

PLAXTOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Plaxtol Memorial Hall on Monday 13 May 2019 at 8.40pm

Present: Cllrs P Thomas (Chairman), M Brewin, J Budworth, M Carboni, J Denham, M Julio, R Simpson; L Thomas (Clerk); Boro Cllrs W Palmer, T Shaw, M Taylor

Apologies: Cllr G French

1. Matters raised by the public / Borough Councillors

The Chairman welcomed the newly elected Borough Councillors to the meeting.

Boro Cllr Taylor thanked the electorate for their support and advised that he and his colleagues would be focussing on the Local Plan and AONB and Conservation Area planning challenges. In response to a question, he confirmed that earlier Celcon extraction plans had not been included in the county minerals plan.

Boro Cllr Palmer reminded parishioners that the early bird discount on garden waste charges was now available. She advised that travellers currently occupying Platt Primary School field would be moved on in the near future.

Cllr Shaw reminded parishioners that hard copies of the petition regarding J5 slips had been distributed for those unable to access the online petition. The return date was 12 August.

The Chairman thanked Borough Councillors for their input and advised that copies of the petition would be available at the Village Stores.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 1 April 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Correspondence

KCC

Area Education Officer: Oakley School expansion consultation.

Highways & Transport: bus updates, March, April 2019; parish bus shelter grant 2019-20; roadworks interim planning, 2019-20; local development of Highways Improvement Plans.

Planning: Kent Minerals & Waste Local Plans submission to Planning Inspectorate.

TMBC

Area 2 Planning Committee: meeting papers, 10.4.19.

Electoral Services: Candidates' election expenses eligibility.

Other

Action with Communities in Rural Kent: Rural Kent newsletter, 18.4.19.

Bluebird Care: Community Grant Scheme 2019.

Communicorp: Clerks & Councils Direct, May 2019, Issue 123.

Campaign to Protect Rural England: local event, 15.4.19; newsletter, 13.4.19; Countryside Voice, Spring 2019; Field Work, Spring 2019; Kent Voice, Spring-Summer 2019; Clean Planet Campaign.

Highways England: Operation Brock update, 12.4.19.

Hospice in the Weald: Moonlight Walk, 15.6.19.

Hadlow Primary Office: federation of Hadlow & Shipbourne Primary Schools consultation.

KALC: NALC bulletins on national developments, 29.3.19-3.5.19; NALC Newsletters, 3-10.4.19; KCC Trading Standards Alerts; NALC Annual Conference, 28-29 October 2019; social media training event, 22.6.19; National CSSC alerts and bulletins, 17-26.4.19; KALC News, April 2019; Community Led Housing & Self Build Conference, 18.6.19; Heart of Kent Compassionate Neighbour Scheme pilot; Came & Company Council Matters, Spring 2019; VE Day 75th anniversary celebration events; Dynamic Councillor events, 2019.

Kent County Playing Fields Association: notification of AGM, 14.5.19.

Kent Downs AONB: Newsletter, 2.5.19.

Kent Police: monthly updates, March, April 2019; Rural Matters, Spring 2019; Rural Liaison team report, 20.3.19; Kent Trading Standards doorstep crime film; Trading Standards alerts.

Kent Tree & Pond Partnership: Tree Warden training events.

Kent Wildlife Trust: Newsletters, 3-30.4.19.

NALC: Local Council Review, Spring 2019.

National Allotment Society: Allotment & Leisure Gardener, Issue 2, 2019.

Wheels 2 Work: Free 2 wheel moped training event, 11.5.19.

E-watch: Nos 1645-1656.

6. **Payments/Finance**

- i) Budget outturn 2018-19. Councillors noted that the budget for 2018-19 had been underspent by £7.3k. This was primarily due to the delay on completion of the Spoute playground installation till June 2019 and the consequent carry over of £7.5k earmarked for this project. Greater than expected expenditure on amenity maintenance (war memorial refurbishment) and installation of new street lights had been approved by Council.
 - ii) Councillors approved the nationally agreed pay award in respect of the Clerk's salary with effect from 1 April 2019.
 - iii) Receipts & Payments. Councillors noted that the payment to Eon Energy for the March street light supply was £127 against an estimated £126.98.
- Councillors approved the renewal of the street light maintenance contract for 2019-20.
- A financial statement and bank reconciliation was distributed to members.

The following receipts were noted:	£
TMBC: precept, 1 st instalment 2019-20	21,026.00
The following payments were approved:	£
Communicorp: Clerks & Councils Direct subscription	96.00
Streetlights Ltd: maintenance contract 1 st instalment	292.50
Memorial Hall: hall hire Jan-Mar 2019	89.50
Sovereign Play: deposit play equipment, Spoute Rec	5,167.86
NALC: Local Council Review subscription	54.00
KCPFA: subscription 2019-20	20.00
KALC: Annual Planning Conference attendance fee	72.00
Cllr Thomas: reimbursement APM costs	120.47
H&E Tree Services Ltd: maintenance Spoute Rec	168.00
Clerk salary & reimbursements, April 2019	712.74
Eon Energy: street lighting April 2019 supply	122.90

7. Planning

TMBC decisions

4 Bartons Cottages, Long Mill Lane TM/18/02758/LB

Listed Building Application: Replacement windows and rear door. **Granted listed building consent.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Cartref, 9 Bourne Vale TM19/00213/FL

Section 73 variation to condition 2 of TM/17/01689/FL to allow render to all 3 sides of the extension. **Granted permission.** Parish Council had **objected** to this application.

