



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



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

Present: Councillors D. Divers (Chairman), L. Fallon, P. Radclyffe, L. Ageros, S. Smyth, D. Tweedale, M. Lawrance, E. Dore, Lee Terry

Also, Present: KCC Cllrs Linda Wright & Derek Crow-Brown, District Cllr Abi Smith and Sara Archer – Parish Clerk plus 18 members of public.

115/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from District Cllr Reece Pugh.

116/22-23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Interests declared.

117/22-23 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 10th January 2023.

These were proposed by Cllr Radclyffe, seconded by Cllr Tweedale, all were in agreement and therefore signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

118/22-23 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Divers reported that he had approached Iain Moss – St Nicholas Court Farms regarding the potential disposal of grass cuttings at the cemetery at the biodigester. He was awaiting a response, however, Cllr Terry would follow this up. New bins had been purchased for recycling and general waste at the cemetery to keep the area tidy.

119/22-23 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that smart meters had now been installed at the Pavilion and all electrical items had been PAT tested accordingly. Parking concerns had been raised with the Headteacher at the School who had responded positively and would be reinforcing the message to parents to park considerately. A formal complaint had been made to Kent Police regarding the lack of engagement by the PCSO. A response had been received from his Supervisor, offering his apologies and assurance he would be looking into the concerns raised. He would also request that Operation Zigzag was carried out at the School, to try and address the parking issues.

The Clerk had recently met with Mark Greening, TDC, and raised the issue of the footpaths at Sarre, and the removal of the dog waste bin from TE10. Mark had advised that the bin had been removed as it had broken and would not be replaced in line with TDC policy, as there were two waste bins in close proximity to the right of way. It was also confirmed that the weeds were to be sprayed by KCC and then TDC would remove the dead debris from the footpaths.

Correspondence had been received from KCC regarding a public consultation currently underway which is looking into changes surrounding the community services offered by KCC, closing on 26th March, and advice regarding the renewal of Bus Passes for Disabled and Older Persons.

A request had been received to place a memorial bench at the cemetery which was approved.

The Website Administrator had reported he was currently unable to access a computer in order to complete the necessary works online. It was therefore proposed that a refurbished laptop was purchased in order for the administration of the website/social media pages and bookings to continue accordingly.

RESOLVED: To approve the provision of a refurbished laptop for use by the Website Administrator with a budget of up to £250. A vote was taken: 8 support, 1 abstain. Proposed: Cllr Divers, Seconded: Cllr Tweedale

120/22-23 COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Fallon confirmed she had been litter picking and noted an increase in the level of litter in the village. It was suggested the regular litter pick sessions were reintroduced, sessions would be held every second Saturday of the month, meeting at the Village hall at 10am.

Cllr Dore reported he had attended the Age UK group in the village and speeding remained a concern for residents.

Cllr Tweedale would liaise with Maura Pell regarding some barbed wire which was obstructing the TE2 public footpath. He had also been litter picking along Orchard Lane.

Cllr Lawrance had been litter picking. He had noted concern from a resident that dog fouling appeared to be increasing. The trailer which appeared to have been dumped along the A28 would be reported.

Cllr Terry advised he had removed the fly tipped rubble in the village.

Cllr Smyth had reported the missing dog waste bin at TE10 to the Clerk and would follow up the signage to be installed in it's place. Thanks were offered to Cllr Ageros for his work on the flagpole garden area. She had also contacted the Site Manager at The Length development, who advised they would be landscaping the area upon completion of the groundworks.

Cllr Ageros had been working on the flagpole garden area.

Cllr Radclyffe reported he had litter picked in Sarre and noted the drains still required cleaning.

121/22-23 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Abi Smith reported on the recent water outages at Broadstairs. Southern Water had been asked to present to TDC their plans to improve the failing infrastructure.

Cllr Pugh was not in attendance, however, he offered his support with the Manor Road issues.

122/22-23 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Derek Crow- Brown – As a member of KCC's Planning Committee, was recently given a brief by the strategic planning team, regarding the Consultation for new National Planning Policy Framework – Given KCC has an infrastructure first policy, he raised the issue of overdevelopment in Thanet, with numerous utility works causing gridlock on the roads especially in the Westwood Cross area. Cllr Crow-Brown raised the point that given Thanet is on a peninsular there is little scope for drivers to seek alternative routes. He also raised the issue of regular water outages – 8 in Broadstairs area in recent weeks. Strategic Planning will include the issues happening in Thanet, especially the Southern Water outages in their submission to government.

Cllr Linda Wright advised that Southern Water were requested to provide an update to the flood management committee regularly every three months. She had also raised concern that personal health checks were not routinely undertaken after the age of 70 and would be pursuing the issue to try and extend the age range for the checks to continue.

Cllr Wright advised that due to KCC budget cuts and the advance in technology, more people were able to continue to live at their own home rather than be placed into care. The Overview and Scrutiny team had approached the QEQM maternity service and invited them to present the improvements to their service.

