

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Detling Parish Council
held on 4th June 2019 at 7.00pm in Detling Village Hall.**

Councillors present: *Bowie
Bryant
Clayton
Coles
Finn*

Also, present: *Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, PCSO 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. 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 Carla Maynard, MBC Councillor Nick de Wiggondene-Shepperd and KCC Councillor Shellina 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.

There were no Interests declared and no Dispensations were considered.

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 7.05pm.

Residents attended the meeting to speak regarding the revised Planting Plan for The Stables. They raised concerns regarding the type of tree planting and the affects that this would have on the wall at East Court and neighbouring properties. They asked for the Parish Councils support in objecting to this application.

This was discussed by members and it was agreed that the PC would write a letter of objection to MBC.

Action: Clerk to action.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.15pm.

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 Bryant to accept the minutes as a true record, these were seconded by Cllr Clayton and agreed by all Councillors.

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

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

Air Quality Working Group – Cllr Finn stated that a Working Group would be set up to look at air quality, this would include Cllrs Finn, Clayton and Resident Laura McLaren.

6. Horish Wood - The potential to become a Local Nature Reserve.

The Chairman welcomed Sharon Bayne to the meeting and invited her to address members.

Sharon Bayne informed members that she was working in behalf of Maidstone Borough Council to look at sites in the area that had the potential to become a Nature Reserve. She explained the process to members and stated that a legal designation under the Countryside Act 1949 was required for a Nature Reserve.

She stated that to be designated as a Nature Reserve the local authority had to approve this and they have the power of designation. Detling Parish Council would have to enter into an agreement with MBC to manage the site as a Nature Reserve.

This was discussed by members and clarification was sought regarding who would have control of the Woodland should it be designated as a Nature Reserve.

Sharon Bayne confirmed that the Parish Council would retain control of the ownership of the woodland and enter into a legal agreement with MBC.

Sharon Bayne explained the process and criteria for becoming a Nature Reserve and stated that the next step would be for her to visit Horish Wood and report back to MBC. She stated that it would be useful to have an indication from the PC as to whether she could visit the site.

The Chairman asked Councillors for their views.

This was discussed and it was agreed that Sharon Bayne would visit the site, establish further information and report back to the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked Sharon for attending the meeting.

7. Presentations from Outside Bodies.

The following Presentations were given:

Heritage Design Homes – reporting on the proposed Scragged Oak Road development.

Esquire Developments – reporting on the proposed Hockers Farm development

8. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

The Clerk informed the meeting that two applications for the Parish Councillor Vacancy had been received. These were from Julia Coles and Jack Zammit.

The Chairman stated that the details of both applicants had been circulated to all members for their consideration, these details should be kept confidential to the PC only. She invited both candidates to speak regarding their application to the PC. Following this member were asked to complete a voting paper to select the candidate they wished to co-opt onto the Parish Council.

The Clerk collected the voting papers and informed members of the result as follows:

Julia Coles 3 votes

Jack Zammit 1 vote

Julia Coles was therefore co-opted onto the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked both candidates for their applications.

Julia Coles signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took her seat around the table.

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

It was agreed that the appointment of committees and representatives to outside bodies would be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: Defer item until the next meeting.

10. 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. (Clayton/Finn)

It was agreed that an additional cheque for £161.50 payable to J Summerfield for the gardening work would be raised.

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	£72177.65
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£1402.71
Closing Balance	£70774.94
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	£72280.81

c. 2018/19 Accounts and Annual Return.

The Chairman informed members that as the accounts were still with the Auditor, an additional meeting would need to be arranged to consider the accounts, she suggested that a meeting

was arranged for 18th June 2018 at 7pm. This was agreed by all present. The Clerk was asked to book the hall for the meeting.

Action: Clerk to book hall for the meeting.

d. Community Shop. (possible discussions regarding the Lease Agreement)

The Chairman stated that with members approval this item would be discussed as a confidential matter at the close of the meeting.

This was agreed.

11. 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/TPOA | 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.

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.

