



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 7.30pm In The Bell Meadow Pavilion, St Nicholas at Wade

Present: Cllr D. Divers, Cllr L. Ageros, M. Fentiman, E. Dore, D. Tweedale, M. Lawrance, G. Pugh, S. Smyth,
Also, Present: KCC Cllr Derek Crow-Brown, District Cllr Abi Smith PC Andy Howe and Sara Archer – Parish Clerk plus 2 members of public.

146/24-25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor Ann Andrews (Away)

147/24-25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ageros declared a significant interest in item 151, as he would be mentioning a neighbouring property.

148/24-25 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 11th March 2025. These were proposed by Cllr Dore, seconded by Cllr Pugh, all were in agreement and therefore signed by the Chairman of the meeting, as a correct record.

149/24-25 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Divers offered his thanks to the Bell Meadow Working Group for their hard work with the decorating, and improving the appearance of the building.

Cllr Divers advised he had been in contact with Jamie Hare – KCC, regarding the footpath at Manor Road. Jamie had confirmed he was following up the issues with the developer to chase up the order with the utility provider to remove the pole and repair the damaged pathway. This will continue to be followed up by Cllr Divers.

150/24-25 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised she had circulated the allotment contracts, all existing plot leases were expected to renew.

The accounts had been finalized and forwarded to the auditors for examination before being submitted to the external auditors. Progress towards the pitch maintenance grant was underway, the Clerk would contact Arnie Van Orsouw for assistance with the application.

The Garden of Rest had been expanded by one row, following discussion with the handyperson team and Jonathon Cole.

Event paperwork had been completed and submitted to TDC for the family picnic day in July.

A copy of an email had been received regarding the alterations to public footpath TE10 in Sarre. Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed the matter was in hand.

Permission for lines to be repainted at Wantsum Court had been sought from the management company. This was discussed and agreed to support the request.

151/24-25 COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Fentiman confirmed she would be attending the next TRRG meeting on 29th April. Progression was noted with regard to the appointment of a management committee for Parish Close to address the footpaths/road. It was noted that disabled access was also a priority.

Cllr Pugh noted the discarded dog waste appeared to have improved.

Cllr Tweedale advised he had been litter picking at Orchard Road and Potten Street. It was also encouraging to note that permission had been granted by the church to install a peregrine falcon nesting box at the belfry.

Cllr Lawrance had attended the Parochial Church Council meeting. The fabric of the building, bell framework repairs and 5 year building maintenance plan had been discussed.

Cllr Smyth reported she had attended a talk arranged by KCC regarding retrofitting and energy efficiency in old buildings.

The chevrons on the roundabouts were in need of a deep clean. This would be reported to KCC.

It was confirmed that the noticeboards should only be used to publicise PC or charity notices and not be used to advertise private business events.

Cllr Dore had been litter picking along the public footpath from Frost Farm towards Shuart Lane. Complaints had been received from residents with regard to the inconsiderate parking at school pick up times. PC Howe advised the School should be approached to reinforce the importance of appropriate parking with their parents. The lines should be repainted and a longer-term approach supported by the School to adopt a strategy to enforce more considerate parking. The Clerk would write to the Headteacher to raise awareness of the issues being encountered by residents on a daily basis.

Cllr Ageros outlined the complaint received regarding the alterations to TE10 at Sarre. The issue had been reported to KCC, however, no response had been received to date. Cllr Crow-Brown was making enquiries to follow this up. Cllr Ageros had also been renewing the flowers in the village planters.

152/24-25 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Abi Smith had received an invitation to the Immigration Reception Centre at Manston to hear an update on the future plans for the Centre.

Cllr Smith had attended a Full Council Meeting at TDC for members to receive an update regarding the devolution and local government reorganisation.

A Pre-Loved Pop Up Shop was being held at the Thanet Waste and Recycling Centre, Margate on 27th April 10am-12noon, no appointment was necessary to visit.

Cllr Smith conveyed her thanks to the Enforcement Team with regard to the prosecution of the owners of Sarre Mill.

153/24-25 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed he had received correspondence regarding the visibility splays of the St Nicholas Roundabout. The response from KCC advised that they had determined the visibility as adequate and responded in detail to the complainant direct.

As previously mentioned, the concern regarding the public right of way TE10 was in hand.

