



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



**Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Bell Meadow Pavilion,
St Nicholas-at-Wade on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 7.30pm.
(subject to approval at the next meeting in March)**

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

Also, Present: Sara Archer – Clerk, District Cllr T. Roper plus 8 members of the public.

141/19-20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Cheniston - unwell, KCC Cllr Liz Hurst, District Cllr David Hart, PCSO Forsyth & Community Warden Tony Gander.

142/19-20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

143/19-20 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2020. These were proposed by Cllr Fallon, seconded by Cllr North, all present agreed and therefore signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

144/19-20 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Bryant read his report as follows:

Delighted to Chair a meeting with representatives from The Pavilion Sub-committee, The Village Hall, Manor Hall and The Church regarding VE Day celebrations. Thanks to Matt Feekings for leading on this and to all that were involved in taking such a positive attitude into getting this event sorted out.

Met with Jonathan Cole to discuss the sunk graves in the Cemetery. Although he has offered to build these up again, it is our responsibility and I have asked Martin to take it on for the future.

Met with SNCF regarding a couple of issues. Although not our responsibility, they have kindly offered to clear the leaves from the pavement on the Court Road Bridge to ensure no accidents occur.

My thanks once again to The Litter Squad that were out on Saturday and to Mark Lawrance and David Tweedale who have both been out litter picking over the last month and gathered in excess of a dozen bags.

I have now collected in the petition opposing the temporary traveller's site on Potten Street Road and will be presenting this to Thanet District Council in the next week. Over 200 residents signed this.

I do not want to get the reputation of being a triumphalist in the mould of Donald Trump and therefore I will just let the pictures tell the story of the achievements of this Parish Council over the last month. A slideshow of achievements was then shared.

145/19-20 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on the various activities carried out by the handymen. A consultation regarding the TDC housing strategy had been received for comment as appropriate. An invitation to the Lord Lieutenant Civic Service, KALC Planning Conference and training information and a letter regarding the surplus noticeboard had been received for consideration.

Councillors considered the request from the Friends of the Church to make use of the surplus noticeboard and agreed for it to be donated to them.

The current website hosts, Cantium, had offered to host the website for the first year free and bring it in line with the forthcoming accessibility requirements. Councillors agreed to delegate the decision to the Clerk who would make enquiries with regard to the costs and other Parish Council recommendations.

146/19-20 VILLAGE REPORTS

Councillor Radclyffe reported he had been litter picking and removing the debris from the footpaths, caused by the recent strong winds. The road signs had been cleaned with the exception of the traffic islands. Cllr Radclyffe had made enquiries with regard to the supply of power to the telephone box for the Christmas tree lights and was awaiting confirmation that this would be permitted.

Councillor Ageros advised a resident had recently had their campervan vandalised.

Sonya Smyth was invited to update the members regarding the progress with the village gates in Sarre.

Ms Smyth circulated a Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) for the Councillors consideration and explained the Plan would need to be submitted to KCC before firm costings could be explored.

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the traffic calming measures outlined in the HIP, the Parish Council were in agreement for the village gates to be installed. It was confirmed the data provided by Speedwatch was valid and important when considering the safety measures, however, a traffic survey would need to be commissioned to support an application for some of the traffic calming options identified in the HIP. It was suggested the HIP could include some additional information regarding the traffic routes.

RESOLVED: Not to accept the Highways Improvement Plan in its current form and to purchase village gates for Sarre and request the repainting of the road markings by KCC. Cllr Bryant would liaise with KCC to proceed. (Proposed: Cllr Fallon, Seconded: Cllr Radclyffe. A vote was taken, 5 votes for the proposal, 1 against).

Update: Cllr Bryant has reported white line markings under reference 488934.

Councillor Bryant advised of a leaflet regarding the QEQM, copies available upon request.

147/19-20 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Roper advised the decision from the Secretary of State with regard to the DPO for Manson Airport had been delayed.

KCC had made the decision to go ahead with the Parkway Station project.

TDC had recently approved the budget, a new Climate Change Officer had been appointed together with extra street cleaning staff, refurbishment of public toilets and the provision of new council houses. Homelessness was also being tackled.

Various options were being explored for the Port of Ramsgate and a consultation would be taking place over the next three months.

148/19-20 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Liz Hurst offered her apologies, no report was available however she had advised she was assisting with two funding applications.

149/19-20 KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN & KENT POLICE PCSO's REPORT

PCSO Forsyth offered her apologies and no report was available.

