

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST MALLING AND LARKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST 2022 AT CHURCH FARM AT 7.30P.M.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. D. Thornewell (Chairman), T. Bishop, P. Leale, J. Luque, S. Millson, R. Mitchell, R. Roud, Mrs. J. Sharpe, Mrs. M. Tatton and Mrs. C. Woodger

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. Mrs. L. Cook, R. Haffenden, Mrs. L. Hogben, Sharon Honess, Mrs. A. Oakley and Mrs. Trudy Dean

The Chairman congratulated Cllr. Leale on his forthcoming marriage this Saturday, 6th August 2022.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES AND APPENDICES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 6TH JULY 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Appendices of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 6th July 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 6TH July 2022**

Planning Comments submitted to the Borough Council since 6th July 2022 had been **CIRCULATED AND NOTED**, this action was **RATIFIED**.

(ii) **List of Decision Notices Received since 6th July 2022**

The List of Decision Notices issued by the Borough Council since 6th July 2022 had been **CIRCULATED AND NOTED**.

(iii) **Draft Local Plan**

There was nothing to report on the Draft Local Plan.

RATIFICATION OF PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING

The List of Accounts paid out of Meeting since the Full Council Meeting on 6th July 2022 had been **CIRCULATED AND NOTED**. This action was **RATIFIED**.

REPORTS ON STANDING COMMITTEES HELD DURING JULY

(i) **Amenities**, 20th July 2022

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

Cllr. Bishop made comment on the Section 106 monies that could be available for shutters at East Malling Village Hall; solar panels and another form of heating the halls.

It was **AGREED** these Minutes be **ADOPTED** as a true record of the Meeting but at the next Meeting Cllr. Thornewell's name needs to be added as being present at this meeting.

Cllr. Thornewell commented on the action that has been taken regarding MR106 Chapel Street where the Handyman cleared the steps and he will be pursuing the future clearance of this footpath by Kent County Council.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's Report had been **CIRCULATED** as follows:-

Two more housing sites proposed.....

Ivy Farm, Wateringbury Road, East Malling.

The application for this site has now been lodged under TM/22/01570/OA for 52 dwellings. There is quite a lot of documentation and the public notice says comments should be in by 18th August. It is outline for the principle of the site and access.

We have asked for extra time if needed and as the developers have sought another meeting for which a date is yet to be agreed.

Meanwhile I have drafted a leaflet about the application to go to the local area setting out the way residents can respond and to have a meeting for those interested at The Institute .Please ENDORSE THIS ACTION.

Land off Clare Lane, East Malling.

The developers have carried out a public exhibition at the Institute as requested by the Parish Council and which was well attended. The public attending were against the development. We now await the planning application.

KCC Attendance at Area Planning Meetings

In respect of our district out of all those in Kent Highway officers are no longer attending to answer questions on highway aspects of applications. They say it is as the Borough members have been rude to their officers and no protocol is now in place unlike the other Kent districts. I think this puts our residents at a disadvantage and I am in touch with the officer concerned on behalf of the Parish Council. Could you please ENDORSE this action.

Leybourne Lakes Café.

I am pleased to report this is now open although landscaping around it has yet to be completed.

Dog Waste Bin, Lunsford Lane.

Following a resident's complaint we have asked for the bin near Springfield Road which was damaged and removed some time ago to be replaced by the Borough.

Ragstone Wall, New Road.

It is pleasing to record this repair has now been carried out by the Borough Council. It looks a good job.

Malling Society Talk on Research

I have circulated details of a talk on Tuesday 13th September at 7pm at West Malling School. Please give this any publicity you can.

The Chairman reported further on Ivy Farm, CPRE have responded to the application and feel it should be withdrawn as the Ecological Reports are not complete.

The action taken in respect of the leaflets was **ENDORSED**.

It was **AGREED** that the Chairman pursue the issue of attendance by KCC Officers at Borough Council Planning Meetings.

The wall in New Road that has been repaired was discussed as it appears it has a ragstone frontage but on the footpath side it is just blocks. Cllr. Mrs. Tatton will provide some photographs.

REPORT BY BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Bishop reported that he attended the Audit Committee at the Borough Council and they are concerned about the inflation effects on the Council.

Discussion took place at the meeting about the future of the Gibson Building at Kings Hill.

Cllr. Millson expressed his concern that he has been trying to contact Clarion without any luck and it seems they are constantly unobtainable. He was informed that they have had a serious Cyber Attack so contact has been difficult. Cllr. Mrs. Tatton furnished Cllr. Millson with a telephone number which may be useful.

Cllr. Mrs. Tatton reported on the recent Area 3 Planning Committee Meeting that approved development of an industrial site at Little Preston, Aylesford and discussion also took place about a car port at Peters Village.

Community and Environment – the future of the Saturday freighter service was discussed at length as to the whether it should continue. Cllr. Mrs. Tatton voted against the loss of the service.

General Purposes – new Planning Officers are being employed on a temporary basis at a cost of £53,000 per month. It has been difficult for the Borough Council to employ permanent staff.

Cllr. Mrs. Tatton reported on the comments that have been made on the details for Forty Acres which her and Cllr. Roud asked to be called in to the Area 3 Committee but was not accepted. The comments have now been referred to the Applicant's Agents and some questions are being answered.

Cllr. Millson reported that fly tipping has taken place in Kilbarn Lane, i.e. freezers and fridges, this should be reported.

Cllr. Mrs. Woodger reported that builders sacks have been dumped in Stickens Lane. This will be reported to the Borough Council.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no Members of the Public present.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 7th September 2022

CLOSURE

The Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

Chairman
7th September 2022