

PLAXTOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Plaxtol Memorial Hall on Monday 6 August 2018 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs R Simpson (Chairman), M Brewin, M Carboni, J Denham, K Johnson; L Thomas (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs J Cannon, P Thomas; Boro Cllrs S Perry, T Shaw, M Taylor

1. Matters raised by the public / Borough Councillors

None.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 2 July 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Item 7 (i). It was confirmed that the Tree Warden had given approval for requested tree pruning at the Spoute Recreation Ground to go ahead.

5. Council Matters

GDPR. Councillors approved a proposed Privacy Notice and Website Privacy and Use Policy. Both will be available on the Parish website.

6. Correspondence

KCC

Growth Environment & Transport: Rights of Way Improvement Plan, public consultation – details at consultations.kent.gov.uk.
Highways & Transport: Monthly bus updates, June 2018;

TMBC

Community Safety Partnership: Newsletter, July/August 2018.
Street Scene: refuse and recycling services update.

Other

Action with Communities in Rural Kent: Oast to Coast, Summer 2018.

The Ash Project: summer events, 2018.

Citizens Advice, N&W Kent: letter of thanks for donation.

Campaign to Protect Rural England: Campaigns Update, 7.7.18;

Countryside Voice, Summer 2018; Field Work, Summer 2018.

Heart of Kent Hospice: letter of thanks for donation.

KALC: NALC bulletins on national developments 29.6.18-27.7.18;

NALC Newsletters, 4.7.18-19.7.18; Kent Police & Crime

Commissioner newsletter. June/July 2018; notification of NALC

annual conference, 30/31 October 2018; Councillors' Commission

roundtable event, 6.9.18; Kent Police news bulletins; Natural

England SSSI bylaws consultation; Annual Policing Survey, public

consultation – details at www.kent-pcc.gov.uk; Select Committee rural economy call for evidence – Cllr Simpson will consider a response.

Action:
Cllr
Simpson

Kent Men of the Trees: Arbor, summer 2018.

Kent Wildlife Trust: Wild Kent, Summer 2018; 2017 Annual Review; newsletter, 24.7.18.

National Allotment Society: Allotment & Leisure Gardener, Issue 3, 2018.

Porchlight: Porchlight Post, Summer 2018.

E-watch Nos 1565-1576.

7. Payments/Finance

- i) Councillors approved £50 additional funding for Kent Wildlife Trust to contribute to the purchase of the nature reserve at Polhill.
- ii) A financial statement and bank reconciliation was distributed to members. Councillors noted that the payment to Eon Energy for street lighting for the June period was £99.54 against the estimated £96.36.

The following receipts were noted:

Capen Ltd: Hive Lotto	£ 23.00
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The following payments were approved:

Streetlights: maintenance contract 1 st installment	£ 292.50
H&E Tree Services Ltd: replacement for lost chq	144.00
Clerk salary & reimbursements July 2018	784.92
Eon Energy street lighting July supply	102.86

8. Planning

i) Local Plan update. The Chairman advised that the draft Local Plan had been approved at TMBC's Planning & Transportation Advisory Board on 24 July but only on the casting vote of the Chair. The draft would be considered at Cabinet in early September for approval at full Council. The Regulation 19 public consultation would begin towards the end of September. He advised that the Parish Council would need to participate in the Regulation 19 consultation by responding to those sites identified within the Parish as possible areas for development, even though they were not currently included in the Plan, before submission to the Inspector. KALC had arranged a workshop in September to help parishes with their Regulation 19 responses. It was agreed that the planning group, Cllrs Brewin, Cannon, Carboni, along with the Chair and Vice-Chair, would take the lead in formulating the Parish Council's response. The Chairman also advised that members of the Parish Alliance were seeking support for opposition to the proposed development at Borough Green (Borough Green Gardens). A public meeting was being arranged on 14 September in Plaxtol for residents to be advised of the issues and to respond.

ii) It was noted that complaints regarding non-compliance with the management plan at the development at 3 St Hilda's had been forwarded to the Planning Officer concerned at TMBC.

iii) Planning applications

TMBC decisions

Coppers Oak, The Street TM/18/00997/FL

Single storey rear extension, ground and first floor front extensions, and conversion of garage to living accommodation. **Granted permission.**

Parish Council had **objected** to this application.

