

**The Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of Detling Parish Council
held on 7th May 2019 at 7.40pm in Detling Village Hall.**

Councillors present: *Bowie
Bryant
Clayton
Evernden
Finn
Maynard*

Also, present: *Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast, PCSO Matt Adlington and Members of the Public.*

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Bowie.

Councillor Bowie opened the meeting and read out a statement regarding the recording and filming during the meeting.

1. Elected Councillors to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

All elected Councillors signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Officer.

2. To elect a Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr Finn to elect Cllr Bowie as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Clayton and agreed by all present.

Cllr Bowie accepted this role and took the Chair.

3. Chairman to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Bowie signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. 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 MBC Councillor Nick de Wiggondene-Shepperd.

5. To elect a Vice Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr Bowie to elect Cllr Clayton as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Finn and agreed by all present.

Cllr Clayton accepted this role.

6. To appoint Committees, Representatives to Outside Bodies and external appointments.

Cllr Clayton suggested deferring the appointment of committees, representatives to outside bodies and external appointments until the Parish Councillor vacancy was filled. This was agreed by members.

Action: Defer item until the June meeting.

7. 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.

There were no Interests declared.

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received Dispensations request from Parish Councillors John Clayton and Richard Finn, seeking dispensations for their work as part of the Community Interest Company working on the Community Shop.

The Clerk advised that the Dispensation requests had been approved for a period of two years from 7th May 2019.

8. 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 7.55pm.

A resident attended the meeting to raise concerns should a proposal be put forward by Cllr Bryant to sit on the Parish Councils Planning Committee. He raised issues regarding a conflict of interest and spoke regarding land owned by Cllr Bryant in the Parish.

The Chairman confirmed that cllr Bryant was not a member of the Planning Committee and the appointment of members to this had been deferred until the next meeting.

A resident spoke regarding a planning application submitted by Cllr Bryant for coppicing on his land and spoke regarding the Parish Councils response to this.

The Chairman stated that this application was still being considered by the Council.

A resident asked if the Parish Council had progressed the Speed Watch Scheme in Detling.

Cllr Clayton stated that the Parish Council had looked at an automatic speed camera for the Parish and stated that this was being considered as part of the planned meeting with Kent Highways.

Cllr Finn confirmed that he and Tony Taylor had completed a draft Highway Improvement Plan and the speed sign had been included in this.

A resident raised concerns about the parking in pavements in the parish obstructing the pavements and access to services.

PCSO Adlington asked the residents to liaise with him with details and he would follow this up.

A resident suggested that signage was needed at the entrance to Church Lane to deter HGV's from using the road.

Cllr Finn spoke regarding the Highways Improvement Plan and the items that had been included on this.

Cllr Bowie reported that KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast had advised that all highway issues should be listed and then the Parish Councils top ten should be entered on a Highways Improvement Plan as they may be progressed sooner.

A resident spoke regarding the benefits of closing access at the top end of the village and he asked if this could be included as a priority on the Highway Improvement Plan.

The Chairman stated that there was considerable opposition to the option to close access at the top end of the village when it had been discussed at a public meeting previously.

A general discussion took place regarding highway matters and the Chairman suggested that there may be a need for another public meeting at some point in the future.

It was reported that there had been an oil spill in Pilgrims Way.

Action: Clerk to report to Kent Highways.

The Chairman thanked residents for attending the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.13pm.

9. 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 meeting were circulated to all members for consideration and approval.

Cllr Evernden proposed changes to the Confidential Minutes.

He proposed that the first item under Heads of Terms to be deleted in the minutes. This proposal was not seconded.

Cllr Evernden disputed an item in the Confidential Minutes regarding comments made by Cllr Maynard. Cllr Maynard confirmed that comment in the minutes were correct and therefore it was agreed that no change was necessary.

Cllr Evernden disputed that wording of the minutes stating 'following an altercation with members', this was discussed, and it was agreed by four votes to one that the wording would remain unchanged.

Cllr Bryant withdrew from discussions as he was not present when the item was discussed at the previous meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Clayton to accept the minutes as a true record, these were seconded by Cllr Maynard and agreed by all Councillors with the exception of Cllr Evernden who opposed the minutes.

