr Ageros, all were in agreement and therefore signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

81/23-24 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Divers was unable to attend the meeting, however, he provided the following report which was read by Cllr Ageros:

Many thanks to all who helped to organise and worked on the day to ensure a very successful fireworks evening. Excellent feedback has been received following the event.

Placed wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and our local TDC and KCC Councillors at Remembrance Day church service. It was an excellent and well attended service.

Attended Village Hall AGM and meeting.

Completed TDC portal requesting extension of double yellow lines at A28 /The Length Junction. Also included in Highways Improvement Plan. It is understood the permanent parked van at this junction, does not meet the criteria to be classed as an obstruction.

Update received regarding Sunningdale from Sir Roger Gale, new developer should be appointed early November.

Handymen have been to Sarre continuing to clear pathways.

Many thanks for their speedy solution in addressing the health and safety issues and hazardous condition of artificial strip in Bell Meadow.

82/23-24 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk confirmed the Highways Improvement Plan had been resubmitted to KCC for additional items to be considered, including the extension of the double yellow lines at the junction of A28/The Length. A meeting to discuss the concerns had been arranged for 28th November.

NALC had issued information regarding the new pay rates which had been agreed by the Local Government Association and were to be backdated from 1st April 2023. This was effectively a raise of £1 per hour and the payroll company would be advised of the increase.

Information regarding the Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Consultation had been received. Residents were encouraged to visit kent.gov.uk/KCWIP to make comments on the proposal. The consultation is open until 10th January 2024.

Information regarding mini health MOTs, cost of living advice and Winter Wellness was shared. Drop in events were being held in Margate on 25th November at Margate Baptist Church.

Similarly, KALC had circulated information regarding two sessions run by Porchlight, offering advice on financial support information and cost of living. These would be held on 20th December, 09:30-11:30 Kairos Café, Margate and 12:30-15:30 at Holy Trinity Church, Margate.

Finally, a CPRE branch meeting had been arranged for 21st November, 6:30pm in Broadstairs. The Sea Link project affecting Minster Marshes would be discussed. National Grid is applying for a DCO to use Minster Marshes as a site for a Converter and Substation and have published a consultation document together with a response form. For further information about the

proposals and to feed in comments/concerns to the District Council as a statutory consultee. The consultation form can be found at nationalgrid.com/sealink. There is also a very informative FaceBook page - Save Minster Marshes.

83/23-24 COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Ageros had continued to maintain the garden at the flagpole and TE10 footpath. He assisted the handymen with leaf clearance in Sarre, and has been monitoring the drains in the Village, which appeared to be flowing adequately.

The Tai-Chi and gardening sessions had been postponed due to the inclement weather, however, they would be rescheduled and held on a monthly basis.

Cllr Ageros offered his thanks to all that helped to make the fireworks event such a success, and noted Peter Radclyffe had kindly assisted with the parking as he has done in previous years.

Cllr Smyth advised she had received correspondence from Strutt & Parker with regard to the tree works to be completed at Sarre. Strutt & Parker had confirmed they had made enquiries with regard to the ownership of the land, and suggested that the verge may be KCC responsibility rather than Church Commission. This was followed up by Cllr Smyth who had contacted Paul Valek – KCC, but was yet to receive a response.

Cllr Pugh echoed the thanks to all involved with the organisation and execution of the fireworks evening. He had attended the Thanet Area Committee meeting which had discussed the North Thanet Link Road and potential closure of the Waste and Recycling centres.

Cllr Pugh would be attending the Thanet Rural Regeneration Group meeting and would feedback at the next meeting.

It was noted that Manor Road was currently being resurfaced and on-site security was also present.

Cllr Tweedale advised he had attended a meeting in Minster with regard to the Sealink proposal. The project was discussed in length, and residents were encouraged to comment on the application.

A donation of £20 had been received from a resident in support of the 'Warm Hub' which was handed to the Clerk.

Cllr Tweedale reported that he was liaising with a resident at Manor Road, regarding the application by BT Openreach to erect telegraph poles. The poles had originally been removed, and ducting had been buried under ground, thus it was felt this would be adequate to be used for the fibre optic cabling. Cllr Tweedale had contacted BT, however, no response had been received to date. The Clerk confirmed she had also written to Openreach on behalf of the Parish Council and had not received a response. Cllr Tweedale had been litter picking along Orchard Lane, and together with Cllr Lawrance, had litter picked across the marshes towards the sea wall at Wantsum.

Cllr Lawrance confirmed he had litter picked along The Length, and noted a significant increase in dog fouling in the Village.

Residents are encouraged to report any issues regarding dog fouling to the Parish Council. It was suggested that additional dog waste bag dispensers could be installed at the entrances of Bell Meadow. The Clerk would make enquiries and report back at the next meeting. PC Howe advised that the Police are unable to deal with dog fouling issues as this was now the responsibility of the Local Authority. Cllr Ageros would laminate some signs to be placed in the Village to encourage dog walkers to be more considerate.

