

Monkton  
Parish Council



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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7:30pm at Monkton Village Hall.**

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

**In Attendance** Sara Archer – Clerk, District Cllr Trevor Roper, Nicola Dyas plus 6 members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

**63/19-20** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Mr & Mrs Mitchell (Village Hall Committee)

**64/19-20** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
No interests were declared.

**65/19-20** **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.  
- Nicola Dyas thanked the Parish Council for the provision of the dog signs. Unfortunately an increase in dog mess had been experienced near the farm building and along the footpath. Residents are politely reminded to use the bins provided at the top of the access road or within the recreation ground.  
Evidence of horses being ridden in the fields had also been of concern as crops have been damaged.  
- A tree for the church was requested when received from the Woodland Trust. Saplings are due to be received in March.

**66/19-20** **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
It was resolved to accept the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 as a true record. These were proposed by Cllr C Ransom and Seconded by Cllr Beavis and duly signed by the Chair.

**67/19-20** **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
Cllr Gilly Brown advised there was not much to report on due to the previous meeting only being six weeks ago.  
It was confirmed the defibrillator was now installed and working. The use of the equipment is easy with instructions being given when operated. Training sessions are being planned in due course. Some progress had been made with regard to a couple of on-going applications, this would be discussed during item 76.  
Thanks were extended to Gilly O'Neill & the participants of the advent windows and also to the Church for the Christmas tree display which made Monkton special over Christmas.  
Residents were also reminded – if anyone would like to propose an idea or would like to have something discussed by MPC, to let us know ... here to help where we can!

**68/19-20** **FINANCIAL MATTERS**  
a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which had been previously circulated as below. This was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Beavis.  
HMRC - Employee PAYE £41.80  
TRRG - Speedwatch contribution £360.00  
S. Bennett - Repayment for Christmas Lights £5.99  
Eyeball Signs - Dog Signs £112.20  
ICO - Renewal of registration fee £40.00  
S. Archer - Clerks Salary & Expenses  
**Receipts:**

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

Natwest - Bank Interest £2.54

b) Cllr Brown outlined the proposal to include a sum of £1000 in the budget for this year to improve the current website in order to comply with accessibility legislation.

This was proposed by Cllr C Ransom and seconded by Cllr D Ransom.

c) The budget for 2020/21 was circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. No questions were raised and it was resolved to agree the forecast for 2020/21. This was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Beavis.

d) The Clerk outlined the proposal for an approximate rise of 1% to the precept for the forthcoming year. It was resolved to agree the precept request of £14139 for the year 2020/21. This was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Beavis.

e) It was resolved to agree to renew the insurance policy with Zurich for a further year. This was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr D Ransom.

69/19-20

### **INDIVIDUAL REPORTS**

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

b) District Councillor – Cllr Roper advised a decision from the Secretary of State would be made with regard to the DPO for Manson Airport by 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Operation Brock had been suspended until further notice.

A public consultation is to be held regarding the Parkway Station due to the significant increase in costs which was now forecast to be treble the original estimate. The deadline for submission of responses was 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

A feasibility report was due by the end of January for the Port of Ramsgate.

Consultation was currently underway with regard to the amendments to the Local Plan.

Cllr Roper confirmed the Cabinet had made the decision to consult with the Parish Councils rather than a full public consultation regarding the proposed temporary traveller sites.

Cllr Roper was asked to investigate the increase in flytipping incidents in the area.

c) PCSO – PCSO Forsyth was not present and no report received

70/19-20

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

a) Cllr Davina Ransom confirmed she had written to several landowners with regard to planting trees. Three responses had been received, two of which were positive and would be followed up.

30 trees from the Woodland Trust were to be planted at the far side of the Recreation Ground and would be adequately protected.