Hop Pickers Yard, Winfield Lane TM/18/00564/FL

To erect a wooden greenhouse in garden. Dimensions width 2.5m, depth 3m, height 2.1metres. **Granted permission.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Flat 1 Kingscote, Tree Lane TM/18/00871/FL

Extend existing fence and wall to the front and create new steps to side entrance. **Granted permission.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Malling Well House, The Street TM/18/01485

Silver Birch and Mulberry trees to be removed. **No objection.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Old Orchard, The Street TM/18/01502/TNCA

Eucalyptus- re-pollard as part of good tree management and to keep the tree a suitable size for its surroundings. **No objection.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Pendle Cottage, The Street TM/18/01486/TNCA

Beech hedge- reducing the height by 60%, trim inner face and cut outer face back to boundary. **No objection.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Plaxtol Village Store & Post Office, 8 The Street TM/18/00553/FL

2 no chiller fans for freezer units within the store mounted on the rear profile of the building. **Granted permission.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

The Retreat, Plaxtol Lane TM/18/00337/FL

Part ground floor and first floor front/side extension, porch enlargement, new roof covering with extended eaves projects and tile hanging at first floor level. **Granted permission.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

The Retreat, Plaxtol Lane TM/18/01195/FL

Single storey rear extension. **Granted permission.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Shode House, Dux Lane TM/18/01024/LB

Listed Building Application: Remove section of wall between the kitchen and sitting room and replace existing lintel with oak beam. **Granted consent.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Parish council decisions

Broadfield Farm Cottage, Old Soar Road TM/18/01499/FL,
TM/18/01500/LB

Rear two storey extension and ground floor conservatory forming a kitchen, dining room and first floor ensuite bathroom. **No objection.**

The Golding Hop, Sheet Hill TM/18/01523/FL

New single storey conservatory on the rear of the property. **No objection.**

Old Graingers, Plaxtol Lane TM/18/01575/FL

Demolition of existing greenhouse and erection of new greenhouse on the same footprint. Demolition of existing timber garage and erection of new oak framed carport on existing footprint extending approx 4.4m to the East. **No objection.**

Ragstones, Long Mill Lane TM/18/01587/FL

Single storey rear extension with a lantern light. **No objection.**

9. Meeting Feedback

- i) KALC 2.8.18. Cllrs Simpson and Thomas had attended this meeting. Cllr Simpson reported that the majority of councils attending the meeting were opposed to the Local Plan. A number of questions had been agreed to be put to Parish Partnership Panel on 6 September, including a query regarding the absence of a detailed infrastructure plan. The meeting had also received an update from local police with a new inspector leading the community safety unit. Future emphasis was to be on community involvement.
- ii) KALC Strategic Meeting with Kent Police. Cllr Thomas had attended this meeting, led by the Police & Crime Commissioner, and reported on:
 - the recruitment of 200 additional officers;
 - improving response times for 101 calls;
 - train travellers concerned about adverse behaviour encouraged to text 61016 to British Transport Police who would intervene;
 - local inspectors to be more easily contacted by KALC members.

10. Recreation Grounds

- i) It was reported that updates were awaited from the project co-ordinators. A meeting would be arranged after the holiday period.
- ii) It was reported that a quote for £245 had been approved by the Chair and Vice-Chair for minor repairs indicated in the inspection report at the Winnie Bowes recreation ground. A quote for repairs to the fence between the recreation ground and the cricket field was awaited.

11. Basted Mill Public Open Space

Cllrs Johnson and Simpson had attended the meeting on 5.7.18 and reported that repairs to the weir were still under discussion. It was possible that the mill pond would not need to be drained in order for the repairs to be carried out. It had been agreed to replace the damaged wall rather than install chestnut paling. A final quote was awaited. It was confirmed that the paths and boundaries were in good order, that the noticeboards had been replaced, that some tree maintenance work had been carried out and that the finances remained robust.

12. Highways & Transport

- i) Cllr Johnson reported that he had attended a parish seminar to discuss future bus provision. A mixture of routes was being considered for discontinuation. Where cuts were being proposed, alternative forms of transport to maintain essential links (eg to mainline stations) were being considered. The 404 bus service remained partially at risk, although the bus company was considering possible alternative funding mechanisms to maintain the full service. Cllr Johnson had returned a feedback form to KCC on behalf of the Parish incorporating comments submitted by parishioners on Facebook.

- ii) It was reported that parishioner comments regarding the speed limit on the A227 at the junction with Plaxtol Lane had been forwarded to Highways who had advised that the matters raised should be referred to the Schemes, Planning & Delivery Team for examination.
- iii) It was reported that the A227 Western Road in Borough Green would be closed for 2 days from 11 August to enable cabling works by UKPN.

13. Battle's Over National Tribute

Cllr Denham confirmed that she had arranged for a beacon which would be lit on the evening of 11 November. A site was yet to be agreed. Cllr Carboni reported that he had had early discussions with the Rector and that it was hoped that a celebration could be arranged at the church for that evening. The History Group would be mounting an exhibition and local groups and organisations would be encouraged to contribute to the event.

14. Any Other Business

Cllr Denham advised that the Kent Downs project at the Garrett Memorial orchard would be ending in October. Several events had been planned including a fungus walk, bat/moth walk, apple pressing in September and wassailing in January. A new finger sign would be erected at the entrance to the orchard. A list of useful contacts was being provided by Kent Downs to enable the Parish Council to continue good quality maintenance.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 3 September at 8 pm.

The meeting closed at 10pm.