



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th August 2025 at 6.30pm 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, G. Pugh
Also, Present: District Cllr Abi Smith, Peter Morris & Rita Sigona – SNAW FC, Peter Paul - Handyman
Sara Archer – Parish Clerk plus 17 members of public.

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Cllr Fentiman, regarding the proposed improvements for Bell Meadow.

A brief to enhance the existing facilities was outlined (Appendix A).

The preferred options for each area of improvement were presented and discussed fully. Members of public present were given the opportunity, alongside Councillors, to ask any questions regarding the presentation.

A resolution regarding the proposal would be addressed under item 51/25-26 (c).

39/25-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from KCC Cllr Luke Evans, PC Andy Howe and Community Warden Gary Groombridge.

40/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lawrance and Cllr Divers declared an interest under item 51/25-26 (b).

41/25-26 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 1st July 2025.

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

42/25-26 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Divers advised he had attended the recent Village Hall Committee meeting, no issues to report.

43/25-26 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported she had been contacted regarding the cleaner position at Bell Meadow. This was discussed and agreed to contact the applicants and interview for the position. Cllr Divers and his wife were sincerely thanked for their hard work cleaning the Pavilion to date.

44/25-26 COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Fentiman reported that the TRRG meeting was postponed, therefore, no updates available.

The recent rounders/sports day event held at Bell Meadow had proved a huge success and received positive feedback.

Cllr Pugh advised he had attended the TAC meeting which focused primarily on the proposed Government Reforms.

The Bell Meadow working party were thanked for their work to promote and enhance the facility.

Cllr Tweedale submitted a complaint online to TDC regarding an unlawful van encampment at Dane Park.

Cllr Lawrance had been maintaining the memorial planters opposite the Church. The men's wellbeing group was being well supported, and Community Warden Gary had been attending and making a visible presence in the Village.

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

Cllr Dore advised that Manor Hall had recently been sold to a private dance company. He had been approached regarding dogs being permitted inside the Pavilion building. Concern had been raised that fleas were present in the main function room, however, there was no evidence to support this.

45/25-26 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Abi Smith reported as follows:

- National Grid's Sea Link plans: You can still register as an interested party, and make 'relevant representations' up until 18th August. There are many documents on the Planning Inspectorate site, but you can see examples from Minster PC <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020026/representations/100002801>, Monkton PC <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020026/representations/100003072> and Ramsgate Town Council <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020026/representations/100000813>, each with a different perspective on this major project. If you register in time, you can add to your submission later.
- Annual Canvass: residents should know they may hear from TDC this month, asking them to confirm any changes to the people listed at their property for the Electoral Roll.
- Shaping the Future of Thanet's High Streets: Have Your Say on Proposed Rental Auction Scheme (Margate, Cliftonville & Ramsgate). yourvoice.thanet.gov.uk/
- Brownfield Land Sites Call Out: TDC is seeking brownfield sites that may be suitable for development, particularly to help meet our housing need. yourvoice.thanet.gov.uk/
- Pluck's Gutter water main repaired and the road reportedly cleaned and reopened. Do let me know if you have any complaints.
- East Kent Design Code People's Panel TDC's Strategic Planning team is working to develop a Design Code for Thanet, to set out specific design requirements for new development in the district. Volunteers will join a Community Panel so that the Design Code will reflect local people's design preferences, helping to deliver buildings that have the support of local communities. Volunteers don't need any specific skills or knowledge of the planning system – just enthusiasm and an interest in improving the quality of new buildings and places across Thanet. Panel members will take part in two in-person workshops in September and November, with a further opportunity for online input, if they wish. Anyone aged 18 or over can apply to join the panel via an online form, until Monday 18 August.

Cllr Smith advised she would contact KCC on behalf of the residents at Sarre, to request the road signs on the A28 were refreshed.

46/25-26 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillors not in attendance, Cllr Luke Evans submitted the report appended to the minutes (Appendix B).

47/25-26 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:

We still have no rolling year statistics on our system (they said they were updating it but that was in March) so I can't tell you how well we are doing on reducing crime and tackling anti-social behaviour at the moment.

Regarding the villages, we have seen some increases in ASB and domesticated incidents which are very much attributed to the large estates at Westwood Cross that sit within Thanet Villages Ward. I can't give you a percentage increase, but I am increasingly seeing these calls being attended by colleagues. My feelings are that the change to the boundaries for the Wards and the creation of a new Westwood Ward can't come soon enough as these types of crimes/offences are very hard to Police out, as they occur within the dwellings.

Also, the Manston Migrant Centre continues to generate crime statistics which are recorded in the UK but actually occurred in France.

