

**MINUTES OF GREAT MONGEHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 5th APRIL 2018 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors	J Gatland P Swales	I Lawrence P Hambrook	T Madgwick T Ridyard	C Saville
S Wells (Clerk to the Council)	14 Members of the public	Dist & County Cllr S Manion Dist Cllr Kenton		

Cllr Madgwick opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The members of the Council present introduced themselves.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ridyard. Lynn & Ian Johnson

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

These had been displayed on the Parish Notice board, the Web-site and were available on entrance to the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from last year's minutes.

4. ORGAN DONATION A CHANCE TO SAVE A LIFE

Simon Lawrence, Specialist Nurse-Organ Donation (SN-OD's).

Simon introduced himself to the audience. He was brought up in Great Monegham and had become a registered nurse in 2007 and had worked in a number of hospitals in East Kent. He had started work as a SN-OD about 16 month ago and it was his job to help educate people about organ donation and to work with families and hospital staff to facilitate the donation of organs and tissue.

He said that the most important message he wished to get across was the importance of talking about your wishes following your death. If you wish to be a donor in addition to putting your name on the NHS organ donation register it is essential to have a conversation with family and friends to make them aware of your wishes.

In order to be an organ donor a specific set of circumstances must be met. Annually only about 3000 deaths meet the criteria that allows them to be considered and the family approached about donation. Of these about 2000 give consent, the main reason for non consent is not knowing the wishes of a loved one. 93% of families that have had a conversation about donation prior to the loss of a relative give consent. The consent rate for those that have not spoken about it is just 46%.

- Around 6,500 people across the UK are waiting for an organ transplant
- Only around 5,500 people each year die in circumstances where they can donate their organs
- Three people a day die in need of a transplant due to a shortage of people being willing to donate organs

Surveys show that 8/10 people think organ donation is a good idea, however only 6/10 consent.

The biggest barriers to organ donation are: -

- Don't want to think about death
- Worried families will be too distressed to talk about it
- Worry that hospital staff won't try as hard to save someone if they are on the donor list.
- People don't know about it, they don't know how many people can be helped.
- Think that you are too old, or have too much wrong with you to be a donor.

Donor can be aged anywhere from 32 weeks to 85 years. You may be able to donate some organs and not others. Very few medical conditions automatically disqualify you from donating. Medical professionals will assess if your organs and/or tissue could be transplanted based on clinical and medical criteria. Certain organs and/or tissue may not be suitable for transplantation, but others may save or transform lives. Each donor is assessed individually.

If you are not eligible to be an organ donor, you could choose to donate tissue, such as skin, bone, tendons, eyes, heart valves and arteries after your death. Or, you can donate some tissue when you're alive, for example bone that is removed during a hip replacement and amniotic membrane from your placenta after giving birth

Tissue donation can improve the lives of many people through tissue grafts. Most people who are unable to donate their organs when they die can usually be tissue donors. This is because many of the restrictions that apply to organ donation do not apply to tissue donation.

The Chairman thanked Simon for his presentation.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Its been a quiet year and I would like to encourage everyone to talk to any council member about any issues they have in the village. Please tell us if there are any new projects you would like us to look into.

Christmas – Thanks to Mr David Solley for providing and Ian Lawrance for putting up the tree.

Highways

Kissing Gate ED61 – The Council have been in close contact with the PROW officer at KHS to prevent horses using this gate.

As reported last year a request was submitted to KHS for Parking Restrictions on Mongeham Rd – KHS had said that due to budget cuts they would not commission a scheme. A request was then made to use part of the KCC member's grant, however parking restrictions cannot be funded using this fund. A request was also made to install a footpath outside 168 Mongeham Rd, to give a pedestrian walkway, however KHS say the road is not wide enough so would not allow this. Given the above this matter has been dropped by the PC.

Reduction in Bus service – The Parish Council raised objections on behalf of local residents about the reduction in the local bus service. They raised the matter with DDC, KCC, Stagecoach and the Local MP asking for the service to be reviewed, unfortunately Stagecoach would not go back on their decision to cut the service.

As you know following the bad weather potholes are a real problem, KHS are working to fix as many of these as possible, however they need your help so please report potholes, this can be done using the KHS online reporting tool.

