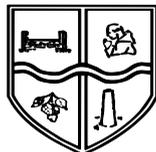


Monkton
Parish Council



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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
26th November 2018 at 7:00pm at Monkton Village Hall.**

Present Parish Councillors John Way [JW], Teresa Brown [TB], Chris Ransom [CR], Steve Bennett [SB]
Gilly Brown [GB]

In Attendance Ashley Jackson Temp Clerk, KCC Councillor Liz Hurst, TDC Cllr Derek Crow-Brown, TDC Cllr Reece Pugh plus 12 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

42/18-19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Sara Archer

43/18-19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None.

44/18-19 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th September 2018. Item 33/18-19 has clerk chased Cllr Dawson re minute 24/18-19?. These were proposed by Cllr Gilly Brown, seconded by Cllr Ransom and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

45/18-19 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
Cllr Way advised that due to troubles with drugs and anti social behaviour barriers on the track to the recreation ground a team of people is needed to lift and lower the barriers and he asked if there were any volunteers. Kent Association Local Councils have recently contacted and advised that councils should make residents aware of the forthcoming elections in May 2019.

46/18-19 **SPEEDWATCH**
Rob Searle who runs Thanet Speedwatch – advised he was asking for volunteers for the villages. New equipment is available to be used but he needs volunteers to use them. Cllr Ransom confirmed that the team is ready to go. Resident advised that speedwatch has taken place but no feedback has been received. Rob Searle advised that he hadn't received the feedback but will comment when he gets it. Rob Searle confirmed that the data is actually available on the website, and he confirmed he can send feedback too. Cllr Way advised that he has been advised that due to not receiving feedback the volunteers are losing heart. Rob Searle to share his email details. Cllr Gilly Brown asked what was needed from the volunteers – Rob Searle confirmed that volunteers can offer as much time or as little time as they can, and can do it anywhere across Thanet – via Website.

47/18-19 **RECREATION GROUND**
Cllr Way advised that all the playground equipment will need a written report on the condition of every item. Cllr Way updated on the discussion regarding the installation of speed restrictions signs – he has received nothing back from Monkton football club, if football club cause the problem with speeding they should help to rectify it. Awaiting response from football club.

48/18-19 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which had been previously circulated. Cheques signed as appropriate. Proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr Gilly Brown. Cllr Brown advised that the CCTV payment is a lot of money and could it be noted that when the contract is up quotes could be obtained for a cheaper service.
b) External auditor- our current auditor is not able to continue Cllr Way proposed David Buckett be appointed, Seconded Cllr Ransom and all in favour. Clerk to confirm the costs of the auditor at next meeting.

Signed..... *Date*.....

49/18-19

HIGHWAYS

- a) Potholes which were filled in on Plumstone Road were not done well and need doing again. Cllr Bennett to speak to Paul Valek.
- b) Cllr Bennett is meeting with Paul Valek, KCC on Thursday 29/11/18 re increasing the sign limit signage between Monkton and Minster and the condition of the roundabout. Cllr Hurst also confirmed that she had spoken to Paul Valek re a speed repeater sign and it is in hand.

