



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2025 at 7.30pm in The Bell Meadow Pavilion, St Nicholas at Wade

Present: Councillors - D. Divers, S. Smyth, D. Tweedale, A. Andrews, E. Dore, M. Lawrance, M. Fentiman
Also, Present: District Cllr Abi Smith
Sara Archer – Parish Clerk plus 0 members of public.

25/25-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from PC Andy Howe.

26/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

27/25-26 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 10th June 2025.

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

28/25-26 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Divers advised there were no further updates that would not already be covered by the agenda.

29/25-26 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk confirmed the deposit for the double yellow lines project had been arranged. KCC would be making a financial contribution towards the total costs which was welcomed.

The savings account with Unity Trust had been opened, funds would be transferred from Nationwide in due course.

30/25-26 COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Fentiman had been working with Cllr Dore and the new village football team, and presented the design for the signage for the Pavilion which would be discussed under item 35. A number of events had been arranged, and the refurbishment proposal for the tennis courts, basketball court, lighting and shaded canopy in the play area would be prepared for the next meeting.

It was suggested the next meeting would be started earlier and publicised well, to encourage as many residents as possible to attend and express their views on the proposal.

Cllr Tweedale confirmed he had approached local timber merchants – Burbridges – for a discounted supply of wood towards the peregrine falcon nesting box, however, they were not in a position to assist. Local merchant, Brills, had kindly donated wood towards the project.

Thanks were extended to the handyperson team who offered assistance and cleared the area following an accident on A28/Manor Road junction.

Cllr Lawrance advised of complaints regarding the hazardous use of electric scooters in the village.

He had been in contact with the Chair of the Parish Close Steering Group who he had invited to attend the meeting, to present an update on the progress of the development. Regrettably, the Chair was unable to attend this meeting, however, he would be welcomed to a future meeting.

Cllr Andrews was pleased to note that her recent communication with the owners of the unsafely parked vehicle at Manor Road, had been responded to.

Cllr Smyth requested the handyperson team attended Sarre to sweep the footpaths.

31/25-26 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Abi Smith reported as follows:

1. **Warehorn Cottage:** Trees within the curtilage of a Listed Building do not get mandatory TPO status. I have checked our records and there were no protected trees on site and the property is not within a conservation area, so permission was not required to remove any of the trees.
2. **The Forge:** awaiting insight from building control officers. Seems like a long shot we can expect action.
3. **Brownfield search:** TDC has launched a new call for brownfield sites that may help meet the district's housing needs. The council is inviting landowners, developers, and residents to submit details of suitable brownfield land that could accommodate five or more dwellings. Brownfield land2 is land that has previously been built on or has had a hard surface on it. There are already brownfield sites identified and allocated in Thanet's current Local Plan, and more have been submitted for potential allocation in the next Local Plan. It is hoped that the call out will identify additional suitable sites that the council is not yet aware of.
4. On 25 June, the Thanet Community Safety Partnership, along with members of the Waste and Recycling team and Kent Police, emptied and cleaned the district's **knife amnesty bins**. There are 17 bins in total, placed at key locations including near to parks and railway stations. A total of 150 knives and weapons were safely recovered from the amnesty bins, giving a running total of 4,217 so far this year.
5. The **Teenage Market** is back for the third time. Following the success of the two previous markets in Margate, this time the event is moving to Ramsgate High Street. We're inviting Thanet's young entrepreneurs to apply to sell products or showcase their talents. Happening on Saturday 5 July in Ramsgate, the market will host up to 30 stalls and performers. It is open to budding business-owners and entertainers aged 8 to 24, who can register for a free stall via the Teenage Market website. Two further markets are planned in Broadstairs and Margate later in 2025 and we will share details with you nearer the time.

Cllr Smith was sincerely thanked for her continuous support to the Parish Council and her regular attendance at meetings.

32/25-26 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor not in attendance, no report or apologies submitted. Disappointment of the lack of communication and attendance at meetings was noted.

