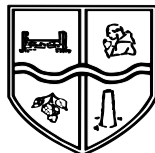


**Monkton  
Parish Council**



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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 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** Sara Archer - Clerk, KCC Councillor Emma Dawson, TDC Cllr Derek Crow-Brown, TDC Cllr Reece Pugh plus 9 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the KCC and District Councillors.

**56/18-19**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
PCSO Forsyth

**57/18-19**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None.

**58/18-19**      **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
It was resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018. These were proposed by Cllr Gilly Brown, seconded by Cllr Ransom and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**59/18-19**      **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
Cllr Way advised the Parish Council elections would be taking place in May. Residents were encouraged to apply, more information about the post and what is involved was available from KALC and the Clerk. Cllr Way also confirmed that following the recent number of power cuts, the Clerk had written to UK Power Networks to complain on behalf of the village. The response acknowledged the inconvenience caused and advised of the Priority Service Register, more information can be found on the following link <https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/power-cut/priority-services-register>. Although being on the register does not guarantee that your power can be restored before anyone else, it notifies a call taker, immediately on receiving a call, that someone in the premises requires electricity for medical or other vulnerable related reasons. **Action: Clerk**

**60/18-19**      **COMMUNITY PAYBACK**  
Cllr Way reported he had recently met a Co-Ordinator from the Probation Service who was responsible for co-ordinating assistance with various projects through the Community Payback Scheme. Suggestions to be considered for projects in the village were welcomed. The Clerk would contact the Co-Ordinator and express an interest in using the service. Proposed: Cllr Ransom Seconded: Cllr Way **Action: Clerk**

**61/18-19**      **RECREATION GROUND**  
a) Cllr Bennett confirmed he had performed a visual check of the Play Area and apart from some general wear and tear, there were no issues with the equipment. The Clerk would make arrangements for a full ROSPA inspection to be carried out. **Action: Clerk**  
b) The issue of speeding along the access road to the Recreation Ground and the use of potential restrictions were discussed. Speed humps were considered, however, the Parish Council were awaiting permission from the landowner to be able to install these. Agricultural vehicles were also a consideration. The matter would be discussed further at the next meeting where it is hoped a response would have been received from the landowner. **Action: JW/Clerk**

**62/18-19**      **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 John Way.

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

b) The budget report and precept request had been circulated to the Councillors previously. It had been anticipated that an increase of approximately 38% to the precept was necessary to offset predicted future expenditure and help address any shortfall caused by the loss of agency funding from TDC. It was noted that grants would be considered for any future community projects.

It was resolved to approve the precept request of £13995.00 from TDC.

**Action: Clerk**

Proposed: Cllr Way Seconded: Cllr Bennett

c) The Clerk presented information regarding the insurance renewal. It was proposed to accept the renewal invitation. Proposed: Cllr Way Seconded: Cllr Brown.

**Action: Clerk**

63/18-19

### **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 reported he had met with Paul Valek, KCC Highways who agreed that there was a case for three speed signs in the village. The first located at the bottom of Willets Hill as you turn left, and two coming into Monkton from Minster. It was felt there was no need for more flashing signs as two have already been installed. There would be an issue with the location of the first sign as there is little, if any, verge to put up a new post. It would therefore likely require a new post. There are strict rules regarding signage attached to street lamps due to engineering requirements taking into account wind shear etc. The Parish Council have been advised they would need to meet the costs as KCC look at accident numbers to decide where to spend the money. As Monkton have only two accidents recorded there is no possibility of KCC paying for the works. Costings are awaited from Paul, however, it is envisaged they would be approx £300 each.

Cllr Bennett confirmed he had enquired about larger/better signage to remind people of the roundabout at the bottom of Willets Hill, but this was rejected as the current signage was deemed adequate. It was agreed there is a ten metre restriction regarding parking a vehicle near a junction, (highway code 238-252), unfortunately evidence suggests many people show little or no consideration for others or the law. Therefore, the use of yellow lines are not easily enforceable. It was suggested the Clerk should write to the PCSO and request Police attendance at the problematic sites.