50/18-19

INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) County Councillor – Cllr Hurst advised that Central Government are giving £28m extra to KCC and £12m of it will go to Highways. Public consultation is taking place re buses - she urged residents to take part as it does affect Monkton – Consultation events will take place in St Peters Church Hall on 29/11 1pm-3pm and Minster Library 3/12 2.15pm to 4.15pm.
- b) District Councillor – Cllr Pugh congratulated the village on the celebrations for WW1, he especially mentioned the Poppy man out the front which was completed by Cathy. He advised that he was wonderful to see so many people turn out. Local plan consultation ended and has been sent to planning inspector – this review will take 6 months. Cllr Pugh advised he had attended planning committee re land adjacent to 150 Monkton street and requested a site visit which was granted. Department of transport are speaking to TDC re use of the port. He has spoken to a resident re speeding by bus stop on Monkton Street opposite the White stag as it is difficult for the new houses to access and inhibits their line of sight, Cllr Pugh will look into this separately. Cllr Crow-Brown also stated that it was a fantastic event for the WW1 commemoration. He has met with the finance manager who advised him that TDC budget has been cut by £1.2m to £16.8 m. The Finance Manager said that the port loses 500k each year but Government are showing a good interest in the port. Lord of the manor junction is not good enough to take the transport, and he will be ensuring this is dealt with. Manston Business Park is doing really well and it proves growth coming into Thanet. He confirmed he had met with James Wraight from KCC re Coloumbus Ave and has bid £8m funding. Cllr Crow-Brown advised that there had been 1540 comments made on the local plan by 500 individuals. Manston airport – DCO has reached examination stage and only 90% of examinations fail. Resident asked if it is still to be used for a lorry park. He will attend the transportation group and he will speak about Willetts Hill.
- d) Village Hall Committee –Bangers and mash night raised £60 for Help for Heros and residents advised it was a very good night. Cllr Way thanked the organisers.
- e) Thanet Rural Regeneration Group – Cllr Brown advised that Speedwatch was discussed at TRRG.
- f) Thanet Area Committee –Cllr Way advised that there was a Scheme Community Service Assistance scheme available whereby villages and towns people can who need works completing, as long as we pay for materials, people under supervision will complete these works. Cllr Brown advised that Monkton PC have used them before and it had been very successful. Cllr Way confirmed he was pleased to hear that and will feed that back.
- g) Parish Council Forum – Cllr Ransom could not attend as he was in Canterbury receiving a gold award for his garden. Clerk had not arranged for alternative cover, therefore Monkton was not represented. Cllr Brown advised that she did not realise she was supposed to go.
- h) MFC – Cllr Way advised that the football club had asked if they put up extra lighting however they have still not sorted out what they want yet. Wanted to put search lighting up in front of the building so the children could play football in the winter. Planning may be required. There is a cost implication and Cllr Way confirmed that Monkton PC will not contribute.

51/18-19

PLANNING

- a) A list of current Planning Applications had previously been circulated to the Cllrs. All applications available online via the TDC website. Decisions were noted, and no further issues were raised. Clerk to recirculate F/TH/18/1289 for comments. Cllr Brown advised that she felt that Monkton PC should comment on the Tothill Street development – clerk to check and circulate what was submitted.

52/18-19

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Gilly Brown confirmed replies from 40 households – which equates to about 15 % of the village. 23 are interested in being part of the NP process. Households to be contacted to see how they want to be involved – Cllr Brown proposed a meeting to be held in January. Cllr Brown asked if we need to sign a form with TDC? – Contact Adrian Verrall and see if 15% is enough residents to complete the NHP. Clerk to contract TDC. PC to write to all residents to thank them for offering to help and that we will let them know the next process.

Signed.....

Date.....

53/18-19

IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY PLAN

Clerk advised that TDC have an emergency plan which would cover the village, however KCC have an emergency officer who could advise how the village could support this. . Clerk AJ to provide contact of KCC Steve Scully.

54/18-19

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Cllr Way advised that he didn't think that the Cllrs had had sufficient time to read and understand the policies – therefore this will be deferred until the February meeting.

DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 4th February 2019, 7:00pm in the Village Hall.
Future dates: **This meeting needs confirming 4.2.19.**

Last Monday of the month, bi-monthly, to be confirmed with the bookings officer.

Resident Questions

Members of the public were then invited to raise any matters of concern not already addressed within the meeting.

Resident asked why the sound system isn't used which is in place in the hall - Cllr Way confirmed it will be used and asked if could be made available for the next PC meeting.

Resident asked if the '30' speed limits could be painted on the roads – Cllr Bennett confirmed he is meeting KCC on Thursday and will discuss this. People need reminding that it is a 30mph limit.

Resident confirmed that the Facebook page is going really well. Cllr Gilly Brown thanked everyone for supporting it and feedback was very positive.

Resident asked for an update on Baxters Farm and the 20 proposed houses, Cllr Reece Pugh will investigate and provide an update. Emma Fibbens is the planning officer.

Resident advised that over 100 came to the church service to commemorate WW1.

Resident advised he had attended the meeting at Manston regarding the airport reopening and this will not happen until at least 2020.

The meeting closed at approximately 20:23hrs.

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Date.....