

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Detling Parish Council
held on 2nd October 2018 7.00pm in Detling Village Hall.**

Councillors present: *Bowie
Evernden
Howells
Maynard
Zammit*

Also, present: *Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, and Members of the Public.*

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Bowie.

The Chairman explained the changes to the agenda regarding the Public Comment and Observations to all present and the written procedures were circulated.

1. Apologies.

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Clayton and Finn, MBC Councillor de Wiggondene-Shepperd, and KCC Councillor Prendergast.

2. Declaration of Interest.

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.

To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

No interests were declared and there were no Dispensation requests to consider.

3. Public Comments and Observations.

The meeting is adjourned to enable members of the public to raise issues with the Parish Council. Public Comments and Observations will last a total of 15 minutes with each speaker being given a maximum of 3 minutes to speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.03pm.

Residents spoke on the following matters:

*The Community Shop project and the support given by the Parish Council.
The LGA 1972.*

A letter submitted to the Parish Council from a resident.

The new public participation format.

The Planning application for The Stables.

The Chairman thanked residents for their comments and stated that the Parish Council would take time to consider matters raised and respond if necessary.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.12pm.

4. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting and if in order sign as a true record.

The minutes from the previous planning meeting were circulated to all members for consideration and approval.

It was proposed by Cllr Howells to accept these as a true record, these were seconded by Cllr Maynard and agreed by all Councillors.

The minutes from the previous Parish Council meeting were circulated to all members for consideration and approval.

Cllr Evernden raised concerns regarding the minutes and the items on the previous agenda. He raised issues regarding the loan approved for the CIC at the previous meeting and stated that this was not an adgendered item.

The Chairman confirmed that legal advice had been sought on all decisions made by the Parish Council at the previous meeting. She stated that the Community Shop had approached the Parish Council for a higher grant and the PC was unable to consider this but had agreed to give the Community Shop a loan instead.

A further discussion took place and Cllr Evernden raised further concerns about the decision taken at the previous meeting. The Chairman reminded Cllr Evernden that he was not present at this meeting and the decisions made could not be changed, all members that were present at the previous meeting spoke in support of the decisions taken by the Parish Council.

The minutes were considered by members and it was proposed by Cllr Howells to approved these, this was seconded by Cllr Maynard and agreed by all present. Cllr Evernden stated that he approved the accuracy of the minutes by not the content.

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes (not reported elsewhere).

Flint Wall – The Clerk reported that this was still being progressed.

Ratrun Traffic – Cllr Howells reported that he had attended a meeting with Kent Highways to discuss the problems in Detling and to see what options they could suggest to resolve these.

He stated that a useful suggestion was to have slow signs painted on the road and this would cost £291 each. He stated that this was something to consider in due course.

He stated that the vegetation was encroaching onto the carriageway coming into the village and KCC were looking into having these cut back. KCC were also going to erect an additional sign on the A249 to forewarn traffic of the restrictions in Detling.

He said that it was a useful meeting, however all agreed that the best means of controlling the situation was by police enforcement.

Cllr Howells state that he and John Watson would arrange a public meeting of the Community Highways Group to discuss Highway Matters.

Beacons of Light – The Clerk confirmed that the Centenary Bench was on order as agreed by members at the previous meeting.

6. Planning Matters.

a. To consider all Planning Applications received.

18/504556/LBC The Old Cottage Hermitage Lane Detling Maidstone Kent.
LBC for reorientation of swimming pool.

18/504625/FULL Tahsis White Hill Road Detling Maidstone Kent.
Erection of a two-storey atrium extension and single storey rear extension, replacement of all roofs with pitched roofs and alterations to fenestration.

18/504836/EIOUT Binbury Park Bimbury Lane Detling Maidstone Kent.
Outline application (with all matters reserved apart from Access) for the erection of up to 1,750 dwellings including Affordable housing, 46,000 sq.m of commercial space, a Hotel, a local centre, a new primary school, a park and Ride facility, strategic highways improvements including New Kent Showground access/egress, accesses/roads Including a new bridleway bridge, parking, associated Open space, landscaping, services, and Sustainable Drainage Systems. In addition, the proposals include a Publicly-accessible country park including the Binbury Motte and Bailey Castle Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Cllr Howells stated that an extension of time had been requested from MBC for the Binbury Park application, he stated that the Parish Council would consult with Thurnham and Stockbury Parish Councils to ensure a coordinated approach when considering the application.

18/504955/FULL 38 The Street Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3JT.
Erection of shed (part retrospective).

The Stables – Cllr Howells stated that work had commenced on site and the wall had been demolished. He stated that the Planners were aware of this.

It was confirmed that there was still an issue regarding the ownership of the grass verge. Cllr Zammit stated that this was owned by KCC and they would not grant consent for a vehicle crossing due to services but had given pedestrian consent. This was discussed, and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to KCC to establish the current situation regarding the wall.

Action: Clerk to write to KCC.

b. To note MBC Decisions.

18/503768/FULL
Malvern Harple Lane Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3EU

Raise roof height to form loft conversion with insertion of dormers, demolition of garage, erection of single storey side extension incorporating integral garage and widening of existing vehicular access.

Application Permitted

c. To consider any Appeals and Enforcement Matters.