**Action: Clerk**

64/18-19

### **INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) County Councillor – Cllr Dawson advised that main roads were currently being programmed for resurfacing in view of Brexit and the potential use of Manston Airport for parking lorries. An increase in CCTV and Police were also part of the contingency, along with granting Highways Officers the power to 'stop and direct'.

Cllr Dawson confirmed the budget for the community fund had been reduced to £15,000 for the forthcoming year, however, community projects would be considered as usual.

First Aid courses for local primary schools had been arranged and carried out by the Community Wardens, focussing on the use of defibrillators.

In light of the recent bullying incident which had been shared on social media, a school project (soul school) had also been funded which teaches children respect for each other and addresses bullying.

b) District Councillor – Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed inspectors were meeting in April to consider the Local Plan, it would be a chance for the public to engage and question the content further.

The public car parks in Minster were in the process of being transferred to the Parish Council from TDC. This would ensure parking charges would not be implemented.

Cllr Pugh advised he had been in contact with UK Power Networks regarding the frequency of power cuts suffered in the area recently. Resident's were asked to report any power outages to him for further investigation. A full response was awaited from UK Power Networks.

c) PCSO – No report available

d) Village Hall Committee – The village hall would be closed for a week during the school holidays for maintenance, date to be confirmed.

e) Thanet Rural Regeneration Group – Next meeting to be held 12<sup>th</sup> February.

f) Thanet Area Committee – Cllr Way advised the Community Payback service was discussed along with the forthcoming elections.

g) Parish Council Forum – No meeting held.

h) MFC – No update.

i) Speedwatch – Cllr Ransom confirmed speedwatch had been carried out which identified 12 speeding cars in the village. The traffic management team had been present on a separate date which identified a further four speeding cars, along with congestion and parking issues. The Speedwatch Co-Ordinator complimented the team on their exemplary paperwork.

*Signed.....*

*Date.....*

65/18-19

**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.

66/18-19

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Gilly Brown confirmed the Parish Council had been given permission from TDC to initiate the process of putting together the Neighbourhood Plan. The area to be included in the plan would be defined and then submitted to TDC for consultation. A meeting would therefore be arranged in due course for those interested in being involved in the development of the Plan. The Clerk would contact those who had expressed an interest.  
**Action: GB/Clerk**

67/18-19

**EMERGENCY PLAN**

Cllr Ransom advised he had spoken to Cllr Quittenden and Steve Scully regarding the emergency plan. Cllr Pugh would forward a copy of TDC's emergency plan to be used for guidance in developing a village plan. Cllr Ransom would provide a further update at the next meeting.  
**Action: CR**

68/18-19

**POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

The policies and procedure had been circulated to all Councillors by email and hard copy. No comments were made and therefore it was resolved to approve all policies.  
Proposed: Cllr Ransom Seconded: Cllr Brown

69/18-19

**DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 7:00pm in the Village Hall.  
Future dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> July, 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov  
(Last Monday of the month, bi-monthly)

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

- Concerns regarding flooding were raised as the drains were blocked at Willets Hill. Cllr Dawson would make enquiries with Highways and request they are cleared urgently.
- Feedback of the results from the recent Community Housing Needs Survey were requested. The District Councillors would make enquiries on behalf of the resident's.
- Cllr Pugh would make enquiries with TDC Planning with regard to the development at Baxters Farm.
- A resident requested assistance regarding a TPO on a tree in her garden which is currently in a hazardous state. TDC refused permission to have the tree pollarded. Cllr Pugh would speak to TDC on behalf of the resident.
- Enquiries were made regarding the proposed Heyhill Development. No further information had been received to date, however, the situation was being monitored.
- A resident enquired about the potential installation of a defibrillator in the village. Information was available from the British Heart Foundation who offered grant assistance to Parish Councils. The Village Hall Committee would be approached for locating the unit and use of power supply. The Clerk would make further enquiries.

*The meeting closed at approximately 20:40hrs.*

*Signed.....*

*Date.....*