The parking issues at Bridges Close, Down Barton Road and Court Road were discussed. PC Howe had attended during school pick up times and spoken to drivers who had parked inconsiderately, to raise awareness of the difficulties experienced by residents. The Headteacher was aware of the concerns and taking steps to address the problems. The introduction of double yellow lines was suggested, together with the repainting of the zig-zag lines in front of the School.

84/23-24 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Abi Smith advised she had been liaising with the Trees and Biodiversity Officer at TDC, and Planning Officer, with regard to the removal of a number of trees at Sarre. This was ongoing and she would continue to follow-up the concerns.

Cllr Smith confirmed the motion to consider a moratorium on larger housing developments had been debated at the Cabinet meeting but was unfortunately not supported by the members.

Cllr Smith was fully in support of a campaign to protect Minster marshes following the planning application granted to the National Grid to install an electricity converter and substation. Concerns regarding the loss of such a diverse habitat were discussed at length. 5000 signatures had been campaigning against the proposal.

The Thanet Resident Survey was being distributed randomly to households across the district. Residents could also comment on the strategy online by searching Thanet Your Voice.

TDC had been awarded £685,275 of Government funding to develop brownfield sites for housing.

It was noted that TDC had pledged to stop the use of glyphosate until the end of the year.

85/23-24 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No reports received.

86/23-24 KENT POLICE REPORT

PC Andy Howe introduced himself and presented crime statistics for the current rolling year. Crime reduction advice sessions were being arranged for schools which would include bicycle marking etc...

The Police were continuing to monitor the nuisance vehicle anti-social behaviour in the area. PC Howe advised that 21 calls for the Parish had been received by Kent Police over the past month, the majority of which were vehicle related issues.

87/23-24 BELL MEADOW REPORT

The representative for Bell Meadow was not in attendance, however, the fireworks event had been very successful and well supported. The money raised would be put towards opening the Pavilion during the winter months as a warm hub for residents to socialise with warm refreshments.

88/23-24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) FH/TH/23/1302 Barn Oak, Down Barton Road, St Nicholas At Wade

Erection of 1no. two-storey extension with barn hipped roof and 1no. single storey flat roof entrance porch with steps to front elevation, 1 no. single-storey flat roof rear extension, together with associated roof lights, alterations to the front amenity space and erection of a front gate and post.

No objections raised.

FH/TH/23/1396 The Old Oak Bakery, The Street, St Nicholas At Wade

Erection of a pitched roof detached garage, together with the extension of entrance gates, enclosure of the side elevation of porch and replacement render to front elevation.

No objections raised.

b) L/TH/23/1215- Permission Refused.

FH/TH/23/1071 – Permission Granted

89/23-24 FINANCE

a) The Clerk presented the monthly bank reconciliation between the cash book and bank accounts.

RESOLVED: To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for October. (Proposed: Cllr Ageros, seconded Cllr Pugh).

b) The Clerk presented the monthly payment schedule which included the following payments:

EDF - BMP Gas	£451.19
S. Archer - Bar Stock	£132.99
TDC - Event fees	£376.00
SNS - Domain Hosting	£57.60
Mazars LLP - Audit fees	£378.00
HMRC - Employee PAYE	£397.00
S. Archer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£1,206.13
D. McDade - Handyman's salary & expenses	£546.33
J. Perfect - Handyman's salary & expenses	£894.54
M. Savage - Handyman's salary & expenses	£910.93
KCPFA - Membership fees	£40.00
Pitchmark - Line paint BMP	£96.88
Arbuthanot Latham - Wicksteed - Exercise bike repairs	£512.75
Nest - Clerk's pension	£49.95
Lloyds Bank CC	£673.19
Business Stream - Water BMP	£60.51
TDC - Premises Licence fee	£180.00
S. Archer - Bar Stock	£60.00
Hugofox - Website hosting DD	£11.99
C. Hazleton - Deposit return	£25.00
Maytree Nursery - bulbs for planters	£101.40
S. Archer - Fireworks stock	£261.55

Receipts:

BMP Hire: Hazleton	£65.00
BMP Hire: Watts	£51.00
BMP Hire: NT Conservatives	£20.00
WS Cole - Plot 711	£475.00

RESOLVED: To approve payment of invoices included in the monthly payment schedule for November.

(Proposed: Cllr Pugh, Seconded: Cllr Smyth)

90/23-24 CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

The Civility & Respect Pledge was discussed, however, Councillors agreed that it should be considered further and a decision to be made at the next meeting.

91/23-24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- No issues were raised.

The meeting was concluded by the Chairman at 9:00pm.