Mowing of the Green

The Council continues to pay for the green in front of the Parish Hall to be mowed between March and October.

Planning Applications

There were only 8 planning applications submitted to the Council for comment during the past year. The Parish Council is only a consultee on planning applications, Dover District Council are the authority that can either grant or refuse planning applications using local policies and policies handed down by central government. These policies change, so an application that may have been

refused 5 or 10 years ago may now be granted – or vice versa. There is no right of appeal from the local community or the Parish Council should an application be granted. Only the applicant can appeal if their application is refused.

Consultation Documents

The Council has been asked to quote on a number of documents including Boundary Review of Dover District.

Grants

£125.00 towards the cost of the Bouncy Castle at the village fete.

£1000.00 to the Parish Hall committee toward the floor refurbishment.

£150.00 to Dover, Deal and Sandwich Citizens Advice

Grant applications are accepted all year round, an application form can be downloaded from the Parish Council web-site.

Precept Setting

After much discussion the members agreed to set the precept at £8800, keeping the Parish Council element of the Council tax the same as last year.

6. REPORTS

a) Finance Report – Sarah Wells, Clerk to the Parish Council

The Clerk had prepared the year end accounts which were available in the meeting pack. The Clerk explained that Dover District Council had paid the 2018/19 Precept early. As the Parish Council's accounts are prepared on a receipts and payment system the precepts for 2017/18 and 2018/19 are both shown in 2017/18.

Great Mongeham Parish Council Account 2017/18

INCOME	Actual 2016/17	2017/18 Budget	Actual to 2017/18	
Carried Forward	14,943.41	14,274.52	14,274.52	
Precept	8,787.00	8,787.00	17,587.00	Note 1
DDC Grant (Offset tax base reduction)	183.91	107.00	107.05	Note 2
VAT	474.46	604.38	592.55	
Interest	6.31	6.00	3.98	
Transparency Grant	368.70	350.00	384.90	
Other Income	56.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Income	24,819.79	24,128.90	32,950.00	
2018/19 Precept paid early			-8800.00	Note 1
			24,150.00	

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 - 2018/19 Precept paid early by DDC. (£8800)

Note 2 -Grant Reduced by Central Government

Note 3 - Clerk given a pay rise

Note 4 - Agendas and Minutes now emailed reducing postages costs

Note 5 -Changed Insurance Company

Note 6 - Audit fee based on expenditure - Over 10k free limit due to purchase of SID unit

Note 7 - No training event attended

Note 8 - VAT Reclaimed so not budgeted as an expense

Note 9 - Parish Council Election due in 2019 saving towards possible costs.

PAYMENT Essential/Regular Payments	Actual 2016/17	2017/18 Budget	Actual to 2017/18	
Salaries	3507.80	3,545.00	3,621.38	Note 3
Councils Pension Contribution	546.87	692.00	694.34	Note 3
Admin Costs	594.00	600.00	223.00	
GDPR	0.00			
Bank Charges	54.00	72.00	72.00	
Petty Cash - Postage, Stationery	217.21	225.00	61.57	Note 4
Insurance	221.61	250.00	168.00	Note 5
Hall Hire	150.00	154.00	96.00	
Membership	257.09	300.00	274.09	
Audit Fees	115.00	25.00	116.00	Note 6
Annual Meeting	49.40	60.00	41.45	
Training	60.00	300.00	0.00	Note 7
Cllrs Expenses	59.85	300.00	0.00	Note 7
Window Boxes	126.42	175.00	113.17	
Mowing Green	377.65	425.00	421.78	
Village Events	201	250.00	0.00	
VAT	604.38	0.00	152.76	Note 8
Grants	1050.00	1,000.00	1,275.00	
Defib supplies	0.00			
	8192.28	8,373.00	7,330.54	
Reserves and Contingency planning				
Contingency	0.00	855.90	0.00	
Election Expenses (Saving for 2019)	0.00	600.00	0.00	Note 9
News letter	0.00	300.00	0.00	
Street Furniture	0.00	500.00	0.00	
Other Projects	2352.99	3,500.00	0.00	
Reserves	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	
	10,545.27	24,128.90	7,330.54	

