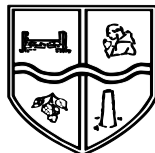


**Monkton
Parish Council**



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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
30th September 2019 at 7:30pm at Monkton Village Hall.**

Present **Parish Councillors** Gilly Brown [GB], Davina Ransom [DR], Chris Ransom [CR], Steve Bennett [SB]
Claire Beavis [CB]

In Attendance Sara Archer – Clerk, District Cllr Trevor Roper, Maura Pell – Representative from Ramblers' Association plus 9 members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed and introduced District Cllr Trevor Roper.

32/19-20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
District Cllrs Reece Pugh & David Hart, PCSO Debbie Forsyth, Kent County Cllr Liz Hurst.

33/19-20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
No interests were declared.
The Chair advised that interests concerning planning applications were not considered pecuniary and therefore formal declaration was unnecessary. Cllrs Davina and Chris Ransom however declared an interest in item 45/19-20.

34/19-20 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
Members of the public were given the opportunity to raise any concerns/comments that would not be addressed during the main business of the agenda.
- A resident raised concern regarding the numerous occasions their waste bins were not emptied at Millers Lane. Cllr Beavis confirmed she would report the matter to TDC and request the Lane was reinstated onto the main collection route. **Action CB**
- Disappointment was expressed with District Cllr Hart's decision to vote in favour of the planning application for the land adjacent to 150 Monkton Street at the recent planning committee meeting at TDC. It was felt that his decision did not reflect the views of the residents of whom he represents. It was suggested a Planning Officer was invited to attend a Parish Council meeting in order to discuss the issues with regard to flooding and highways.

35/19-20 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was resolved to accept the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 15th August 2019 as a true record. These were proposed by Cllr Chris Ransom and Seconded by Cllr Beavis and duly signed by the Chair.

36/19-20 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
Cllr Gilly Brown reported that planning continued to be the main consideration in the Village. The recent planning applications had highlighted two main areas of concern, namely, the importance of drainage and surface water management to avoid flooding and contamination of underground water system and also, the impact of continued development on the village's highways system.
Cllr Brown confirmed that Nicola Dyas had agreed to work with the Parish Council in respect of offering advice and assistance regarding the drainage in the area, in order to build a more effective voice in the TDC planning process, and make it clearly understood that these are issues that can not be ignored and must be respected in local planning decisions.

Regarding Highways, Cllr Brown noted that Minster Parish Council have produced a Highways Questionnaire canvassing opinion in Minster on speeding and congestion and asking for suggestions to alleviate the problems. Due to Minster and Monkton being interlinked in highways terms, Cllr Brown advised she would like to encourage the two Parish Council's to work together on this issue and suggested a letter to that effect was written to Minster Parish Council. **Action SA**

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Cllr Brown thanked everyone who forwarded photographs of large agricultural or other vehicles using Monkton Street. These included a static caravan delivery to Foxhunters, huge tractors and trailers and articulated lorries, all getting stuck. These have been passed on to KCC Highways and in turn sent to Heyhill.

It was noted the new defibrillator cabinet was now in place in front of the Village Hall. The power supply was yet to be connected. The unit gives full instructions on use but free courses on how to are due to be run across Thanet. Further details would be shared in due course.

Cllr Brown informed the meeting that unfortunately a number of unpleasant and personal comments had been posted on the Facebook page following the post on the outcome of Orchard planning application. It was confirmed that the Facebook page is not intended solely as a notice board where information is given out but comments blocked as it is felt that comments can be helpful and informative. The page will continue to be monitored accordingly.

The 75th Anniversary of VE Day, next May was noted. Ideas are being invited for ways Monkton can celebrate this special day and the Parish Council offered their support towards the celebrations, financially or otherwise.

Cllr Brown offered her appreciation to Elliot Town who volunteered to join the Litter picking team. It was encouraging to have young people getting involved and doing their bit to make village a better place.

37/19-20

FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which had been previously circulated as below.