Golding Orchard, The Street TM/19/00633/TNCA

T1 Willow - reduce in height by 6 metres and 3 metres width. T2 and T3 2 x Lawson Cypress reduce by 50% in height. **No objection.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Manderley, The Street TM/19/00251/LB

Listed Building Application: Replace roof to garden room extension. **Granted listed building consent.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Meadowvale, Long Mill Lane TM/19/00512/PDVLR

Prior Notification for Residential Extension: single storey rear extension (Part 1 Class A) maximum depth 5m, height to eaves 2.7m, maximum height 2.9m. **Prior approval not required.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Walnut Tree Cottage, Long Mill Lane TM/19/00360/LB

Proposed replacement garage and replacement rear single storey extension. Works to roof, windows and walls to restore the property to a stabilised structural and breathable condition, lowering of floor to kitchen. Other minor works internally. French drain to perimeter of cottage walls. **Granted listed building consent.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Land south west of Claygate House, Winfield Lane

TM/19/00549/PDVAR

Prior notification change of use of agricultural building to residential (Part 3 Class Q): demolish existing lean to and convert the main building into a single 2 bedroom dwelling, replace all existing windows with double glazing units, and remove the existing metal door with the current opening to be bricked up. **Requires permission.** Councillors noted that, although the Parish Council had not been formally consulted on this application, a response had been made within the consultation period objecting to the proposal.

Parish council decisions

Land South Of Allens Lane, Plaxtol TM/19/00967/FL

Conversion and extension of redundant, detached storage building to a residential dwelling. **No objection.**

Club Cottage, Plaxtol Lane TM/19/00658/FL, TM/19/00659/LB

Close-board timber fence 1.84m high around approximately 62m of boundary. **No objection.** Councillors noted that this application had been received since the April meeting with a response date of 3 May. As an extension to this date had not been possible, the response was submitted to TMBC on the recommendation of the planning group.

Coppers Oak, The Street TM/19/00742/TPOC

T1 Oak to remove deadwood and reduce overall size by 15-20%. The Tree Warden advises that the work proposed is for good management of the tree in order to preserve its looks and quality. **No objection.**

Fern Bank, Roughway Lane TM/19/00903/LDE

Lawful Development Certificate Existing: use of agricultural land as domestic garden in relation to Fern Bank Roughway Lane Plaxtol. **No objection.**

Golding Orchard, The Street TM/19/00661/FL

Installation of swimming pool to include hard and soft landscaping works. **No objection.** Councillors noted that this application had been received since the April meeting with a response date of 3 May. As an extension to this date had not been possible, the response was submitted to TMBC on the recommendation of the planning group.

8. Community Safety

The Chairman reported that he had liaised with Chief Inspector Rothwell of the Community Safety Unit, who had advised that the mini bikes had now been sold. Break-ins at the Cricket Club and School had been reported and Police were dealing with the incidents.

9. Recreation Grounds

Cllr Denham reported that the installation at the Spoute Recreation Ground was due to take place from 13-22 June. The installation layout had been amended slightly to create more distance between the items of equipment and the football pitch. Councillors approved the new layout. Cllr Carboni advised he had drawn up a rota of Councillors who would act as points of contact and oversee the installation.

Cllr Denham reported that quotes for repairs to the existing wetpour surfaces were proving difficult to obtain. She would be contacting Barge again for an updated quote.

**Action:
Cllr
Denham**

Cllr Denham advised that Kent Downs would be providing a finger post sign for The Street entrance to the GML and a mushroom information board. The Kent Downs input to the orchard would then be completed. A mid-summer picnic was planned for 23 June to coincide with the Great Get Together Weekend.

10. Highways & Transport

i) JPCTCG, 5.3.19. Cllr Thomas reported that 20mph speed limits through rural villages were not currently supported on the grounds that such limits had not proved effective. Policing, increased signage and street lighting were also required. KCC had, however, decided to

carry out a review of existing schemes and KALC had written to the Cabinet Member for Transport. Parishes wishing to introduce schemes should approach KCC

He advised that a working party had been set up to investigate the impact of HGVs using inappropriate rural roads.

ii) Councillors were advised that the replacement column lamp outside Kingscote would be installed on 21 May. Tree Lane would be closed on that day for UKPN to deal with supply.

iii) It was reported that a closure of The Street had been notified for 3 June for up to 5 days. The Clerk had queried this closure with Kent Highways regarding the impact on the school bus service. Highways were investigating the possibility of an alternative date.

11. Any Other Business

Cllr Denham advised that a parishioner had requested that some drainage provision be made on MR325. The matter will be investigated.

12. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 3 June 2019 at 8 pm

The meeting closed at 10pm

Subject to approval