Bank Reconciliation

Community Account	1,964.26	B/F	14,274.52
Business Money Manager Account	8,393.87	Income	18,675.48
Unity Trust Account	15,233.03	Payments	-7330.54
Petty Cash in hand	28.30	C/F	25,619.46
	25,619.46		

Receipts	32,950.00
Payments	-7,330.54
	25,619.46

b) County Councillor – Steve Manion

Thank you to those of you who took the time to respond to KCC budget consultation. Most people who took part supported the proposed rise in council tax to just under 4% (1.99% for all services plus a special levy of 2% ring-fenced for social care). As explained in this consultation, we still need to make savings to cope with increasing costs and rising demand for social care as more of our population reaches frail old age. Our Government grant is also decreasing and will be completely withdrawn by 2020.

All discretionary expenditure is under scrutiny including the £7.5m a year we pay to the bus companies for services which do not cover their costs. 97% of the bus services in Kent run without a direct subsidy although they are indirectly supported through payments by KCC of £71m for travel on concessionary bus passes, as well as a 9m subsidy for travel passes for young people and £7m on home to school transport. These payments will continue. There is a Big Conversation on Bus Services as we look to transform services to a model fit for the 21st Century.

One of the ways we've been making savings over the last few years is making more of our services available through our website. School admissions are now handled almost entirely this way and we have over 3,000 web pages covering over 300 KCC services. Each month an average of 216,000 people contact the site and view 880,000 pages. There's been an increase in use of the website by 36% over the last 5 years and more people are using their mobile phone to view the website.

Please use the website for reporting problems you see on the highways. There's an interactive map which makes it easy to pinpoint a problem such as a pothole and you'll be given a reference number which helps if you need to get me involved. Emergencies such as a tree blocking a road should be reported by phone to 03000 41 91 91.

In addition to being chosen by government as one of the few counties as a 100% Business Rate Pilot (worth £10m to Kent) and the additional Social Care Grant of £3.65m, we heard recently that the Department of Transport have allocated an additional £3.1m for pothole repairs across Kent. This now gives us a war chest for pothole and drainage repairs in excess of £11m. The crews will be out and about in earnest in the coming days, weeks and months ahead.

c) District Councillors**Cllr Steve Manion**

The £500,000 refurbishment of Deal Pier is due to start on 16 April following the award of a contract to resurface the entire length of the pier which celebrated its Diamond anniversary in November 2017. The resurfacing of the 300 metre long pier is expected to take five to six weeks to complete, depending on the weather conditions. The pier will remain open throughout the refurbishment although fishing will be restricted to the lower deck during the resurfacing.

Dover District Council has also appointed Fleurets, a leisure property specialist, to market potential opportunities for the new long-term lease of the café at the end of the pier.

In the Spring, a new £8m Visitor Centre opens at the Betteshanger Country Park, near Deal. The culmination of a major regeneration programme by Hadlow College and Dover District Council to bring new investment to the former East Kent coalfield site, the Visitor Centre incorporates the Kent Mining Museum offering a unique insight into the history of the former East Kent coalfield as well as a glimpse into the energy of the future.

Cllr Nick Kenton

DDC budget is holding up well and we are employing additional people in the tourism section of the Council. We have reorganised and strengthened the enforcement sections.

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is carrying out an Electoral Review of the Dover District. On 30 January 2018, the LGBCE started the first period of consultation for a pattern of wards for Dover District Council. The Commission has announced that it is minded to recommend that Dover district should have 32 councillors from May 2019, thirteen fewer than the current arrangements.

The Dover Town Centre improvements continue with much anticipated Cineworld six-screen, 900 seat multiplex cinema opening on Friday, 2 February at the St James leisure and retail development.

Questions were then taken from the floor.

Why have the contractors that cut back the vegetation in Church path dumped the waste in the adjacent field? The Clerk to contact PROW. **Action Sarah Wells**

The Telephone has been removed from the Kiosk in Mongeham Road, when will the kiosk housing be removed? The Clerk to contact BT. **Action Sarah Wells**

Concern was raised about the wall on Mongeham Road belonging to the derelict farm buildings, of Church Farm Buildings. The Clerk to contact building control. **Action Sarah Wells**

The meeting closed at 8.22pm