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| SNS - Domain Hosting | £ | 24.48 |
| Methodist Church Hall - Hire Fees | £ | 75.00 |
| Pawle & Co - Defibrillator Cabinet | £ | 460.80 |
| TRRG Subs | £ | 25.00 |
| S. Archer - Clerks Salary & Expenses | £ | 529.02 |
| HMRC - Employee PAYE | £ | 29.80 |
| S. Archer - Clerks Salary & Expenses | £ | 511.40 |
| Receipts: | | |
| MFC - Reimbursement for Water | £ | 23.49 |
| Natwest - Bank Interest | £ | 1.46 |
| Natwest - Bank Interest | £ | 1.33 |

Members agreed to accept the quote from Eyeball Signs for the production of the dog signs to be erected along the access road to the Farm as discussed at the last meeting.
Proposed by Cllr D Ransom and seconded by Cllr S Bennett.

b) The request for a contribution towards funding for speedwatch equipment, made by the speedwatch co-ordinator was discussed. Each Parish Council had been approached to consider a contribution of £305 towards the maintenance, service and repair of equipment. As this had not been an item budgeted for, it was agreed that more information was required before a decision could be made. The Co-ordinator would be invited to attend the next meeting to give a more detailed explanation of what the funding was required for.

Action SA

38/19-20

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

a) County Councillor – Cllr Hurst was not present and no report received.

b) District Councillor – Cllr Roper advised he was a member of a working group looking at the Travellers Community and investigating temporary sites in which they could be located which was a legal requirement for TDC.

The Port of Ramsgate remained in a position where it was losing money, an emergency meeting at TDC would be taking place on 1st October 2019.

The sale of Dreamland remained an on-going issue.

The roles of Officers at TDC and disciplinary measures would be discussed at an extraordinary meeting at TDC on 7th October 2019. Potentially a Vote of No Confidence would also be made.

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Cllr Roper agreed to make enquiries at the Licencing Department at TDC on behalf of a resident who had problems making contact with a representative from the department direct.

c) PCSO – PCSO Forsyth was not present however, a report had been received and read by the Chair as follows:

Good evening everybody, I hope that you are well.

Thank fully there are not any crimes of note for Monkton since my last report on 15th August.

I would like to take this opportunity to promote Neighbourhood Watch. At present Monkton appears to only have one member. We have a brilliant Neighbourhood watch liaison officer at the station, Adam Sackett and he is constantly updating us and providing us with invaluable intel. I would urge you to consider becoming a member not only to help protect your area but also to be in touch with what crimes of note eg burglaries, fraud are being committed in Thanet. There often safety advice attached to his reports too. His details are:- : adam.sackett@kent.police.uk

Op Zig Zag was well attended last Thursday and as a result of speaking with some residents, it was decided that an afternoon event when children are being picked up would be beneficial. I have emailed CSU regarding this and will keep Sara informed as to when this will be happening

All that leaves me to say is if you wish to look up sanitised crimes in our area please visit Kentpolice.co.uk

My email is 60457@kent.pnn.police.uk but please remember to report all crimes through the correct channels.

d) Village Hall Committee – Defibrillator discussed previously under item 36/19-20.

e) Thanet Rural Regeneration Group – No meeting held.

f) Thanet Area Committee – A new Chairman had been elected for the Group. Terry Martin, CEO of Kent Association for Local Councils (KALC) had attended as a speaker. He advised the Parish Council websites were required by law, to be accessible to the blind by September 2020. Two representative from the Committee were invited to attend the KALC Annual Meeting.

g) Parish Council Forum – No meeting held.

39/19-20

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

a) Cllr Davina Ransom introduced Maura Pell, the representative from the Ramblers' Association. Maura gave an explanation of the role of the Association who work with KCC to ensure the footpaths and Public Rights of Way are monitored, maintained and kept safe for pedestrians to use.

An interactive map of the Rights of Way is available on the KCC website and issues of concern can also be reported.

Nicola Dyas reported concern regarding a footpath along the river Stour that needed urgent attention to be re-stabilised. Maura advised she would follow this up.

b) Cllr Davina Ransom advised she had been exploring appropriate places to plant trees in the Village. The recreation ground had been identified as 'good' in the recent review of open spaces by TDC and Cllr Ransom suggested this could be enhanced by planting trees and potentially installing a wooden adventure trail. Funding opportunities would be investigated in due course.

c) Cllr Davina Ransom attended the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) meeting and shared feedback from the meeting which was primarily regarding urban and coastal tree issues.