33/25-26 KENT POLICE REPORT

PC Andy Howe was unable to attend the meeting, however, he submitted the following report which was circulated to the Parish Council:

As you may be aware, Thanet CSU (Community Safety Unit) Officers including myself have been abstracted back into the main towns, beaches and to Dreamland events over the last few weeks on a daily basis. The hot weather and its coinciding with college students and sixth formers finishing their academic year, has resulted in large numbers of young persons from all over the county converging on Thanet's beaches.

These issues are very resource heavy and whilst it pains me to have to be away from the villages, it is obviously a policing priority to maintain order. As such, my visibility has been vastly reduced and on my return from leave (good weather dependant), I am likely to continue to be abstracted.

Please be assured that I have an overview of the daily calls to the Villages and am still able to respond to enquiries.

34/25-26 KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Gary Groombridge was unable to attend the meeting due to his Supervisor being unavailable. It was encouraging to note his involvement with village groups and his attendance would be welcomed at the next meeting.

35/25-26 BELL MEADOW WORKING GROUP REPORT

Cllr Fentiman advised that volunteers were needed for a couple of upcoming bookings that required the use of the bar. The football pitch hire fees were discussed. It was agreed to increase the charges to £85.00 per match, with a £50 deposit remaining in place. This was discussed and all were in agreement with the proposal.

Proposed: Cllr Divers, Seconded: Cllr Andrews

The proposed sign for the Pavilion was circulated for consideration. A vote was taken and noted, 6 support 1 not in favour. It was therefore proposed to accept the design, which would include the Bell Meadow symbol.

Proposed: Cllr Fentiman, Seconded: Cllr Lawrance

36/25-26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) F/TH/25/0673 - Land Rear Of Coney Lodge, Canterbury Road, St Nicholas

Erection of 1no two storey 5-bed detached dwelling together with associated access, landscaping and parking
Discussion took place, no objections noted – unanimous.

FH/TH/25/0733 - Tudor Cottage, Manor Road, St Nicholas

Erection of single storey rear extension, with first floor side extension, together with erection of a new detached garage along with extension to existing driveway and creation of vehicular access

Not currently on the planning portal – to be discussed when plans available.

b) None discussed.

37/25-26 FINANCE

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

RESOLVED: To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for June. (Proposed: Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Dore).

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

EDF - Electric BMP	£68.07
SNS - Domina Hosting	£60.51
Employee Salaries, PAYE & expenses	£2515.90
Westgate Security - Alarm Service	£97.98
MPC - 1/3 Clerk's stationary costs	£45.48
McCabe Ford William - Audit/Payroll fees	£1,485.60
Business Stream - Water Cemetery	£52.32
S. Archer - Bar Stock	£156.73
Lloyds DD - Credit Card	£86.16
N. Buchanan- BMP expenses	£74.95
St John's College - SJG lease	£60.00
D. Edwards - BMP Bar stock	£50.00
Hugofox - Website hosting fee	£11.99
Unity Trust - Service fee	£6.00

Receipts:

HMRC - VAT Reclaim	£3,943.21
BMP Hires - see paying in book	£597.50
M. Savage - BMP Hire: Choir	£78.00
E. Mc Elwain - BMP Hire	£13.00
BMP Hire - Lasenby	£25.00
SumUp payments - BMP event	£270.05
Andrews & Elliot - Headstone fee	£60.00
BMP Hire - Lasenby	£68.50
E. Dore - BMP Hire various	£45.50

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

(Proposed: Cllr Divers, Seconded: Cllr Andrews)

c) The purchase of new goalposts for the forthcoming season was discussed. The new football club would be exploring grant funding towards the costs. It was therefore agreed in principle to approve the purchase on the understanding that the goals would be an asset of the Parish Council.

This was voted upon – unanimously in favour.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of two new goalposts, grant funded, application to be made by SNAW FC if possible, to a maximum £2100.

(Proposed: Cllr Andrews, Seconded: Cllr Lawrance)

d) It was discussed and agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

38/25-26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No issues raised.

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