Having looked at the calls to police over July, there were 20 calls from St Nicholas at Wade and Sarre which included 5 traffic related incidents, 2 theft-based calls, 1 nuisance vehicle call and a collection of concern calls relating to welfare.

Of these, the ones that concern me are the nuisance vehicles as I have not been able to confirm the drivers address but believe they are residents on the length (I would appreciate any information over that), and the theft of a boat that was left on Potten Street Rd. Any information on these would be appreciated.

Whilst we have not had too much vehicle crime on the Villages, there was a spate of theft of/theft from vehicles in Cliffsend which is being investigated. So just a reminder to ensure that you double check you have locked your vehicles and not left any valuables inside, especially over night.

Its also that time of year to remind everyone to close your windows at night and when you leave your premise. We have very low burglary levels and would love to keep it that way.

My activity (other than laying on a beach) has been mixed between assisting with the main towns and beaches call demand, to trying to keep an eye on the farm plant areas, as we did have an attempt theft of fuel at Manston.

I have been dealing with two nuisance youths resulting in home visits with early help officers and interventions in the Minster and Westwood areas.

In my absence the Neighbourhood Task Force visited Potten St Rd on a couple of occasions resulting in two seized vehicles and significant disruption to ASB in that area.

48/25-26 KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

Gary Groombridge was unable to attend the meeting, however, he submitted the following report which was circulated prior to the meeting:

- Visual presence in the 6 Villages. Speak to the residents.
- Attend and support the Monkton Wellbeing Group
- Community Information drop-ins at Minster Library.
- Deliver a scam talk with Trading Standards at the Minster Bowls Club, interact with the residents, give out safety information and safety freebies.
- Report Fly-tipping to Thanet district Council
- Attend and support a wellbeing group in Birchington (one off)
- Trying to move forwards with getting a community group in together Minster
- Attend and get to know people at the Men's group at St Nicholas at Wade Church.
- Support a resident in Minster (a few visits)
- Support and resident in Monkton
- Help organise the multi-agency community event at Dog acre in Birchington. Being held on the 15th August.
- Attending and supporting the Scripture Union events at Minnis Bay Dip, in Birchington.
- Attend and support the Men's shed in Minster.
- Attending ongoing training courses.

49/25-26 BELL MEADOW WORKING GROUP REPORT

As previously discussed.

50/25-26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

No objections from neighboring properties noted. Suggested the aesthetics of the property and parking were taken into account. No objections to be submitted – Vote taken: no objections 6, objection 1 abstain 1

TCA/TH/25/0810 - Chapel Cottage , Old Road, Sarre

Refer to Tree Officer. Unanimous vote.

b) None discussed.

51/25-26 FINANCE

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

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

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

M. Lawrance - Planters repayment	£85.00
SNS - Domian Hosting	£60.51
Maytree Nursery - Planters flowers	£101.00
KCC - Yellow Lines deposit	£2,000.00
Business Stream - BMP	£330.66
NEST DD - Clerk's pension	
Lloyds DD - Credit Card	£236.81
Employee salaries and expenses	£2199.07
HMRC - Employee PAYE	
Playsafety - RoSPA Play Inspection	£139.20
D. Divers - Repayment BMP Sundries	£15.35
S. Archer - Clerk's salary & expenses	
P. Paul - Handyperson's salary	
Hugofox - website hosting fee	£11.99
Deposit return - Williams	£25.00
S. Archer - Bar Stock BMP	£463.20
Unity Trust - Service Charge	£6.00

Receipts:

BMP - Various	£207.70
E. Mc Elwain - BMP Hire	£91.00
M. Savage - Choir Practice BMP	£78.00
D. Tulejova - BMP Hire	£64.00
SumUp - Bar Hire BMP	£309.19
BMP Hire - Bar	£446.70

E. Mc Elwain - BMP Hire	£13.00
BMP Hire - CJ Williams	£70.50
E. Dore - BMP Hires	£40.00
Blean FC - Pitch Hire	£70.00
SumUp - Bar Hire BMP	£96.85
SumUp - Bar Hire BMP	£102.98
E. Dore - BMP Hires	£13.00
SumUp - Bar Hire BMP	£624.89
Gore Brother - Cemetery fees	£135.00
BMP Hire - Various	£495.10

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

(Proposed: Cllr Pugh, Seconded: Cllr Dore)

c) As previously outlined and discussed, the preferred options were considered and voted upon. In favour 7, Abstain 1

RESOLVED: To approve the proposed enhancements for Bell Meadow. Grants to be obtained if possible. Works to be carried out as a staged process.

(Proposed: Cllr Andrews, Seconded: Cllr Dore)

52/25-26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

SNAW FC offered an update on the progress of the Club. An application towards grant funding for new goalposts was in hand.

The meeting was concluded by the Chairman at 8:20pm.