

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.30pm AT GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH
HALL**

Present: Councillors: J Gatland (Chairman) D Collett T Ridyard C Saville G Saville
Dist Cllrs Bates (part) J Jones Clerk to the Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs I Lawrence and R Solley, Cty Cllr S Manion and Dist Cllrs Bates & Richardson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th November 2023 are duly agreed and would be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

HIGHWAYS

Mongeham Road re-surfacing complaints - Members to continue to review the state of the road.

Action Parish Cllrs On-going

HIGHWAYS

Bonnars Hill – dangerous road surface – faults 722249 & 735678 - Cllr Saville reported that the works weren't complete a couple of potholes have been repaired but the majority haven't, Cllr Saville will report again and update Cty. Cllr Manion.

Action Cllr Saville on-going

Church Farm Housing development, Mongeham Road – Vision splays - Cllr Saville had reported back that vision splays appeared to be incorrect, Clerk had reported to DDC Planning Enforcement.

Action Discharged

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Carols at Christmas – Village Hall available 15th December 6-7.15pm – Village Hall booked and receipts forwarded.

Action Discharged

REPORTS

County Councillor – Cty Cllr Manion to follow up on the cost of the booking system, no response received so far.

Action Cty Cllr Manion On-going

REPORTS

County Councillor –Concern was expressed about the number of overgrown hedges effecting roads in the village, particularly on Cherry Lane, Kent Cty Cllr Manion would look into this with Highways, Clerk submitted an article to the Village Newsletter.

Action Cty Cllr Manion On-going

5. PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

To discuss any planning applications received prior to the meeting.

i) **DOV/23/01291**

Proposal: Installation of raised timber decking (retrospective)

Location: Yew Cottage, Cherry Lane, Great Mongeham, Kent

Agreed between meetings, no comment.

b) Planning Decisions

To note any planning decisions received prior to the meeting.

None received.

c) Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence related to planning

i) Parishioner Email – Planning Application DOV/23/01228

Discussions were held, Clerk to inform the parishioner that the Parish Council were happy with their original decision. **Action Clerk**

ii) DDC Planning Enforcement Letter – ENF/23/00407 - Location: Church Farm Buildings, Mongeham Road, Great Mongeham, Kent, CT14 9LR, Subject: Breach of conditions 1 and 4 of 22/01405.

iii) DDC – Advance notice of planning service downtime

iv) DOV/22/01158 – Proposal: Erection of a surfing lagoon and pools, hub building (to include café/restaurant/bar lounge, shop, hiring and changing facilities and multi-use space), 15 overnight holiday pods, learning hive, yoga studio, fitness/health and wellbeing facilities, bike/pumptrack and associated roads, paths, car and cycle parking, together with landscaping and necessary access works and associated sit infrastructure. (Re-consultation: additional/revised information including: re-positioned holiday lodge; revised parking arrangement; updated ecological appraisal; updated flood risk assessment & drainage strategy; habitat regulations assessment information; transport response; and visitor management and turtle dove strategy.) Location: Betteshanger Country Park, Sandwich Road, Sholden, CT14 0BF – DDC Planning Committee Meeting 14th December 6pm

All of the above noted by members.

v) Brewery Farmhouse

Concerns were expressed about the elevation on Northbourne Road, the new roof has grey plastic capping on it instead of flashing, the Clerk is to report concerns to DDC as it is a Listed Building. **Action Clerk**

d) Consultation Documents

None received.

6. HIGHWAYS

To discuss and agree actions relating to highways issues.

a) Mongeham Road – Closed 9th -17th Jan

b) The Street, Northbourne closed – 13th Nov – up to 4

Noted by members.

c) London Road and Manor Road planned road closures in the Spring

Concerns were expressed about the ability of Parishioners to get out of the village, it was agreed that Cllr C Saville will forward the information to Cty Cllr Manion. **Action Cllr C Saville**

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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

a) Consultation Documents

i) Kent Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – 2024-34 – Ends 30th Jan

b) Newsletters and Circulars

i) NALC & KALC Chief Executive Bulletins & Newsletters

c) Other Correspondence

i) KCC Historic Treescapes Grant – on noticeboard & website

ii) KALC Draft Parish Charter

iii) KCC- Family Hub and Commissioned Youth Decision

All of the above noted by members

8. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

a) **Council Event**

- i) Carols at Christmas – 15th December 6pm

Discussions were held, Clerk to find out the earliest time to get into the Village Hall.

Action Clerk

a) **Outside Event**

To discuss and agree actions relating to outside events

- i) KALC & NALC - Courses & Events

- ii) KCC Highways Seminar – 1st Dec 9.30-12.30 online

All of the above noted by members.

9. FINANCE

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

- a) Budget talks

Discussions were held, it was agreed that the draft budget is to be based on a 0% increase in the precept, with an inflationary rise in the usual running costs and include the cost of a replacement Speed Indicator Device.

Action Clerk

- b) 2022/23 Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023 - £1 per hour backdated payrise to 1st April 2023 agreed for Clerk, included in December salary.

- c) SLCC Membership annual renewal – 20% share of cost is £47.60

Noted by members

10. REPORTS

To receive written or verbal reports from:-

- a) **County Councillor – No report.**

- b) **District Councillors** – Report emailed and Dist Cllr Bates reported in the meeting on the help available from DDC Advisory Services, the Community Transport Grant, the fact that the Local Plan is in its final stages, the fund to support rural businesses and communities, Christmas activities in Dover, including seasonal waste collections. Cllr Gatland requested that a permanent ANPR camera be installed outside the Village Hall area, Cllr Bates to follow up with the Police.

Action Dist Cllr Bates

- c) **Council members** – Cllr C Saville reported that he had looked into the bus grant, but it was a non-starter as the Parish Council would need to fund it after the first year.

11. PAYMENTS

RESOLVED the following payments should be made.

To be approved

a)	£12.00	Christmas Carols Flyer delivery charge – J Espisito	BP
b)	£47.60	SLCC Membership – 20% share	BP
c)	£100.50	Clerk's expenses - 1 Sept – 30 th Nov	BP
d)	£499.42	Clerk's Salary December	BP
e)	£124.80	PAYE HMRC December	BP
f)	£200.81	KCC Pension December	BP
g)	£15.00	Great Mongeham Hall Hire - November	BP
h)	£565.36	Commercial Services – Green Mowing July-September	BP
i)	£18.00	Unity Trust – 1/4ly fee	DD

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To agree a date for the next meeting of the Council, Ordinary Meeting scheduled for 1st February 2024 in Great Mongeham Parish Hall.

Scheduled Dates: 7th March 4th April 2nd May 6th June
The meeting closed at 8.23pm