71/19-20

### **RECREATION GROUND**

a) A monthly written report had been received. The basketball net needed replacing and it was noted the door on the waste bin needed repair. This would be reported to TDC. **Action SA**

b) Cllr Davina Ransom advised a proposal for adult fitness equipment would be put for public consultation. It had been suggested picnic benches were put near the wooded area with bat/bird boxes installed to encourage more wildlife.

The issue of dog mess was discussed and confirmed that although the Parish Council was concerned about the problem, enforcement to prevent dogs using the ground was an issue.

72/19-20

### **MONKTON FOOTBALL CLUB**

Discussion took place and it was agreed that the storage cabin required repainting. The suggestion of using the Community Payback team was considered and agreed that the Football Club would be approached to maintain the facilities. The lease would be reviewed in due course. Copies of the minutes and annual accounts would be requested from MFC. **Action SA**

73/19-20

### **HIGHWAYS**

a) It was confirmed that TDC were occasionally deploying Enforcement Officers to monitor the parking at the school. The School were making a concerted effort to address the problem and raise awareness of inconsiderate parking with parents.

The Parish Council were advised that Minster PC were issuing notices on inconsiderately parked vehicles. The Clerk would contact their Clerk for a sample of the notices used. **Action SA**

c) Cllr Beavis confirmed she had reported the potholes along Plumstone Road and Willets Hill. The 30mph sign had been recalibrated and was now working correctly. The hazardous leaves at the closed end of the road had been reported and flytipping along Seamark Road had also been noted.

74/19-20

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

No further progress to report at this time.

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75/19-20

**FLOOD WATER MANAGEMENT**

A letter had been sent to KCC to summarise the problems encountered and to request a site meeting with other stakeholders with a view of producing a reference document that would encompass the specific issues within the villages. A response had been received from KCC however, this had been based solely on one specific planning application and had not fully addressed the concerns raised by the PC with regard to the inadequate drainage facilities in the area as a whole. Nicola Dyas was asked for her response which would be forwarded to the PC in due course and used as a basis on which to reply to KCC. The Parish Council would be sending a robust response to KCC reinforcing their own and Nicola Dyas' views that KCC drainage analysis involving land to south of Monkton requires a considerably more detailed and accurate assessment than evidenced recently, and to further request meeting to try and establish blue print for future applications. The Chair of the Resident's Association would also respond.

**Action GB/SA**

76/19-20

**PLANNING**

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

**OL/TH/19/0290 – 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 granted with conditions attached.

**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*  
Application pending.

It was noted that KCC had approved the amended Highways scheme. A new footpath was required, thus necessitating the widening of the road. The scheme was deemed highly unsatisfactory with the PC who would formulate a response accordingly.

**Action GB/SA**

**F/TH/17/0804 - Land Between 47 And 71 Monkton Street Monkton**

*Erection of 20No. houses with associated access, parking and landscaping*  
Application granted with conditions attached. A unilateral agreement specified that a minimum of 6 affordable houses would be supplied plus a contribution of £17,500 would be paid to the PC for use at the recreation ground. The drainage at the site was considered and the PC were advised to contact a representative from the Drainage Board to discuss the potential issues further. Contact details would be made available to the PC from the Chair of the Resident's Association.

**Action GB/SA**

**TCA/TH/19/1717 – Thatch Cottage, 62 Monkton Street Monkton**

*Remove T1 Cherry – This trees surface roots are lifting pathways at the front of the property thus causing trip hazards*  
Decision to defer to Tree Officer at TDC and suggest tree is replaced.

b) The questionnaire had been circulated previously to the PC. No comment to be made at this stage.

c) The amendments to the Local Plan had been viewed and it was proposed that the PC respond in particular to amendment MM/001 – Identical categorisation should be made for Monkton to that given to Sarre, Acol and Manston. This was proposed by Cllr C Ransom and seconded by Cllr Beavis.

**Action SA**

77/19-20

**DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Future dates: 18<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.

*The meeting closed at approximately 21:05hrs.*

*Signed.....*

*Date.....*