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

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

Flint Wall

Cllr Maynard stated that she was trying to find a surveyor to inspect the wall and would report back when she had further information.

Third Thames Crossing

Cllr Finn stated that he had been in contact with Helen Whateley MP regarding the Third Thames Crossing as the current model suggested that there would be an increase in traffic on the A249. He stated that there would be no remodelling until two years after the Crossing had been built and traffic flows had settled down.

He suggested that the Parish Council writes to the Chair of SELEP and the Leader of KCC to press for the remodelling. This was agreed by members.

Action: Cllr Finn to action.

11. Presentations from Outside Bodies.

No matters were reported.

12. Planning Matters.

a. To consider all Planning Applications received.

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| 19/501756/FULL | Chestnut Wood Farm Scragged Oak Road Detling
Erection of a horse-riding lunge pen (retrospective). |
| 19/501979/TPO | Romantica Pilgrims Way Detling ME14 3JY
TPO application to T11 Sycamore - Reduction of approx. height by 33%, T12 Ash- Coppice and T18 Common Beech - Reduction of height by approx. 33% |
| 19/501726/FULL | 56 Hockers Lane Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3JW
Erection of a part first floor extension, two storey side and rear extension and a front porch. Changes to fenestration. |
| 19/502023/FULL | 20 Queensway Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3LA
Erection of part single part two storey side extension. |

b. To note MBC Decisions.

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| 19/501035/FULL | The Hermitage, Hermitage Lane Detling ME14 3HP
Change of use of existing outbuildings to a car repair and restoration workshop.
Application Permitted |
| 19/500513/FULL | 20 Queensway Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3LA
Proposed two storey side extension.
Application Refused |

c. To consider any Appeals and Enforcement Matters.

No matters were reported.

13. Highway Matters.

No matters were discussed.

14. 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, with the exception of Cllr Evernden who stated that he was opposed to the Parish Council giving a loan to the CIC. (Clayton/Maynard)

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

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	£51452.90
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£14345.25
Less Account for payment	£35070.90
Closing Balance	£72117.65
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	£73683.52

c. 2018/19 Accounts and Annual Return.

The Clerk reported that she was in the process of drawing up the annual accounts and these would be presented to a future meeting.

d. Clerks Salary Review.

The Chairman stated that with members approval this item would be discussed as a confidential matter at the close of the meeting and the PCSO would be asked to stay for this. This was agreed.

15. 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.

The Chairman thanked Tony Taylor for his work for the parish.

b. Police Report.

PCSO Matt Adlington attended the meeting and gave his report to all present. He reported that the Volunteer Police Officer was still undertaking her training.

16. Environmental Matters.a. To consider the purchase of new noticeboards for Monks Meadow and Scragged Oak Road.

The purchase of new noticeboards in the parish was discussed by members and it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate noticeboard designs and costs to all members to consider at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to Action.

b. To consider the purchase of Air Pollution monitors.

The Chairman referred to correspondence received from a resident regarding bonfires and air pollution in the parish. This was circulated to all members.

She suggested that the Parish Council may wish to consider drafting a policy on air pollution and she asked for members views on this.

CLLr Clayton stated that Detling had two permanent air quality samplers in the parish and he was keen to do something about air quality monitoring. He stated that Detling needed more

protection, and he suggested that the Parish became more proactive and could consider becoming a Pilot Scheme for Kent.

The resident spoke regarding her correspondence and stated that there was a problem with air pollution in the Parish and bonfires were also an issue. She spoke regarding the effects of bonfires on air quality.

Cllr Finn proposed that the Parish Council set up a small working group to look at the air quality problem in Detling.

This was discussed and it was agreed that Cllrs Finn, Clayton and resident Laura McLaren would form the working group.

The Clerk was asked to place an item in the Detling News seeking volunteers to join this.

Action: Clerk to action.

17. Items for the next Agenda.

No matters were raised.

18. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 4th June 2019 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 9.20pm.

The Chairman asked all members if they would stay for the confidential item.

Cllr Evernden stated that he would not and left the meeting.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____