

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30pm AT GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH
HALL**

Present: Councillors T Madgwick (Chairman) I Lawrence J Gatland
C Saville P Swales

S Wells Clerk to the Parish Council Dist Cllr Manion

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs T Ridyard & P Hambrook

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None received.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th July 2017 are duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

Planning

DOV/16/00986 - The Clerk had forwarded the members concerns about the two important documents concerning the amended application that were not published on the DDC website until 6th July – well past the published closing date for consultation. The application had been advertised.

Action Discharged

Highways

Kissing gate – ED61 – the Clerk had contacted the PROW officer as agreed.

Action Discharged

Correspondence

Monitoring of Parish Facilities - The Clerk had informed DDC of the corrections. **Action Discharged**

Fire Hydrant Initiative Project - The Clerk had sent an email copy of the map to Cllr Lawrence.

Action Discharged

Forthcoming Events

Battle's Over – A Nations Tribute 11-11-2018 – The Clerk had emailed the Clerk at Ripple.

Action Discharged

5. POLICE REPORT

No reports received.

6. PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

Seen between meetings

i) DOV/16/00900

Proposal:- Erection of a detached dwelling and a semi-detached pair of dwellings, formation of access, parking and turning and bin store

Location: Land adj to Alice Cottage, Cherry Lane, Great Mongeham, CT14 0HF

RESOLVED no objections should be raised to this application.

ii) **DOV/17/00901**

Proposal: Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and demolition of chimney

Location: 151 Mongeham Road, Great Mongeham, CT14 9LL

RESOLVED no objections should be raised to this application.

b) Planning Decisions

To note any planning decisions

- i) DOV/17/00292 – Granted permission – Erection of a detached dwelling etc – Land next to St Martins’s Northbourne Rd

The members were concerned that they had not seen this planning application prior to the decision notice being granted. The Clerk to investigate. **Action Sarah Wells**

c) Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence related to planning

- i) DOV/17/00986 – Erection 12 dwellings – Land between Homeleigh and Lansdale – Site meeting 19th Sept 2017

Cllr Madgwick to attend.

d) Consultation Documents

None received.

7. REPORTS

To receive written or verbal reports from:-

a) County Councillor

Cllr Manion gave a report including information on the Busses Bill 2017. There was much discussion on the new bus routes and services as Great Mongeham no longer received any bus service at all. The members felt that this was totally unacceptable especially as the village has no shops or medical facilities, this lack of service leaves the old and vulnerable at a disadvantage. The Clerk to write to the KCC head of Public Transport and the local MP asking for their help. **Action Sarah Wells**

b) District Councillors

Cllr Manion reported that there is currently a review of the number of DDC members required.

c) Council members

No reports received.

8. HIGHWAYS

To discuss and agree actions relating to highways issues

- a) Kissing gate – ED61

The PROW officer had replied to say that the land owner could remove the gate if they wanted. The members were concerned that regardless of whether the gate was in place or not, this is a PROW and horses should not be using the path. The Clerk to raise these concerns with the PROW officer and copy in Cllr Manion. **Action Sarah Wells**

- b) Bollard request Cherry Lane

This request was discussed in detail, although the members were sympathetic they did not feel that additional bollards were necessary, a number of the members had inspected the area and could see no signs of erosion. However it was agreed the situation would be monitored. The Clerk to respond. **Action Sarah Wells**

- c) Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Consultation survey close 17th September

It was agreed that members should respond individually. **Action Cllr Members**

d) Carriageway repairs – Northbourne Rd – 13th Sept
Noted by the members.

e) Weed spraying – Church Path

The Council had received a letter from Mr Brian Knight who had been spraying the weeds along Church Path on a voluntary basis for many years. Unfortunately Mr Knight was no longer able to undertake this work. It was agreed that the Clerk should write on behalf of the Council to thank Mr Knight for his work on behalf of the local community.
Action Sarah Wells

Cllr Swales reported that a lot of trees and shrubs were overhanging Church Path at the moment. Kent Public Rights of Way had written to the home owners asking that action be taken, however this had not been done. It was felt that future spraying was pointless until the hedges had been cut. The Clerk to inform PROW that their letters had not had the desired effect.
Action Sarah Wells

f) Bridge ED38

Cllr Gatland reported that the footbridge on the ED38 was now in the water as the drainage ditches had not been cleaned and water levels were rising. He reported that an officer from the environment agency had been out and said they would no longer be clearing plants and silt from this ditch. Cllr Gatland and the Clerk to liaise and let Cllr Manion have all the information so he could contact the environment agency.
Action Cllr Gatland and Sarah Wells

9. CORRESPONDENCE

To discuss and agree actions relating to correspondence received by the Council.

a) Consultation Documents

None received.

b) Newsletters and Circular

i) Clerks and Council Direct

Noted.

c) Other Correspondence

i) NHW Message – Theft from motor vehicles

Noted.

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

a) Council Event

To discuss and agree actions relating to events organised by the Council.

i) Battle's Over – A Nations Tribute 11-11-2018

As it had not been possible to arrange a meeting with Ripple PC it was agreed that this matter would be dropped.

b) Outside Event

To discuss and agree actions relating to outside events

i) SECAMS – Annual Meeting 28th Sept – Aylesford Community Centre 1.30pm

ii) Dover, Deal and District Citizens Advice AGM – Thu 5th Oct 12.30pm

iii) Kent Highways Parish Seminar – 9am – 1pm – 17th Oct – Ramada Hotel, Whitfield

The above were noted by the members

iv) KALC Extra Ordinary meeting – 21st Sept 6.45pm, Phoenix Centre Sandwich –
Western Docks expansion plans

Cllr Madgwick to attend if possible.

11. FINANCE

To discuss and agree actions relating to any financial correspondence presented to the Council.

- a) Budget v Actual to 30th June 2017

The accounts were discussed.

RESOLVED the accounts should be adopted by the Council.

- b) Transparency Code Grant

RESOLVED the Clerk should forward a grant application to KALC.

- c) Request for release of grant funding for parish Hall floor.

RESOLVED the grant funding should be released.

Action Sarah Wells

12. PAYMENTS

To resolve the approval of payments presented at this meeting

- a) £1000 – Parish Hall – Grant for floor works

BACS

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Ordinary meeting on Thur 5th October 2017

Scheduled dates.

2nd Nov 2017

7th Dec 2017

1st Feb 2018

1st Mar 2018