

Monkton  
Parish Council



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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
30<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7:00pm at Monkton Village Hall.**

- Present** **Parish Councillors** John Way [JW], Teresa Brown [TB], Chris Ransom [CR], Gilly Brown [GB], Steve Bennett [SB]
- In Attendance** Sara Archer (Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer) [SA], District Cllr Derek Crow-Brown KCC Councillor Emma Dawson plus 14 members of the public.
- 18/18-19** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
District Cllr Reece Pugh, PCSO Debbie Forsyth
- 19/18-19** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Cllrs Chris Ransom and Teresa Brown both declared an interest with regard to item 26/18-19 (a) Planning Application F/TH/18/0897
- 20/18-19** **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
It was resolved to accept the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018. These were proposed by Cllr Gilly Brown, seconded by Cllr Bennett and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 21/18-19** **CHAIRMANS REPORT**  
Cllr Way welcomed everyone and explained that unfortunately the new PCSO, Debbie Forsyth, was unable to attend the meeting, however, she had submitted a report which was then read out as follows:  
- Stress due diligence towards home security in the hot weather, ensure windows and doors are locked.  
- Take extra care if you own a motorhome or caravan and report anything or anyone suspicious, even if you think it may not be relevant.  
- In some villages, there are bogus police officers around. Do not be afraid to ask for photographic identification if you are unsure.  
- Continue to report all non-emergency issues direct to Kent Police using 101 in the first instance.
- 22/18-19** **RECREATION GROUND**  
a) Cllr Bennett advised that there were no outstanding problems with the Play Area. The toddler swings may need attention in due course due to the rubber deteriorating.  
b) Cllr Way outlined the issues encountered regarding the speed of traffic using the recreation ground access road. It was proposed that 10mph signs were installed along the access road. Permission had been sought from the land owner and quotes were being obtained. The Football Club would be approached for financial assistance towards the costs as they were the primary users of the grounds. KCC may also be in a position to offer grant funding for the project.  
c) The recent signage erected at the recreation ground was discussed. The purpose of the signs was to encourage a reduction in dog fouling incidents. As concerns had been raised with the regard to the instruction to keep dogs on leads, it had been decided to remove this particular item from the signs.
- 23/18-19** **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 T Brown.  
b) Cllr Way advised that due to recent unscheduled expenditure for the election, funding options would need to be explored for any future projects. Cllr Dawson confirmed that Birchington Parish Council were looking into funding and grant availability and would be able to assist as necessary.

*Signed*.....

*Date*.....

24/18-19

**HIGHWAYS**

- a) No issues to report. The issues with blocked drains at Willets Hill were discussed. This would be reported online and Cllr Dawson would follow up the drainage issues at Seamark Close to ensure they are regularly maintained as previously agreed with Highways. Potholes along Seamark Road would also be reported by Cllr G Brown.
- b) Cllr Way advised of the recent correspondence received regarding the speed of traffic using Minster Road, Acol. Enquiries had been made with Highways to reduce the speed limit and/or install speed restriction measures along the road. Speedwatch had been requested, however, the Community Warden had confirmed that this was not permitted due to the speed limit being 50mph. Cllr Dawson would raise the concerns on behalf of the Parish Council

25/18-19

**INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) County Councillor – Cllr Dawson confirmed she had spoken to the Officers responsible for the ‘Big Conversation’ consultation on rural bus services, and expressed the annoyance of resident’s that the consultation event for this area was not accessible due to the lack of bus services in the evenings. Cllr Dawson advised of the three options being considered and encouraged resident’s to complete the online survey which closes 8<sup>th</sup> August. The number 42 bus service was discussed and the impact of losing the service was considered. It is understood there will be a separate consultation held specifically for this service.
- b) District Councillor – Cllr Derek Crow-Brown reported on the situation faced regarding the travellers. The incursions had cost the authorities and private land owners an enormous expense. Cllr Crow-Brown had urged the local authority to lobby government to change the law for civil trespass.
- c) PCSO – Report submitted and read under item 21/18-19.
- d) Village Hall Committee – No issues to report. The Harvest Supper would be held in September and an Armistice Day celebration was being organised.
- e) Thanet Rural Regeneration Group – The Speedwatch scheme was in progress and was now enforceable although the Co-Ordinator had not followed up reports. Cllr Dawson would make enquiries.
- e) Thanet Area Committee – The Police Commander advised the force would be recruiting approx. 400 new Police Officers. It was noted there were more PCSO’s being appointed in the area and a focus on mental health was apparent.
- f) Parish Council Forum – No meeting held.
- g) MFC – No issues to report. The club were undergoing staffing changes.

26/18-19

**PLANNING**

- a) A list of current Planning Applications had previously been circulated to the Cllrs. All applications available online via the TDC website.  
 F/TH/18/0754 – Application submitted between meetings. It was noted the demolition of the outbuildings had been subject to previous applications which had been rejected. Concerns would be raised to TDC by the Parish Council.  
 F/TH/18/0897 – Cllrs Ransom and T Brown left the meeting in order for the application to be discussed. A planning meeting had been previously held to discuss the application in length. At this meeting, the majority of resident’s opposed the application. It was therefore suggested that the Parish Council should represent the views of the villagers and thus oppose the application. A list of the objections had been put together and read to the meeting. These would form the basis of the response from the Parish Council to be submitted to TDC. It was noted the drainage strategy had not been published. This would be raised by the Clerk. The District Councillor was approached to call in the application as necessary.  
 Decisions were noted, and no further issues were raised.

27/18-19

**LOCAL PLAN**

It was noted that the revised draft Local Plan would be published for public consultation for 6 weeks from 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Resident’s were encouraged to submit their views online. It was expected that the Inspector would work on the Plan in October following which the public could make representations to the Planning Inspectorate in February 2019.

28/18-19

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Cllr Gilly Brown confirmed she would be working with a resident to set up the facebook page which would be used as an information tool to communicate with the village. The construction of the page was in hand and would be available to the public in due course.

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*Date*.....

29/18-19

**KCC BIG CONVERSATION RURAL BUS SERVICES**

Cllr Ransom advised he had attended the consultation event, and circulated the questionnaires which outlined the three proposals to be considered.

1 – minibus supplied to take passengers to the main bus route.

2 – flexible booking service

3 – small bus/people carrier timetabled

Resident’s were encouraged to complete the online questionnaire which closes 8<sup>th</sup> August.

30/18-19

**DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

Future dates: 26 Nov

Apologies were noted from Cllr Gilly Brown.

*The meeting closed at approximately 20:35hrs.*

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

- It was noted that a car had recently been locked in the Recreation Ground by the Football Club who had raised the barriers. The issue had been dealt with promptly as soon as the Parish Council had been notified.

- Cllr Ransom advised he had spare copies of the questionnaire available for anyone who wished to complete them or to be passed on to anyone interested and not present at the meeting.

*Signed*.....

*Date*.....