

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Detling Parish Council
held on 3rd April 2018 at 7.20pm in Detling Village Hall.**

Councillors present: *Bowie*
Clayton
Finn
Howells
Maynard
Zammit

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 Councillor Evernden, KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast and MBC Councillor Nick de Wiggondene.

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.

There were no Interests declared and 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.

Edward Rubie from the PCC attended the meeting to give members an update on the progress of the improvements in Church Lane. He circulated photographs of the work undertaken with the help of the grant from the Parish Council.

He reported that Cllr Evernden had also donated some bushes to assist with the work.

Cllr Bowie thanked Mr Rubie for attending the meeting and recorded thanks to Cllr Evernden for assisting with the donation of the bushes.

A member of the public attended the meeting to ask about the increase in the parish precept.

Cllr Bowie spoke regarding this matter, the finances of the Parish Council and the projects that it wished to undertake for the benefit of Detling.

She stated that the Parish Council was in the process of drafting an explanation for the Precept increase and this would be available to members of the public.

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.

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

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

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

Cllr Howells reported that the article in the Detling News seeking volunteers for a Highways Group was in hand.

Cllr Clayton spoke regarding KWES and the meeting that had been held, he stated that he had been to discuss the maintenance of Monks Meadow with John Monk and he had agreed to coordinate volunteers to undertake the maintenance in Monks Meadow.

Flint Wall – The Clerk informed members that she was in contact with KCC regarding the flint wall and would report back when she had received their views.

6. **New Parish Councillor to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr Carla Maynard signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office in accordance with the Regulations.

7. **Open Spaces.**

a. **Horish Wood**

The Clerk stated that she would contact Alison Wainman from KWES regarding the Woodland Grant Scheme as evidence of the work undertaken needed to be submitted with the claim.

b. **Old School Playing Field.**

Cllr Zammit reported on the work she had undertaken regarding the new play equipment for the Playing Field and gave a presentation to members.

She stated that to date, two quotations for the work had been received and she was in the process of seeking a third.

She stated that when a contractor had been selected the installation would be a 4 to 6-week timescale.

She reported that a Public Consultation event had been arranged to take place on Saturday 21st April in the Village Hall to seek the views of residents.

Members supported that project and the work undertaken to date.

Action: Cllr Zammit to action.

c. **Village Environmental Improvements.**

Cllr Clayton reported that MBC Officer, Dr Maxwell had been invited to attend the meeting, however he had declined, but had sent a report and explanation on the air quality monitoring in the area to the Parish Council.

It was reported that some of the drains in the Parish had been cleared by KCC, however there were still a number that were blocked. The Clerk was asked to report these to KHS.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Cllr Clayton reported on the recent Tri-Parish Group Meeting he had attended with representatives from Detling, Thurnham and Stockbury Parish Councils.

He reported on the issues raised and asked for members agreement for him to undertake a fact find project to establish whether the three parishes could finance their own Police cover/ Sheriff to cover the parishes.

He stated that he would like permission to progress this further and contact the other Parish Council to discuss this.

He stated that the costs were likely to be in the region of £5000 a year per Parish Council.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr Clayton could establish further facts and consult with the police and Stockbury and Thurnham Parish Councils to establish their views.

Action: Cllr Clayton to action.

d. Monks Meadow.

It was agreed that the Clerk would seek a quotation from Contractor Steven Waring for the grass cutting at Monks Meadow.

Action: Clerk to progress.

e. Scragged Oak View Point.

The Clerk stated that she had reported the bins to MBC and requested that they are emptied on a regular basis.

8. Reports from External Parties.

a. MBC Ward Councillor Report.

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

KCC Councillor Report.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

b. Maintenance Report.

Tony Taylor reported on the maintenance that he had undertaken around the parish.

He reported that the Pilgrims Way sign was still lying in the verge in the village.

Action: Clerk to report to Kent Highways.

He reported that the Highways Division signs were still in the Village.

The Clerk was asked to report these to KCC.

Action: Clerk to progress.

He asked whether the PC had liaised with the Church regarding having a flagpole erected at the Church.

Cllr Clayton stated that he would progress this.

Action: Cllr Clayton to action.

It was reported that there was a large pothole in the road near to the bus shelter.

Action: Clerk to report to Kent Highways.

The Chairman thanked Mr Taylor for his work around the parish.

c. Police Report.

PCSO Matt Adlington gave his apologies to the meeting.

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.

1. Government consultations on the National Planning Policy Framework & Developer Contributions.

On 5 March the Prime Minister launched a major overhaul to the National Planning Policy Framework to deliver more homes (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-launches-new-planning-rules-to-get-england-delivering-homes-for-everyone>).

There are two Government consultations which seek views on: 1) reforming developer contributions to affordable housing and infrastructure; and 2) text of the National Planning Policy Framework. The Government deadline for comments on both consultations is 10 May.

The 2 consultations can be accessed via the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-planning-policy-framework-and-developer-contribution-consultations>.

We would encourage all member Councils to respond to the consultations. The KALC Planning Advisory Committee will be meeting in April to consider the 2 consultations and draft KALC's responses. We will forward our responses to member councils as soon as they have been produced.

2. Consultation - Refresh of Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy - deadline 27 April

The Kent Resource Partnership (KRP) has today launched its consultation on refreshing its Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, which sets the partnership's strategic direction up 2020/21. Full details can be found within the consultation document on the following KRP web page here. The KRP is inviting comments on the overarching vision, strategy mission statement and policies & policy objectives by email no later than 5pm, Friday 27 April 2018. Responses should be sent to Paldeep Bhatti, KRP Manager, at paldeep.bhatti@kentrp.org.uk.

Please copy us your response, as this will then be taken into account as we draft the KALC response.

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 Bowie reported on the recent Village Hall Management Hall meeting that she had attended.

She suggested that two members of the PC met with the VHMC to discuss parking at the Hall. It was agreed that Cllr Bowie and Clayton would action this.

Action: Cllr Bowie and Clayton to progress.

c. Planning Committee Report.

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

d. Parish Council Committee Reports.

No matters were raised.

10. PC Policy Review and Data Protection Regulations.

The Clerk circulated Data Protection Information, Policies, and consent forms for review at the next meeting.

11. Village Events.

Beacons of Light.

The Chairman stated that this was being progressed.

Action: Chairman to Action.

Annual Meeting of the Parish.

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council considered holding the Annual Meeting of the Parish separately this year, towards the end of May.

She stated that she would ascertain the views of Village Organisations and report back to members.

This was agreed by members.

Action: Cllr Bowie to action.

12. 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. (Howells/Clayton)

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	£72671.72
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0
Less Account for payment	£1607.02
Closing Balance	£71064.70

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 **£72570.57**

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 an increase in the payment to the Detling News for the PC inserts.
 Cllr Howells spoke regarding the Detling News and its value to the Parish. He stated that the Parish Council used to pay £600 for their pages, however this was reduced a few years ago to £400.
 He stated that the publication was finance by the PC contribution and the adverts, and in 2017 the printing costs rose by 20% putting pressure on the finance of this.
 He proposed that the PC considered increasing its payment to £600 per year.

Cllr Bowie asked members to consider the proposal.

This was discussed, and Cllr Clayton stated that there was a need for the Detling News to keep going and he therefore supported the proposal.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Maynard and agreed by all members.

It was therefore agreed that the PC would increase its payment to the Detling News to £600 per annum.

Action: Cllr Howells to liaise with the Church regarding this matter.

13. Items for the next Agenda.

No matters were raised.

14. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 1st May 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 9.35pm.

Signed: _____
 Chairman

Dated: _____