123/22-23 PCSO/COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

No report submitted by the PCSO or Community Warden.

124/22-23 BELL MEADOW

The working group were actively seeking volunteers to help at the Pavilion.

A fete was being arranged on 7th May, to celebrate the Kings Coronation. The bar would be opened and refreshments available from 2pm- 5pm. Traditional games and activities were being organized and the Clerk advised she was awaiting confirmation of the Wantsum Morris Men to provide entertainment.

125/22-23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) F/TH/22/1706 - Land Rear Of Coney Lodge, Canterbury Road, St Nicholas At Wade

Change of use of land from Agricultural to Residential and the erection of 1No detached 4bed dwelling with associated parking and access

Subject to highways recommendations being met, no objections made. Vote 8 support, 1 abstain

F/TH/23/0026 - Land North Side Of, Down Barton Road, St Nicholas At Wade

Erection of 1No single storey 3-bed dwelling (self build)

On the grounds that the application has been refused previously, no obvious amendments to this application, therefore objections to the proposal were raised. Vote 2 support, 7 objections

b) F/TH/22/1582 & L/TH/22/1583 – Permission Granted

F/TH/22/1103 – Permission Granted

FH/TH/22/1486 – Permission Granted

It was noted that a decision had not yet been made with regards to the Pumping Station, Manor Road or variation to the Disability housing provision at the Length.

c) The advantages and disadvantages of a Neighbourhood Plan were discussed. It was perceived that the Parish would have more influence over the development in the area if a Plan was implemented, however, this was not guaranteed and often not the case.

Significant costs were involved in the production of a Neighbourhood Plan with some funding available and it was a lengthy process. Cllr Smyth was encouraged to make further enquiries and feedback to the Parish Council. The changes to the National Planning Policy Framework were noted which may impact future Neighbourhood Plans.

126/22-23 FINANCE

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

RESOLVED: To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for January. (Proposed: Cllr Fallon, seconded Cllr Lawrance).

b) The Clerk present the monthly payment schedule for February which included the following invoices:

T. Oliver - Handyman's salary & expenses	£116.69
E. Harvey-Burgess - Website Admin salary	£138.91
J. Read - Handyman's salary & expenses	£76.62
SNS - Domain hosting	£106.92
KALC - Training	£360.00
EDF - BMP: Electricity	£193.60
S. Archer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£1,011.50
Zurich Insurance - Van Insurance	£879.20
HMRC - Employee PAYE	£62.60
Lloyds Bank CC	£104.52
HMRC - Employee PAYE	£83.00
S. Irving - Christmas Meal expenses (Chair Allowance)	£42.87
TDC - Coronation Event fee	£75.00
ICO - Registration renewal	£40.00

Receipts:

D. Kirby - BMP Hire: Coffee Morning	£26.00
BMP Hire: Football Pitch - Blean	£350.00

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

(Proposed: Cllr Radclyffe, Seconded: Cllr Divers)

127/22-23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Concern had been raised with the Parish Council regarding the newly laid kerb stones at Manor Road. Cllr Divers advised there was a perception that the road had been narrowed and was impassable for two vehicles. The Chair had therefore written to Steven Noad - KCC, to ask for the matter to be investigated as a matter of urgency. A 48hr hold on the works was instigated whilst enquiries were being made. Mr Noad subsequently visited the site and responded to the effect that he had checked the approved Section 278 Agreement drawings and confirmed that the new kerbing had been installed correctly. Although he acknowledged there had been several observations that the carriageway had been narrowed by the current works - he confirmed that the carriageway width is no less than before however, the removal of the hedge and temporary traffic management barriers/bollards along with the new concrete kerbs reinforce this perception. The new asphalt footway will have concrete kerbs, highway drainage and pedestrian facilities.

Cllr Divers reiterated the dissatisfaction with this response, and emphasised the safety concerns felt by the residents. He also raised the issues of the lack of dropped kerb, signage, potholes, and traffic island once again as these had still not been addressed despite months of chasing.

It was suggested that resident's also contact Mr Noad and the developers Sunningdale themselves to express their concerns and register their dissatisfaction with the works being completed.

Cllr Divers would invite Mr Noad to a site visit with residents in order for him to address their concerns direct. Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Divers offered his reassurance that the Parish Council had noted all the concerns raised and were taking action on their behalf. All routes to address the matter would be explored and followed up accordingly.

-Cllr Lawrance advised he had contacted the bus service provider regarding the suggested bus stop at The Length, however, he had no further update and would follow up the request.

- Concern was raised regarding the potential development of the car park at Manor Lea Road, particularly the access for emergency vehicles. However, no applications had been made to date.

- The hedges at Manor Road were due to be replaced and would be monitored to ensure compliance of the planning conditions were met.

The meeting was concluded by the Chairman at 9:30pm.