



## St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm In The Bell Meadow Pavilion, St Nicholas at Wade

**Present: Councillors D. Divers, L. Ageros, S. Smyth, D. Tweedale, Mark Lawrance, Glenn Pugh**

**Also, Present: KCC Cllr Derek Crow-Brown, KCC Cllr Linda Wright, District Cllr Abi Smith, Lucy Rivers & Leah Cardin  
TDC Home Energy Advice Service and Sara Archer – Parish Clerk plus 3 members of public.**

Representatives from the Home Energy Advice Service were welcomed and introduced to the meeting. They gave a very informative presentation of the service they offer to residents to advise them of the potential grant funding available to eligible properties, to improve the efficiency of their homes and reduce energy bills.

Further information and the contact details for the Advice Team at TDC can be found on their website.

#### **24/24-25 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Cllr Ann Andrews who has been co-opted onto the Council following the vacancy which arose from the resignation of a previous Councillor. The necessary documentation was completed and returned to the Clerk.

**Proposed: Cllr Lawrance, Seconded: Cllr Smyth**

#### **25/24-25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were noted from Cllr Eric Dore (Personal reasons) and PC Andy Howe.

#### **26/24-25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations made.

#### **27/24-25 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024. These were proposed by Cllr Divers, seconded by Cllr Pugh, all were in agreement and therefore signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

#### **28/24-25 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Divers advised he had been in contact with St Nicholas Court Farms regarding the detritus blown on the roads from the harvest. The Manager had responded, and a number of proposals were being considered to resolve the issue satisfactorily.

The Chair had contacted the receivers of the development at The Length following the landscaping concerns which had been raised by a resident. A maintenance company had been appointed by the receivers and therefore the issues would be dealt with accordingly.

Cllr Divers recently attended the Village Hall Management Committee meeting and noted they were in a positive position. The public footpath at Crumps Farm, Shuart Lane remains accessible. Any issues with public footpaths in the Parish can be reported online to KCC.

Complaints had been received with regard to the smell which appeared to originate from the anaerobic digester. It was considered that the likely source of the smell was from the silage pile adjacent to the digester.

#### **29/24-25 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk advised she had attended a meeting with the Chair and Community Engagement Officer at KCC, to discuss the Highways Improvement Plan and specifically the results of the yellow lines survey. KCC were supportive of the initiative and would be progressing with the project accordingly.

The last allotment had now been leased. There currently wasn't a waiting list and all plots were occupied.

The play equipment safety report had been received and the Clerk would circulate to Councillors for information.

The overgrowth at TE10 had been reported online to KCC for action.

The Clerk had met with a resident who had expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor, and would be attending the meeting in October with a view of being co-opted.

Correspondence had been received from a resident in Sarre, requesting detailed information with regard to handyman schedules of work. Given the details requested and considerable amount of work involved to produce the information required, it was considered the request should be treated as a FOI and therefore chargeable. The Resident would be informed of this decision accordingly.

The National Grid were running another public consultation regarding the Sealink project. Further information and details of the proposal could be found online.

### **30/24-25 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

**Cllr Pugh** confirmed he had attended the recent TRRG meeting. Speedwatch remained a focus of the Group and volunteers were required for the initiative to be restarted in the Villages.

The Kent Resilience Forum and Emergency Plan was discussed. Although it was felt that the emergency services would primarily take the lead in an emergency, a list of vulnerable people in the community, and those who had specialist equipment such as kayaks/4x4's etc should be considered along with a contact list of first responders.

**Cllr Tweedale** advised he had reported the foreign number plated Mondeo estate which is parked at The Length, to the Police for appropriate action. He had been litter picking along Orchard Land and Canterbury Road.

The Friends of the Church had approached the Parish Council to enquire about using the Bell Meadow as overflow parking for the Open Gardens. This was considered and approved, if the weather conditions were dry.

It was noted that Minster Flower Show was being held on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**Cllr Smyth** had swept the chaff from the forecourt at Sarre to prevent it from blowing into the drainage system. The Clerk was asked to determine the ownership of the flagpole site following the recent sale of the land adjacent to it.

Clarity was sought regarding the outstanding Section 106 monies at The Length. The Clerk would make enquiries with the Officer at TDC.

The Chair and Clerk were asked to meet with the Sarre Councillor representatives to discuss the HIP.

**Cllr Ageros** had been maintaining the village planters, and had worked on footpath TE10 to clear some of the overgrowth. It was noted that the dog fouling appeared to be improved. He had also repaired the leaking tap at the allotments.

Concern had been raised by allotment holders who had been stung whilst tending to their plots. It was suggested this may be caused by the Asian Hornet, and residents were reminded to take care and report any sightings direct to the EA.

A resident at Acol had made some traps to catch the hornets, the Clerk would make enquiries whether these could also be produced for the allotments.

### **31/24-25 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Cllr Abi Smith reiterated concern regarding the Sealink National Grid project.

Various locations across Thanet would be hosting the 'Thanet Games' on 19-23<sup>rd</sup> August.

Manston Air Control tower is currently being assessed for demolition.

### **32/24-25 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Linda Wright advised an anniversary memorial for Baron Longchamps was being built in remembrance of the veteran.

Cllr Wright had attended an emergency licencing meeting regarding Dreamland. A number of measures were being introduced to improve the safety of the events.

Cllr Crow-Brown reported that the electric car charging ports were no longer being considered at Potten Street, and may be installed at Thanet Parkway.

Delays with applications for blue badges were being experienced across the district. Any affected residents were encouraged to inform Cllr Crow-Brown who would follow up the issue with the team involved.

Neil Baker – KCC Highways, had reported on the pothole blitz across the county. 138sqm had been filled with 70% of works being completed to date, and due to be finalised in October. Potholes can be reported online to KCC.

### **33/24-25 KENT POLICE REPORT**

No report, PC Andy Howe was currently on leave.

### **34/24-25 BELL MEADOW REPORT**

Cllr Divers advised there had been an increase in bookings of the facility. The boiler and heating had been serviced and repaired as necessary. The football pitch hire was restarting in August, the changing facilities would be tidied in preparation for the new season.

### **35/24-25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) FH/TH/24/0654 - 49 Parish Close, St Nicholas At Wade

*No objections raised. Vote taken, unanimous support for the application.*

**F/TH/24/0605 - Little Orchard , Canterbury Road, St Nicholas At Wade**

*No objections raised. Vote taken, unanimous support for the application.*

b) None received.

**36/24-25 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 Tweedale, seconded Cllr Pugh).**

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

D. McDade - Handyman's salary	£342.82
J. Perfect - Handyman's salary	£543.88
S. Archer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£1,222.78
M. Savage - Handyman's salary & expenses	£451.31
McCabe Ford Williams - Audit/Accounting admin	£1,258.80
Nest DD - Clerk's pension	£33.38
SNS - Domain Hosting fee	£50.52
Lloyds Bank DD - Credit Card	£175.24
Hugofox - Website Hosting fee	£11.99
EDF - Electric BMP	£513.14
Business Stream - Water Cemetery	£36.14
EDF - Gas BMP	£335.39
Unity Trust service charge	£18.00

**Receipts:**

Roberts Stonemason - cemetery fee	£95.00
K. Farley - BMP Hire fee	£19.50
K. Farley - BMP Hire fee deposit	£25.00
Blean FC - Pitch hire	£420.00

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

**(Proposed: Cllr Divers, Seconded: Cllr Pugh)**

**37/24-25 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No concerns raised.

The meeting was concluded by the Chairman at 9:20pm.