Members were reminded of the forthcoming elections on 2nd May.

154/24-25 KENT POLICE REPORT

PC Andy Howe reported as follows:

As previously explained, the sexual offences spike will remain over the rolling year and relate to both accosting's and sexual offences and arrests at Potten Street Road. The robbery should be ignored as it only equates to an increase of one reported offence. The slight increase in drugs offences relate to some proactive work conducted by Kent Police with the assistance of some helpful members of the public.

With regard to St Nicholas at Wade and Sarre:

There have been 25 calls to the Police since the start of March. Most calls relate to the fast roads network and broken down vehicles or RTC's. We have had a couple of suspicion calls which were linked to vehicles which have been checked with no concern. There has been a call for damage to a vehicle at Hedgend on Shuart Lane where parts were removed from a vehicle undergoing work. I have been conducting additional nighttime patrols for this area since.

My activity over the last month has focused on some issues in Manston Village and in the Westwood Estates.

I have continued to red route through Potten Street Road to disrupt any anti-social behaviour there, and I continue to monitor the fields and farm plant areas for rural crime.

155/24-25 BELL MEADOW REPORT

Cllr Fentiman was pleased to report the decorating in the main room had been completed and carpet cleaned. Thanks to the Working Group for their hard work in completing the decorating.

Quotes were in the process of being obtained for the refurbishment of the tennis courts, lighting along the main footpath in Bell Meadow, sheltered seating in the Play Area and potential refurbishment of the basketball court.

A St George's Day event had been planned for 23rd April, bar open between 5pm-9pm.

It was noted that the Manor Road entrance required weeding, the Clerk would ask the handyperson team to address this.

Moles in the meadow were causing concern and encroaching onto the pitch. The Clerk would contact a pest control company.

A photographic contest was being arranged to provide pictures of the Villages to be put up in the Pavilion.

Cllr Pugh confirmed he would be sponsoring a bench for the Play Area.

156/24-25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **TCA/TH/25/0304 - The School House , Down Barton Road, St Nicholas At Wade**

T1 - Sycamore tree - Fell

Defer to Tree Officer

F/TH/25/0319 St Nicholas Campsite, Court Road, St Nicholas At Wade

Erection of 13no dwellings, comprising of 1no 2-bed, 5no 3-bed and 7no 4-bed, following demolition of existing buildings and structures, together with associated access, landscaping and parking

Development noted, Cllr Smith advised to call-in the application.

b) No results reported.

157/24-25 FINANCE

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

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

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

Employee salaries & expenses	£1837.52
SNS - Domain hosting	£60.51
Country Mowers - service equipment	£889.65
S. Archer - Bar Stock	£72.70
Business Stream - Cemetery	£54.24
Clerks & Councils Magazine subscription	£15.50
Lloyds Bank DD - Credit Card	£268.94
Hugofox - Website Domain Hosting	£11.99
KALC - Subscription fee	£588.48
P. Manning - BMP window clean	£40.00
Unity Trust - Service fee	£6.00

Receipts:

BMP - Pitch Hire - Holmans	£60.00
BMP - Pitch Hire - Frames	£60.00
M. Savage - BMP Hire - Choir	£26.00
BMP Hire - E McElwain	£78.00
BMP Hire - E Dore	£98.00
WS Cole - Cemetery fees	£115.00
M. Savage - BMP Hire - Choir	£32.50
BMP Hire - Choir	£9.75
BMP Hire - E Dore	£33.00
BMP - Pitch Hire - Holmans	£60.00
BMP Hire - Preece	£19.50
M. Savage - BMP Hire - Choir	£39.00
BMP Hire - E Dore	£32.50
Nationwide Bank Interest	£1,587.87

RESOLVED: To approve payment of invoices included in the monthly payment schedule for April. (Proposed: Cllr Divers, Seconded: Cllr Pugh)

158/24-25 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- The discontinuation of the footpath and damaged surfacing had been noted, along with the overgrown hedge at the sharp bend in the road.

- Concern was raised regarding the speed of traffic using The Length. Discussion took place regarding traffic calming measures. It was confirmed this stretch was to be included in the 20mph speed reduction area through the village.

- The implementation of double yellow lines at various location in the village was noted and confirmed that only the areas previously identified during the consultation would be included in the scheme.

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