



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 7.00pm in The Bell Meadow Pavilion, St Nicholas at Wade

Present: Councillors D. Divers (Chairman), L. Fallon, P. Radclyffe, L. Ageros, G. Goy

Also, Present: KCC Cllrs Derek Crow-Brown and Linda Wright, District Cllrs Reece Pugh and Abi Smith, Sara Archer – Clerk, plus 3 members of the public.

92/21-22 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

Under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public were excluded by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted during the period 7:00pm – 7:30pm.

93/21-22 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Cllrs Lee Terry and Sonya Smyth who have been co-opted onto the Council following the vacancies which arose from the recent resignations. The necessary documentation was completed and returned to the Clerk.

94/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillors Derek Crow-Brown and Linda Wright offered their apologies for their late arrival.

95/21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared. Cllr Divers declared a personal interest as neighbour of the properties to be discussed during item 103/21-22.

96/21-22 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th November 2021. These were proposed by Cllr Radclyffe, seconded by Cllr Fallon, all present agreed and therefore the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

97/21-22 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Divers thanked the volunteers and participants who attended the Heart Start event at the Village Hall. The session was well attended and a further session would be held in the New Year. Cllr Divers attended the Remembrance Service held at the Church, and laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish. Wreaths were also laid at the flagpole, Sarre and the Memorial area opposite the Church. Approximately £300 had been raised on behalf of the Poppy Appeal.

Correspondence had been received regarding the amount of leaves laying along Manor Road which had become slippery and hazardous. TDC had been contacted to resolve the issue.

A construction lorry had recently knocked over a bollard along the footpath at the Length. The Site Manager had been informed and repairs would be carried out in due course.

98/21-22 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that an email from a resident had been received, regarding the removal of the hedge along the construction site of Manor Road. Cllrs Pugh and Smith would take this issue up with the Enforcement Officer at TDC, on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Fallon confirmed she would speak to the Site Manager at Manor Road with regard to the concerns raised previously with the dropped kerb.

99/21-22 COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Radclyffe confirmed he had litter picked in Sarre. He had also laid the wreath in Sarre and attended the Remembrance Parade in Ramsgate, on behalf of the Parish Council. He also advised he had acquired two large noticeboards which could be placed in the Pavilion. The road sweeper and drain clearance was discussed. Cllr Wright would contact the relevant department to raise the issue of inadequate drainage in Sarre.

Cllr Ageros reported he had prepared the flagpole garden area for the wreath to be laid and thanked Cllr Radclyffe and the team for erecting and decorating the Christmas trees.

Cllr Goy advised she had been approached regarding the speed of traffic along Court Road, which was particularly of concern during school drop off and collection times. Parents were discussing initiating a petition to present to KCC Highways. It was suggested the PCSO was contacted to liaise with the school and discuss the issues.

100/21-22 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Abi Smith was welcomed to the meeting and congratulated on her recent appointment as District Councillor. The revision of the Local Plan was discussed and Cllr Smith advised she would be raising the necessity for improved infrastructure prior to further housing developments taking place, with the cabinet.

Cllr Smith also confirmed she would be receiving approximately 500 saplings to be planted in suitable locations across Thanet. The Parish Council requested 50-100 trees to be planted around the perimeter of Bell Meadow.

Cllr Pugh reported there would be no changes expected with the waste collection during the festive period.

He advised that the revision of the Local Plan included a further 4000 houses to be delivered in an additional 5 year period.

Residents are encouraged to submit comments on the revised Plan when it opens for consultation.

A car which appears to be abandoned at the St Nicholas roundabout will be reported.

TDC are currently clearing leaves to prevent the risk of them blocking the drains, any particularly problematic areas should be reported to Reece direct who will action the problem on behalf of the Parish Council.

It was also noted that the application by Sunningdale to amend the colour of the weatherboarding on the frontage of the homes in their development, has been rejected.

101/21-22 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Linda Wright confirmed KCC were also clearing drains at the moment, and requested the Sarre resident contacted either her or Cllr Crow-Brown in order to follow up the drainage issues. An executive from Southern Water had attended a recent meeting at KCC and offered an explanation of why the sewage problems were particularly problematic at the moment. A representative would attend meetings every six months to update KCC on the position.

Residents were encouraged to download the flood warning app for information in their local area.

Adult Social Care Services were also approached to focus on a welfare package for carers.

Cllr Wright also advised she had awarded a grant towards the bus shelter.

Cllr Crow-Brown advised he had been contacted by Cllr Abi Smith regarding trucks exiting the Sunningdale estate and leaving mud on The Length. Paul Valek from KCC Highways confirmed KCC visited the site recently with their Highway Steward, to discuss the issue and were assured that the mud would be cleared. The Site Manager was also asked to be more proactive in their methods of stopping the mud coming onto the road. Paul Valek advises that TDC are the overall planning authority and as such, with regard to the mud and the parked vehicles mentioned, TDC planning enforcement have more power than KCC to carry out enforcement of non-compliance of the Construction Management Plan. The Enforcement Officer had recently attended the site due to a breach in the planning conditions.

Cllr Crow-Brown reported that the cadets at Manston Airport had been directed to leave the site and would be meeting in Margate in future. Sir Roger Gale was lobbying the Government for not holding a consultation or giving prior notice to the Local Council that the site was being proposed as a refugee processing centre.

102/21-22 BELL MEADOW PAVILION COMMITTEE

It was noted that improvements with the football teams had been seen.

Plans for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in 2022 were discussed in length. Suggestions for the celebrations would be welcomed.

103/21-22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) FH/TH/21/1728 - Shiloh, Manor Road, St Nicholas at Wade

Erection of single storey rear and side extensions, following demolition of existing conservatory

No objections

TCA/TH/21/1796 - Land Between The Vicarage And The Boathouse, The Length, St Nicholas At Wade

1No Beech (T1) - Remove lower lateral bow and pollard

Refer to Tree Officer

F/TH/21/1694 - 2 Parish Close, St Nicholas At Wade

Formation of vehicular access

No objections

b) None received.

104/21-22 FINANCE

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

RESOLVED: To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for November. (Proposed: Cllr Radclyffe, seconded Cllr Divers).

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

Lipscomb Cars - Final payment handyman van	£	13,024.00
J. Read - Handyman salary & expenses	£	161.89
S. Smyth - Bar stock reimbursement	£	202.09
N. Sangster - Handyman salary & expenses	£	138.22
Viking Fireworks	£	2,400.00
HMRC - Employee PAYE	£	200.48
M. Feekings - CCTV reimbursement	£	35.99
M. Feekings - Website Admin salary	£	31.43
S. Archer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£	1,106.63
S. Irving - Fireworks stock reimbursement	£	58.21
Aigibl Came & Co - Van Insurance	£	506.28
D. Divers - Reimbursement litter picks	£	8.97
S. Archer - Reimbursement stationary	£	21.83
P. Radclyffe - Reimbursement electrical matting	£	30.22
Lloyds Bank CC	£	325.73
S. Archer - Reimbursement laptop	£	599.00
RBL - Poppy Wreath	£	18.50

Receipts:

BMP Hire - Coffee Morning	£	26.00
BMP Hire - Steel	£	176.00
BMP Hire - ICKE LA	£	13.00
Allotment Fee - J Read	£	17.00
BMP Hire - Coffee Morning	£	26.00

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

105/21-22 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- No questions or concerns were raised.

The meeting was concluded by the Chairman at 8:55pm.