

The Minutes of the Meeting of Detling Parish Council
held on 3rd July 2018 7pm in Detling Village Hall.

Councillors present: *Bowie*
Clayton
Evernden
Finn
Howells

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Bowie.

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 Zammit and Maynard , MBC Councillor De Wiggondene, 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.

Cllr Finn declared an interest in two Grant applications he had submitted on behalf of the Community Shop and Detling Players.

There were no Dispensation requests to consider.

3. Public Comments and Observations.

This is the opportunity for members of the public to raise issues with the Parish Council.

A resident attended the meeting to report that a group of residents met at Monks Meadow to assist with the maintenance of the land and he asked about the maintenance of Horish Wood as there was a group of people in the village that would be willing to undertake regular maintenance of the site.

The Chairman thanked the residents for their assistance with the maintenance at Monks Meadow. She stated that the maintenance of the Woodland was undertaken by KWES and Alison Wainman has stated that she would be willing to meet with residents and Parish Councillors on site to discuss Horish Wood.

A general discussion took place regarding the maintenance of Horish Wood and it was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Alison Wainman regarding a meeting.

Cllr Evernden gave his views regarding the maintenance of the Woodland and voiced his opinions regarding the Parish Councils contract with KWES.

Due to undue disorder the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.42pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.44pm.

The Chairman confirmed that a meeting would be arranged with KWES to discuss Horish Wood.

Action: Clerk to action.

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 meeting were circulated to all members for consideration and approval.

Cllr Evernden spoke regarding the minutes and questioned a number of issues.

The Chairman asked Cllr Evernden what amendments he wished to propose to the minutes, none were put forward.

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

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

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

Flag Pole – Cllr Clayton stated that the Diocese had questioned the idea of a flag pole at the church, and it had now been agreed that this would be sited next to the village sign.

The Clerk passed details of flag pole options to Cllr Clayton.

Flint Wall – The Clerk reported that a Surveyor was due to inspect the Flint Wall.

6. Open Spaces.

a. Horish Wood

Cllr Bowie stated that as agreed previously, a meeting would be arranged with Alison Wainman to discuss the management of Horish Wood and a decision regarding the future maintenance of the site would be considered at the September PC meeting.

b. Old School Playing Field.

Cllr Finn updated members on the progress of the installation of the play equipment.

Cllr Bowie stated that the benches at the Old School Playing Field had been inspected and one needed to be removed, and all may need replacing at some point

Cllr Howells stated that he would look into this.

Action: Cllr Howells to action.

The Clerk was asked to seek a quotation from Contractor Steven Waring to undertake additional work and strimming at the Playing Field.

Action: Clerk to progress.

c. Village Environmental Improvements.

Cllr Clayton reported that the maintenance of the land to the side of the pub was being progressed.

d. Monks Meadow.

It was reported that volunteers had carried out some maintenance at Monks Meadow.

Mr Monk stated that some shingle was needed to cover the paths for the winter. Members agreed that Mr Monk could purchase the shingle and the PC would reimburse the cost of approximately £120.

The Chairman thanked the volunteers for their work in Monks Meadow.

A discussion took place regarding the equipment that the volunteer group needed to undertake the maintenance in the parish and it was agreed that a strimmer and safety equipment would be purchased at the cost of £365.00. Mr Monk offered to oversee that work and the purchase of the strimmer and safety equipment.

The Chairman thanked Mr Monk for his assistance with this matter.

e. Scragged Oak View Point.

Cllr Evernden stated that the bin was still not being emptied at Scragged Oak Road.

The Clerk stated that she would follow this up with MBC and Cllr de Wiggondene.

Action: Clerk to action.

7. Reports from External Parties.

a. MBC Ward Councillor Report.

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

b. KCC Councillor Report.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. Maintenance Report.

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

He stated that the drains were still blocked outside of the Village Hall and the wires were still exposed at the junction to the A249.

Cllr Clayton stated that the cables were being actioned.

The Clerk confirmed that the drains had been reported to KCC.

It was reported that footpath KH70 was blocked.

Action: Clerk to report to KCC.