40/19-20

RECREATION GROUND

a) Following a recent safety inspection, the wooden footgrips on the multi-gym required immediate attention. Cllr Bennett would make enquiries and obtain quotes for the work to be carried out.

Action SB

b) A monthly written report had been received. No issues of concern were raised.

c) This had previously been discussed under item 39/19-20(b).

d) The Chairman gave a short explanation of the position of the Parish Council with regard to the potential personal injuries claim which had been brought to their attention. The claim was being made against the landowners and was currently on-going.

41/19-20

MONKTON FOOTBALL CLUB

The Clerk confirmed that TDC had been notified of the urgent need for the bins to be emptied at the Recreation Ground, however, they were still to collect a key for the safety barriers. Cllr Beavis would contact TDC and follow this up.

It was noted that the footballers leave a significant amount of rubbish behind after matches and training sessions. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to raise the issue with the Football Club.

Action CB

42/19-20

HIGHWAYS

a) As noted in the PCSO report. The Clerk confirmed a further date had been arranged for Operation Zigzag on 2nd October 2019 in the afternoon.

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b) The Clerk gave an explanation of the incident as it had been reported to her. Restriction possibilities were discussed and it was agreed to approach KCC again to request a site visit to explore the options available.

Action SB

43/19-20

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Gilly Brown confirmed the next meeting would be held on 10th October 2019 to analyse the results from the SWOT analysis which had been carried out previously. TDC have now published the intent of Monkton to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

44/19-20

EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Ransom confirmed that residents would be responsible for their own safety when dealing with an emergency. A list of equipment required and a contacts list would be produced in due course. Cllr Ransom confirmed he would continue to work on the Plan and update as appropriate.

45/19-20

PLANNING

a) As discussed previously.

b) The planning application for the Royal Exchange had been deferred and delegated at the planning committee meeting together with the application for the land adjacent to 150 Monkton Street.

c) A list of current Planning Applications had previously been circulated to the Cllrs. All applications and decisions available online via the TDC website.

F/TH/19/1068 – 18 Parsonage Fields, Monkton

Erection of 1No link detached two storey 3-bed dwelling with access to rear following demolition of existing garage.

Objections submitted, decision pending.

APP/Z2260/W/19/3226373 (19/00024/REF – F/TH/18/1354

Manor Farm Equestrian, Gore Street, Monkton

Appeal by Mr & Mrs Carpenter in respect of Erection of 1no. 2-bed detached single storey dwelling following demolition of existing stable block.

Appeal pending.

OL/TH/19/2090 – Garden Cottage, Minster Road, Monkton

Outline application for the erection of a perfumery manufacturing facility, offices, warehousing, associated parking and site access including layout and scale

Application pending.

FH/TH/19/0904 – 68 Monkton Street, Monkton

Erection of a two storey rear extension

Permission granted.

FH/TH/19/0784 & L/TH/19/0785– 163 Monkton Street, Monkton

Erection of garage following demolition of existing garage

Permission granted.

F/TH/19/0966 - Land West Of Gore Street, Gore Street Monkton

Retention of access to farmland

Permission granted.

OL/TH/19/0409 - Land Rear Of 96 To 102 Monkton Street Monkton (Heyhill)

Outline planning application for residential development of up to 49 dwellings including access

It was noted revised highways plans had been submitted. Resident's were advised to resubmit their comments to ensure they were taken into account by TDC. Nicola Dyas suggested the Parish Council should ask for clarification from the developers with regard to the proposed capacity of the surface drainage facilities.

Action GB/SA

F/TH/19/1026 – Land adjacent to 150 Monkton St Monkton

Erection of 9No. two-storey 4 bed dwellings with associated parking

Permission granted subject to conditions set by TDC.

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DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 25th November 2019, **7:30pm** in the Village Hall.

Future dates: Jan 2020 TBC, 30th March, 18th May, 27th July, Sept TBC, 30th Nov.

The meeting closed at approximately 21:25hrs.

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