No matters were raised.

7. Financial Matters.

a. To approve the payment of accounts (list to be supplied at the meeting)

The cheques for payment were authorised and approved by members. (Zammit/Howells)

The cheques and invoices were then signed by two authorised signatories.

Members noted the auditor's clearance notice/certificate received from Auditors PKF Littlejohn.

The Clerk stated that this would be displayed on the Parish Council notice boards in line with the Audit Regulations.

b. To note the bank account balances as circulated in report supplied at the meeting.

The balances of the Parish Councils bank accounts were noted by members.

Bank Balances

Co-operative Current Account	£73745.45
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0
Less Account for payment	£1453.41
Closing Balance	£72301.04

Co-operative Playing Field A/C	£1505.87
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Closing Balance	£1,505.87

Total Balance of all Parish Council Accounts	£73806.91
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Transparency Fund (This fund is included in the current account balances)

20/07/2016	Grant received	£1,420.32
	Less payments	£353.99

Balance	£1066.33
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c. To agree the date for the Precept Meeting.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would hold a Budget meeting to determine the 2019/20 Precept on 27th November 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

It was agreed that this would be advertised in the Detling News.

Action: Clerk to progress.

8. Reports from External Parties.

a. Maintenance Report.

Tony Taylor gave his report to the meeting on the maintenance that he had undertaken around the parish.

He reported that the drains were still blocked outside of the Village Hall, along the Pilgrims Way and in Princes Way and Queensway.

He also reported that the wires were still exposed at the junction to the A249.

Mr Taylor raised concerns about cars parking at the bus stop over the fire hydrants. It was agreed that the Clerk would place an item regarding this in the Detling News.

Action: Clerk to progress.

b. MBC Ward Councillor Report.

Ward Councillor Nick de Wiggondene gave his apologies to the meeting.

c. KCC Councillor Report.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

d. Police Report.

Apologies were received from PCSO Matt Adlington.

9. Parish Council Reports.

a. Clerk's/Correspondence Report.

To consider items of correspondence received relevant to the Parish Council.

The Clerks report was noted by members.

b. Chairman's/ Councillors Report.

Members who have attended any meeting on behalf of the Parish Council are invited to give their report to the meeting.

CLLr Howells reported that a Christmas Nativity event was being arranged in the village and he asked for members permission to have a display in the bus stop. This was discussed and approved by members.

He stated that the event would include nine nativity displays from the village hall to the church, telling the Christmas story. He stated that a road closure of The Street had been requested from 5pm to 7pm on 22nd December 2018.

c. Recreation Committee Report.

To consider and ratify the decisions/recommendations made by the Parish Councils Recreation Committee.

Including:

Horish Wood.

Old School Playing Field.

Village Environmental Improvements.

Monks Meadow.

Scragged Oak View Point.

CLLr Bowie reported that a Recreation Committee had been set up, however a meeting had not yet taken place.

Horish Woods

Cllr Howells reported that he had met with KWES to discuss Horish Wood, he stated that an event would be arranged by KWES to give residents to opportunity to have some of the wood to use. He stated that this would be a coordinated event for health and safety reasons.

Old School Playing Field

It was reported that there was dog mess in the Old School Playing Field and a child had fallen in this, it was agreed that dogs were not allowed in the Playing Field.

Cllr Zammit stated that she still had to arrange for a new sign regarding the grant funding and she would include no dogs allowed in this.

It was agreed that the Clerk should also include this in the Detling News.

Cllr Bowie stated that quotations were still being sought to have the dead trees removed from the Playing Field.

Benches – Cllr Bowie stated that Cllr Finn had approached a local carpenter for a quotation to refurbish the benches in the Playing Field.

Monks Meadow

It was reported that dog mess was also at Monks Meadow and the Parish Council was asked to consider supplying dog bags for resident's use.

It was agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting.

Action: Item to be placed on next agenda.

Cllr Evernden stated that Monks Meadow was looking good thanks to the residents in attendance at the meeting.

Scragged Oak View Point

Cllr Evernden referred to comments in the minutes regarding the View Point being overgrown and stated that this was the responsibility of the Kent Wildlife Trust, and it was cut once a year.

10. Detling Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Howells spoke regarding Neighbourhood Plans, he stated that the process takes approximately two years and when completed it becomes Statutory Planning Guidance. He spoke regarding CIL Levy and stated that Parishes with a Neighbourhood Plan would be able to get 25% of the Levy.

Cllr Howells stated that the Parish Council needed to consider whether they wished to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan and if it was progressed a Committee of Parish Councillors and residents would have to be formed to take this forward.

11. Villager of the Year.

The Chairman reported that two nominations had been received for the Award and this would be discussed as a Confidential Item at the close of the meeting to determine the recipient of the awarded for 2018.

12. PC Standing Orders.

The Clerk circulated the 2018 Model Standing Orders for members consideration at the September PC meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Howells to adopt these, this was seconded by Cllr Zammit and agreed by all present.

13. Detling Air Quality.

No matters were reported.

14. Items for the next Agenda.

It was agreed that the following items would be placed on the next agenda:

- Dog bags.

15. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 6th November 2018 in the Meeting Room of Detling Village Hall at 7.00pm.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.34pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____