

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST MALLING AND LARKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 1ST JUNE 2022 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE AT 7.30P.M.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. D. Thornewell (Chairman), Mrs. M. Moore (Vice-Chairman), T. Bishop, Mrs. L. Cook, R. Haffenden, Sharon Honess, P. Leale, J. Luque, R. Mitchell, R. Roud and Mrs. J. Sharpe

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. Mrs. L. Hogben, S. Millson Mrs. A. Oakley, Mrs. M. Tatton and Mrs. C. Woodger

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES AND APPENDICES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4TH MAY 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Appendices of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 4th May 2022 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no Matters Arising.

REPORT BY POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

The Report, prepared by PCSO Suzi Leng was **CIRCULATED AND NOTED**.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

(i) **Ratification of Planning Comments Submitted Since 4TH May 2022**

Planning Comments submitted to the Borough Council since 4th May 2022 had been **CIRCULATED AND NOTED** and the action taken was **RATIFIED**.

The Chairman drew attention to the application for a dwelling on land at 118 Kingfisher Road to which we have objected on highway grounds.

(ii) **List of Decision Notices Received since 4th May 2022**

The list of Decision Notices issued by the Borough Council since 4th May 2022 had been **CIRCULATED** and was **NOTED**.

(iii) **Draft Local Plan**

There was nothing further to report on the Draft Local Plan.

(iv) **Any Other Planning Matters**

The Chairman mentioned the proposal by Gladman Homes to develop land off Clare Lane with 150 houses.

RATIFICATION OF PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING

The List of Accounts paid out of meeting since the Full Council Meeting on 4th May 2022 had been **CIRCULATED AND NOTED**. The action taken was **RATIFIED**.

REPORTS ON STANDING COMMITTEES HELD DURING MAY

(i) **Planning and Development** - Wednesday, 18th May 2022

Cllr. Thornewell presented these Minutes which he felt were self-explanatory.

He reported that we have received confirmation regarding Mill Hall pond.

Panatonni have paid the monies to KCC to improve the footpath by the motorway and Mill Hall to Aylesford village.

It was **AGREED** the Minutes be **ADOPTED** as a true record of the Meeting.

(ii) **Finance and General Purposes** - Monday, 23rd May 2022

Cllr. Mrs. Moore presented these Minutes and mentioned about the proposed traffic surveys in East Malling in connection with the proposed development at Ivy Farm in Wateringbury Road.

Cllr. Mrs. Moore commented on the future storage of the Christmas lights and decorations in Martin Square.

Cllr. Bishop reported that he had attended a meeting with some of the Martin Square Traders but unfortunately Barry Pain was not present but they will be looking into where the items are stored and access to assess the quantity involved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported as follows:-

Jubilee Events.

I have attended as Chairman of the Parish Council the Larkfield Women's Institute Meeting on 11th May when the tree they obtained has been planted close to their bench which celebrated 100 years of Women's Institutes. This matches the one planted by East Malling W.I. on east Malling Playing Fields.

I have also been invited to the Larkfield Community Group's event for the Jubilee Flower Bed that has been planted by our village sign at Larkfield Fire station on Friday 3rd June being the public holiday day. As I write we still await details of the costs with a view to the Parish Council making a contribution.

Offham Society

I also attended, at their invitation the AGM of the Offham Society on 20th May and gave a talk about East Malling village and its buildings based on my historic walk last year.

Visit to Allington Civic Amenity Site on 24th May.

I visited the new Civic Amenity Site at Allington which means there is now such a site in this borough (just) and we were taken round it followed by a visit to the next door Incinerator. I thought the civic amenities site was well laid out with good signing as to where items should be placed such as paint; plater board; and rubble as examples. I have the impression it has a low level of use as present as people are not yet aware of its existence. The visit to the incinerator was interesting though some was too technical for me! I did learn however batteries being put in black sacks was a no and they would prefer these to be put in special receptacles such as we have inside Morrisons.

Sunday 12th June....Holy Trinity Church at 10am.

I understand that Tracey crouch M.P. will be attending to mark the completion of the inside toilet and kitchen inside the church. I have seen this work and I feel it blends into the church very well. I understand there will be a blessing of repaired church plate and a flower Festival.

Area Planning Committees.

It seem that the proposals to abolish these and have one district wide party based one have for the time being at least not going to be put forward. We obviously though need to watch the position.

Litter Bin Emptying

We have received a number of complaints about overflowing litter bins including on the footway across Marlowe Road Green and these have been reported to borough waste services.

East Malling War Memorial.

As mentioned at the Parish Meeting we have funds to renovate the memorial and in particular the names need making clear. We are getting in touch with the borough council as this is a Grade 2 listed structure and work may need their consent,

It will be recalled there were problems with officers visiting during the Covid period and as TMBC was sharing its Conservation officer with an adjoining district.

The Chairman added that he made enquiries of KCC PROW office about the schedule of cutting for paths as he had started to get a few complaints about overgrown vegetation. Sam Honey has confirmed that East Malling is 12th on the list of 13 for attention in Tonbridge and Malling North. At this point the contractor should be halfway through the first cut so he anticipates they should reach East Malling in about 2-3 weeks.

The Chairman also added the road sign that has been erected in Papyrus Way were not erected by Kent Highways and they are trying to determine who may have erected it and get it removed. Failing that, Kent County Council as Highway Authority will have to use its powers to remove the sign and post.

The Chairman reported that the Boundary Commission will be publishing their modifications in August/September.

REPORT BY BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Bishop reported that he attended the Parish Partnership meeting where there was a presentation by Police Inspector from Tonbridge. He expressed the need for people to report incidents. A report of statistics has been requested so if received then this should be circulated to all Members.

It is likely that the Local Plan will be adopted in 2025.

Cllr. Roud had nothing to report as he had only attended the Parish Partnership also.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Luque made comment on the vehicles causing a noise nuisance in the evenings in Bellingham Way. The Clerk said that PCSO Suzi Leng had commented that the Police are giving this strong attention.

Cllr. Bishop reported that the Amenities Committee scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 8th June is to be cancelled as there is insufficient business to discuss.

The Clerk reported that it has been necessary to purchase a new Ride-on mower as the engine has died on the old one. The one that has been purchased is a John Deere 350X at a cost of £5,299 inc. VAT. Delivery is likely to take place during next week. This action was **RATIFIED**.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the Public present.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 6th July 2022

CLOSURE

The Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.15p.m.

Chairman
6th July 2022