



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 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, M. Lawrance, E. Dore, D. Tweedale
Also, Present: Sara Archer – Parish Clerk plus 1 member of public.

141/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Cllr Lee Terry.

142/22-23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests declared.

143/22-23 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 14th March 2023.

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

144/22-23 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Divers advised that notification had been received that the election had been uncontested, therefore, all those nominated would be re-elected in May.

Residents were encouraged to be vigilant following reports that an intruder had been seen in the Village on various occasions. Anything suspicious should be reported to the Police using 101.

Works to replace the fencing on the allotments was in progress and the handymen were thanked for their work to tidy the area.

145/22-23 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that she had received an enquiry from an interested resident wanting to purchase or lease some land to graze a Shetland pony. Unfortunately, Councillors were unaware of anywhere in the Parish that was available for this purpose.

A resident had raised concern regarding cold callers in the Parish. It was discussed and agreed that stickers/notices would be made available to residents who did not wish to receive cold callers. Cllrs Tweedale and Lawrance would conduct a survey to gauge the level of concern in St Nicholas, and Cllrs Smyth and Ageros would survey Sarre residents. The introduction of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme would also be considered.

Information regarding the cess pit at Gooseberry Farm had been received and circulated and the content noted. Councillors advised there were no further comments to be made.

The Clerk advised she was making enquiries into potential funding for pitch improvements.

Unfortunately Cllr Terry had resigned from his position as Parish Councillor due to work commitments. He was thanked for his contribution whilst in post and wished the very best.

146/22-23 COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Fallon advised she had been notified that the football nets had been left out following the match on Sunday. The team responsible would be contacted and reminded to tidy away after their hire.

Cllr Lawrance had been litter picking at the Potten Street flyover and A28, The Length where litter was always an issue. It was noted that dog fouling remained an issue, however, it was encouraging that fewer dogs had been seen in the actual Children's Play Area. Cllr Lawrance would print some 'No Cold Calling' signs and leave them at the Post Office for residents to collect. He had also worked with Cllr Tweedale to prune back the trees at the boundary of the allotments.

Concern had been received regarding the pot holes and state of Manor Road, this was noted and in hand to be repaired when the developers had completed their works.

Cllr Tweedale had reported and chased the repair to the pothole along the A28 which was scheduled to be completed within 48hrs. The public right of way which runs through Crumps Farm had been highlighted to the planning department. It was noted

that two footpaths run through the site. Cllr Tweedale offered to hand deliver the nomination acceptance forms back to TDC for those Councillors who had been re-elected.

Cllr Dore had attended the weekly Age Concern meeting and Speedwatch had been discussed. Cllr Lawrance volunteered to represent the Parish Council at the Thanet Area Committee meeting which considered the Speedwatch scheme.

Cllr Smyth advised the contractors appointed by the Church Commission had carried out works to the trees along the A28, however, they had left a large amount of debris which needed to be removed and the work was unsatisfactory.

Cllr Smyth continued to chase TDC to discuss the removal of the dog waste bin at TE10 but had not yet had a response.

Graffiti had been reported to TDC on the bin adjacent to the bus stop in Sarre and new roundabout signs had also been installed in the Village.

Cllr Divers would chase a response from KCC regarding the ownership of the land beside the Windmill on A28.

Cllr Ageros echoed the concerns regarding the tree works on A28. Bags of dog waste had been left by TE10 where the bin was previously placed. Congratulations were expressed to the Church choral concert.

Cllr Radclyffe reported he had litter picked in Sarre and noted the drains still required cleaning. He had treated the bench by Sarre House and painted the kissing gate at TE10. Cllr Radclyffe suggested the benches in St Nicholas were re-stained in preparation for the Open Gardens weekend.

It was with sadness that the Parish Council were notified that Cllr Radclyffe would not be re-standing in the elections. Cllr Radclyffe was sincerely thanked on behalf of the residents and Council, for his hard work and commitment to the Parish Council for a huge number of years. He would be missed, and was wished well in the future. Cllr Radclyffe advised he would continue to litter pick in Sarre, and assist with the Christmas Trees and flagpole but felt it was time to stand down.