12. Highway Matters.

Cllr Finn reported on a meeting that Cllrs had attended with Kent Highways Officer Jennie Watson. He stated that as a result of this meeting a Highways Improvement Plan had been approved, this was circulated to all members and identified the following numbered in priority order:

- 1. *Speed signs opposite the Village Hall on Pilgrims Way***
- 2. *Improved signage on A249 (S) to prevent lorries entering Church Lane***
KCC to finance improved signage – this was agreed by members.
Action: Clerk to respond to KCC re additional signage.

7. Create a One-Way system through the Village

Cllr Finn stated that in order to consider highway improvements such as a one-way system in the village, a safety audit needed to be undertaken by KCC, this would cost the PC £975 plus vat. This was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Bowie to have the safety audit undertaken, this was seconded by Cllr Bryant and agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to liaise with KCC.

4. Double white line in the middle of the road opposite the Cock Horse Pub

5. Repaint the white lines at the two entrances to the Village off the A249

3. A249 (S) entrance to the village

7. Pilgrims Way/The Street

6. Layby on A249 N by Workhouse Cottage

Cllr Clayton spoke regarding the issue with the lay-by outside of Workhouse Cottage and the decision by KCC not to close the lay-by. He suggested that the issue should be taken up with Helen Whateley MP, copied to the KCC and MBC Councillors as this was a Health and Safety issue.

Action: Clerk to progress.

8. Pilgrims Way

9. Restricted parking on both sides of the road on Pilgrims Way opposite the Village Hall

10. No entrance to the village, Pilgrims Way, The Street and Hockers Lane

13. Reports from External Parties.

a. KCC Councillor Report.

Apologies were received from KCC Councillor Prendergast.

b. MBC Councillor Report.

Apologies were received fro. MBC Councillor de Wiggondene-Shepperd.

c. Maintenance Report.

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

He reported that grass cutting had been undertaken in the parish and the cuttings had been left in the road.

The Clerk was asked to contact KCC regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to liaise with KCC.

A discussion took place regarding flytipping in the parish and the impact that the new system at the tips would have on flytipping.

It was reported that the Pilgrims Way sign was still damaged at the entrance to the village.

A member of the public reported that the Detling Sign in the central reservation of the A249 near Church Lane was damaged.

Action: Clerk to report to KCC.

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

d. Police Report.

PCSO Matt Adlington attended the meeting and gave his report to all present.

14. 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 Bryant reported that he had been contacted by a resident regarding the bus service in Detling as on occasions the bus was not entering the village to pick up passengers.

The Chairman suggested that further details were needed before the PC could try to assist in this matter.

It was agreed that Cllr Bryant would ascertain further details and report back to a future Parish Council Meeting.

Action: Cllr Bryant to action.

c. Open Spaces Committee Report.

John Monk informed members that the trees in Horish Wood needed to be inspected as some had Ash Dieback.

The Clerk was asked to contact KWES regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to action.

It was reported that the sign at Monks Meadow had faded and needed attention.

Action: Clerk to check details of purchase.

A resident spoke regarding the perimeter of the Old School Playing Field and stated that this needed cutting back. The Clerk was asked to ask the Contractor to cut this.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Cllr Finn spoke regarding the maintenance in the parish and stated that the Open Spaces Committee had drawn up a specification for the work to enable tenders to be sought for the Village Maintenance Contract. He proposed that this should now be progressed. This was agreed by members. (Finn/Bryant).

Action: Cllr Finn to action.

d. Other Committee Reports.

No matters were raised.

15. Neighbourhood Plan.

No matters were reported.

16. Environmental Matters.

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

This was discussed and Cllr Clayton suggested that the temporary notice board placed at the site by John Monk was a good idea and should be reinstated on a permanent basis. This was agreed by members

John Monk agreed to reinstate the notice board.

It was agreed that the notice board at Scragged Oak Road would not be progressed.

b. To consider the purchase of Air Pollution monitors.

Cllr Finn stated that this matter was being progressed.

17. Items for the next Agenda.

No matters were raised.

18. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 2nd July 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 9.25pm.

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

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____