Community Warden Tony Gander offered his apologies, however, a report was submitted and read by the Clerk as follows:

- Reported 8x fly tipping's around the parish boundary.
- Reported the Anti Social Behaviour that is happening in the car park by St Nicholas roundabout in the day time and night time.
- Reported the Anti Social Behaviour on Potten Street Road with the vehicles and other items going on.
- New graffiti tags have been noted on the footbridge going over Thanet Way.
- Myself and Community Payback have been working on a project with Manor Hall trustees.
- I have been working with the school and PTFA on arranging funding to go towards a defibrillator in the school.
- Reported Highway issues in Manor Road regarding parking to TDC Enforcement and potholes to KCC Highways.
- I have been working with the School on a number of different projects.
- I removed some large branches on Potten Street Road that fallen on highway.
- Two sections of hedges on Orchard Lane that had fallen in high winds have been removed from the highway by myself as blocking part of the road.
- A dark moped with a male rider hanging around near the school or by the corner of the church in evenings. Rider goes when they see uniform so unable to get moped reg.

150/19-20 PAVILION SUB COMMITTEE

Cllr Graham North circulated a briefing to the Parish Council.

A routine Health & Safety check was completed on 5th January with no concerns to report.

Five companies had been contacted to quote for the installation of disabled toilets with only one company providing an estimate. It was discussed and agreed unanimously that the project should be put on hold for the time being.

Fire Risk Assessment has been amended following installation of lockable doors on boiler room and secure records store.

Following decoration and removal of door notices these should be replaced including a damaged fire exit sign.

The update of the Emergency Plan was near completion. Flood defences to be included. Two x A3 (St.Nicholas and Sarre) laminated flood maps will be placed in the Emergency Plan equipment store in the village hall.

151/19-20 ELECTION OF BELL MEADOW SUB COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Nominees were taken for representatives on the Sub-Committee. Cllrs Ageros, Radclyffe and North were nominated with no opposition and duly elected onto the Sub-Committee. Cllr North expressed his disappointment at the lack of commitment from previous members of the Committee and agreed to Chair the first meeting of the new Committee. Thanks were extended to Lisa Bryant for her hard work and commitment to the previous Committee.

152/19-20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Council considered the following applications:

F/TH/19/1231 - Land North East Of, The Length, St Nicholas At Wade

Erection of 34No. dwellings, together with associated landscaping, parking and access.

Noted the Conservation Officers report – less visual impact, more housing built in the village since submission of application. Access and egress options should be explored further to potentially include passing bays. Loss of green space and village identity. Oppose due to issues above, width of The Length and parking concerns.

F/TH/20/0061 - Land North West Of Down Barton Road St Nicholas At Wade

Change of use from existing mixed use barn (sui-generis) to 1No 2bed dwelling (use class C3) with the relocation of the external front wall to below current line of eaves and the insertion of new windows and rooflights.

Concern raised re: width of road. Noted previous application refused.

OL/TH/20/0062 - Land North West Of Down Barton Road St Nicholas At Wade

Erection of 1No 4 bedroom detached dwelling with associated parking

Oppose due to agricultural land being used.

TCA/TH/20/0158 - Sycamore House, Court Road, St Nicholas At Wade

4No Leylandii - Reduction in height of trees to 3.65m and 70% crown reduction

Refer to Tree Officer – TDC.

b) None received.

153/19-20 VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

A meeting of the working group was to be held on 14th March, many village groups were being involved, positive response to events outlined.

154/19-20 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 Radclyffe Seconded: Cllr Fallon).

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

M. Savage (Handyman's salary & expenses)	329.46
S. Archer (Clerk's salary & expenses)	651.52
J. Read (Asst. Handyman's salary & expenses)	178.79
Cleaners salary - Bell Meadow	125.52
M. Feekings (Website Administrator salary)	53.85
Ladywell Accountancy	252.00
Albion Fencing (Allotment fence)	2749.34
ACRK Membership renewal	55.00
Country Mowers (Annual Servicing)	798.99 + 95.52
Business Stream (Water at Pavilion)	95.04
Business Stream (Water at Cemetery)	26.20
Lloyds Bank Credit Card Charges	3.00
LE Gunn (Repayment of deposit – BMP)	25.00
K Redshaw (Trech dig for bollard lighting)	150.00
Came & Co (Motor Insurance renewal)	141.12

Receipts:

Enve Canine	125.00
WS Cole – Cemetery fees	100.00
Whitstable Town FC	145.00

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

(c) Equipment was required to improve the allotment/cemetery area which included boarding and the hire of a rotavator to assist with the strimming and maintenance. Cllr Ageros offered the use of his rotavator therefore a budget of £200 was agreed for the purchase of the boarding. All were in agreement.

155/19-20 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Ms Smyth requested the return of the previously circulated HIP from all Councillors. She advised the document was circulated for information purposes and the retention would be reported as theft. Two of the six documents were withheld.
- Lighting for the remainder of the path at Bell Meadow was discussed and confirmed options were currently being explored.
- The installation of sleeping policemen in the entrance of the car park at Bell Meadow was suggested and would be considered.
- It was confirmed the boiler and electrics in the Pavilion were now functioning.

The meeting was concluded by The Chairman at 9:07pm.