Cllr Bowie suggested that village maintenance was an area that needed to be looked at by the PC. She stated that the creation of an Open Spaces Committee could oversee such matters.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that Open Spaces Committee would be placed on the next agenda for formal consideration.

It was agreed that delegated authority would be given to Cllrs Bowie and Finn to put forward the Terms of Reference for the Committee for consideration at the September meeting.

Action: Cllrs Finn and Bowie to progress.

d. Police Report.

PCSO Matt Adlington gave his apologies to the meeting.

8. 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 Clayton reported on the recent KALC meeting he had attended. He stated that he had confirmed Detling participation in the Air Quality Monitoring tubes.

Cllr Finn reported on the KMEP meeting he had attended.

c. Planning Committee Report.

The planning decisions made by the Planning Committee were ratified by the Parish Council. (Clayton/Finn).

d. Parish Council Committee Reports.

No matters were raised.

9. Detling Community Shop.

The Chairman reported that the PC had received a formal request from the Detling CIC to lease an area of land at the Old School Playing Field to site the Community Shop for a period of two years.

She asked members to consider this request and if the PC was minded to agree a lease in principle, members should determine the terms of the lease.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that the PC would be willing to grant a lease subject to planning permission being approved, the PC seeking legal advice and undertaking a public consultation to ascertain the views of the electorate on siting the Community Shop at the Playing Field.

It was agreed that the terms of the lease would be as follows:

- Two-year lease with an annual review.
- Peppercorn rent.
- Both sides to meet their own legal costs.
- Repairs liability rests with the CIC.
- CIC to reinstate the land on termination of the lease.

This was proposed by Cllr Howells, seconded by Cllr Evernden and agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to write to CIC regarding the terms of the lease in principle.

10. PC Policy Review.

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

11. Air Pollution.

No matters were reported.

12. Village Events.**Beacons of Light.**

The Chairman stated that this was being progressed.

Action: Chairman to Action.

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

It was agreed to raise two additional cheques as follows:

Chq 408 – J Summerfield, village maintenance - £265.00

Chq 409 – J Monk, strimmer - £365.00

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

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	£101355.67
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0
Less Account for payment	£2248.40
Closing Balance	£99107.27

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 **£100613.14**

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

c. To consider grant applications received by the Parish Council.**Application 1 – Village Hall Management Committee, Hog Roast.**

The Chairman stated that this application was for £500 or 50% of the cost of the Hog Roast event being held by the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Clerk confirmed that the PC was able to give such a grant under the Power for Recreation and Tourism.

Members agreed that this was a good community project and it was proposed by Cllr Clayton to give a grant of £500 towards this event, this was seconded by Cllr Finn and agreed by all present.

Action: Grant of £500 approved.

Application 2 – Detling Players Storage Area.

This application was for £1250, a 50% grant towards a storage container to be placed to the rear of the Village Hall.

Cllr Evernden advised that planning consent may be required to site the container as it was within an AONB. Cllr Finn stated that this would be applied for if necessary.

The Clerk confirmed that the PC was able to give such a grant under the Power for Recreation and Tourism.

Members considered this grant and it was agreed that the container could be placed to the rear of the Village Hall, subject to clarification as to whether planning permission was required. Cllr Evernden objected to this.

It was proposed by Lot Clayton that a grant of £1250 was given to this project, this was seconded by Cllr Howells and agreed by all present with the exception of Cllr Evernden who objected to the project.

Action: Grant of £1250 approved.

Application 3 – Detling Community Shop.

The Chairman stated that this grant application had been submitted to seek a one-off grant of £10000 towards the set-up costs for the Community Shop and an annual contribution of £7500 towards the cost of the employment of a manager.

The Clerk briefed members on the recent advice she had sought from KALC and stated that the OPC could only give this grant under Section 137.

Members considered this further in light of KALC advice and it was proposed by Cllr Clayton to award a grant of £3000 towards the Community Shop project. This was seconded by Cllr Howells and agreed by all present with the exception of Cllr Evernden.

14. Items for the next Agenda.

No matters were raised.

15. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 4th September 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 9.50pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____