



## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 June 2024 in Detling Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Clive English (Chairman), Cllr Peter Dabnor, Cllr Chris Evernden, and Cllr Stephen Thompson;  
and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Also present were five members of the public.

Cllr English welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Public Time**

*The meeting was adjourned for the Public Time*

*Members of the public attended the meeting and raised issues regarding the A249/Church Lane Junction; Church Lane signage and data from the traffic survey.*

*The meeting was reconvened*

### **1. Apologies.**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Laura Maclaren (personal), Cllr Grahame Godding (holiday) and Cllr Steve Jubb (personal); apologies accepted.  
Apologies had also been received from Ward Member Vanessa Jones (at another meeting); apology noted.

### **2. Declaration of Interest or Lobbying**

None were declared.

### **3. Dispensations**

None.

### **4. Items to be taken in closed session**

None.

### **5. Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15 May 2024**

a) To consider the minutes of the previous meetings and if in order sign as a true record.  
Cllr English **PROPOSED** to accept the minutes as a true record, **SECONDED** by Cllr Dabnor:  
**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
Cllr English duly signed the minutes as a true record.

b) Matters arising from the minutes (except those issues appearing under specific headings)  
All matters on agenda.

## 6. Visitors

MBCllr Thompson reported that generally, the bins were being collected although collection of green bins remains a major problem. The bin collection map for Detling has been updated. The officer has been notified about activities at Court Farm. Cllr English said progress is being made with the bin collections and residents will be recompensed for non-collection of garden bins.

## 7. Correspondence

Weeds on Tudor Gate: Cllr English said this will be looked at.

*ACTION: Cllr English to meet with Mr Taylor.*

New street name: Cllr English said the developer now wants another name; this should be a new consultation.

Cllr English **PROPOSED** that a new consultation be requested: **SECONDED** by Cllr Thompson: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

*ACTION: Clerk to contact Maidstone Borough Council.*

## 8. Planning

a) To receive an update

24/501339/FULL Land Rear Of 3 Hockers Lane Detling ME14 3JL  
Section 73 Application for Minor Material Amendment to approved plans condition 10  
(Amendment of internal layout at first floor) pursuant to 17/502612/FULL for Erection of a chalet bungalow  
Application permitted.

Cllr English said that a decision is yet to be made as to whether the Lidsing Garden Village can go to Judicial Review, if permitted the Local Plan would be in abeyance until the Judicial Review is held in the High Court. The development will have a big impact on Detling.

22/505560/FULL Land At Newnham Court Way Weaving Kent ME14 5LH  
Erection of a new foodstore (Use Class E(a)), with access, car and cycle parking, landscaping and associated works

Cllr English said the application has been refused; no date has been fixed for the appeal hearing yet.

b) Ref: 24/501764/FULL

Address: 29 Queensway Detling Kent ME14 3LA

Proposal: Erection of a summerhouse (Retrospective)

Councillors considered the application and had no objection to the proposal.

c) Ref: 24/501983/FULL

Address: Scragged Oak House Scragged Oak Road Detling Maidstone Kent ME14 3HJ

Proposal: Part conversion of garage with erection of a rear extension to existing garage and roof alteration including new dormer to accommodate an annexe proposal. Existing garage space to remain at ground floor level to the front.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that Councillors will look at the site and the Clerk be delegated authority to respond in consultation with Members.

## 9. Financial Matters:

a) Finance report

Received and noted. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed by Cllr English.

b) Treasury Management

Cllr English said there was no proposal to change the bank account.

c) Invoices for payment

<b>Cheque no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
500109	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd	Payroll fees- April	30.00	6.00	<b>£36.00</b>
500110	Mr G Godding	Expenses	11.17	2.23	<b>£13.40</b>
500111	Mrs W Licence	Expenses	86.80	1.22	<b>£88.10</b>
500112-3	Staff costs				

Cllr English **PROPOSED** to make the payments; **SECONDED** by Cllr Evernden: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

d) Annual Governance Statement

Councillors considered and agreed the Annual Governance Statement. The statement was duly signed by Cllr English and the Clerk

e) Annual Return for Year End 31 March 2024

Councillors considered the Accounting Statement end of year return 2023-24 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept it. The statement was duly signed by Cllr English.

f) Independent Internal Auditor's report

Item for next agenda.

**10. Highways**

a) To receive an update

Cllr English reported that there had been an informative Highways & Transportation Working Group meeting. Cllr Maclaren was thanked for the tremendous amount of work that she has done.

b) Highways Improvement Plan: to consider survey for yellow lines and Speed Indicator Devices

Cllr English informed Members that the traffic survey has been completed and when the results have been received the Council will be able to agree which items to take forward on the Highways Improvement Plan.

c) Co-ordinated Parishes Traffic Group - to receive an update

Cllr English said the Council is working with the Co-ordinated Parishes Traffic Group. Speed Watch will be a joint project as the equipment is expensive and a team of volunteers is needed. There are two groups one is dealing with issues on the A20 and the other group is looking at rural lanes.

d) PROW KH14/8 and KH64

Cllr English said that concern had been raised regarding the foot path crossing the A249, it is impractical to extinguish a foot path, KCC Public Right of Way has suggested a Diversion Order might be more appropriate, if so there will be a consultation. In the interim, signage is needed.

Cllr Thompson said that the KALC Maidstone Area Committee meeting concern was raised about last minute road closures which cause chaos.

Cllr English said notice is usually given for planned closures but not always. Unfortunately, unplanned maintenance cannot be planned for.

## **11. Open Spaces**

a) To agree if it will be an Open Spaces Working Group or a Committee

Cllr English said Open Spaces will be a Working Group and will involve members of the public.

b) Open Spaces terms of Reference

Terms of Reference to be reviewed; item for next agenda.

c) To elect a Chairman

The Working Group will elect the Chairman.

d) Monks Meadow and Horish Woods -To receive an update

Cllr English report that concern has been raised about some trees, there will be a site meeting with the volunteers.

*ACTION: Clerk to arrange site visit.*

e) Play area- to consider quotation for inspections

Councillors considered the quotations.

Cllr English **PROPOSED** to accept the quotation of £205 from Wicksteed for an accompanied inspection: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

## **12. Community Resilience Plan**

Cllr Thomspson reported that he had attended online training, there is no recommendation regarding a particular plan for all parishes. Basic information needs to be collected.

Cllr English said consideration needs to be given as to how to progress the plan.

The Clerk said she has a list of volunteers and groups.

## **13. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 2 July 2024**

Cllr English thanked everyone for attending.

There being no further. business, the meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 2 July 2024