147/22-23 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT

No reports submitted.

148/22-23 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No reports received.

149/22-23 PCSO/COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

No report submitted by the PCSO or Community Warden.

150/22-23 BELL MEADOW

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

A meeting had been arranged on 12th April, to finalise details about the Coronation fete. Cllrs Tweedale and Lawrance would supply the traditional games used at the Jubilee fete, and Sarah from The Bell had offered the use of her garden games.

Tombola prizes were being organised and donations welcomed. Volunteers to help on the day were required.

151/22-23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) F/TH/23/0236 & L/TH/23/0237 Crumps Farm, Stuart Lane, St Nicholas at Wade

Erection of 2No 4 bed two storey detached dwellings together with change of use of 3No barns to 1No 5 bed and 1No 4 bed two storey semi-detached dwellings and 4No 3 bed two storey semi-detached dwellings and change of use of 2No 3 bed dwellings to 1No 3 bed dwellings with associated landscaping following demolition of menage and associated stables/storage.

It was considered and agreed unanimously that the application should be called-in, Cllr Abi Smith had been advised and had made the necessary representation to the Planning Officers.

Cllr Divers would attend to speak on behalf of the Parish Council. It was noted that the development was on a brownfield site and sympathetic to the present site. No neighbours had appeared to object to the application. Concern regarding the public rights of way, TE1A & TE2 were noted, and KCC had been made aware of the presence of the footpaths. The importance of the public rights of way was stressed, and noted that signs to indicate the footpath had been removed and required replacing. Cllr Dore would put together an evidence file regarding the rights of way.

Contractor parking, delivery times and access/egress arrangements were also of concern and would be raised at the meeting. It was also noted that the Church wall should be protected accordingly.

b) FH/TH/23/0152 – Permission Granted

152/22-23 FINANCE

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

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

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

CPRE - Membership renewal	£60.00
Clerks & Councils Direct - Subscription renewal	£14.00
M. Bladon - Thanet Oven Cleaning - BMP	£50.00

SNS - Domain Hosting	£46.92
TDC - Coronation Event fee	£301.00
S. Irving - Christmas meal donation	£50.00
Lloyds Bank CC	£436.60
J. Read - Handyman's salary & Expenses	£102.18
M. Savage - Handyman's salary & Expenses	£380.72
Strutt Parker - Sarre Flagpole Site fee	£1.00
S. Archer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£1,037.98
T. Oliver - Handyman's salary & expenses	£143.30
Kandoo Timber Supplies - Allotment fencing	£696.00
EDF - Gas BMP	£980.50
Business Stream - Water Cemetery	£26.77
Service Charge	£18.00

Receipts:

Headstone inscription	£50.00
Cemetery fee - Drake Pl 374	£475.00
BMP Hire fees - 14/12/22	£196.00
P. Radclyffe - Church Christmas Tree	£75.00
BMP Hire fees - 24/11/22	£62.50
BMP Hire fee	£6.50
J. Townsend - Plot 5 Allotment fee	£52.00
J. Read - Plot 3 Allotment fee	£26.00
BMP Pitch Hire - Frames	£200.00
D. Kirby - BMP Hire: Coffee Morning	£26.00
Nationwide - Interest	£906.91

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

(Proposed: Cllr Radclyffe, Seconded: Cllr Divers)

153/22-23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- It was confirmed the next litter picking session would be held on 13th May, 10am.
- Cllr Ageros confirmed he would be replanting the Village planters.
- On behalf of the residents of Sarre, Past and Present Councillors, Cllr Radclyffe was thanked for everything he has done for the Parish throughout the years.
- The kitchen at the Church had now had the electrics and plumbing works completed and was ready for the cabinets to be installed.

The meeting was concluded by the Chairman at 8:50pm.