

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF GREAT MONGEHAM
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd JULY 2025 AT 7.30pm AT THE PARISH HALL,
GREAT MONGEHAM**

Present: Councillors: J Gatland (Chairman) D Collett I Lawrence S Parks T Ridyard C Saville G Saville
Dist. Cllr Bates (part) J Jones Clerk to the Parish

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Dist. Cllr. Richardson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To record declarations and reasons for interest from members relating to items on the agenda.
No declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday 5th June 2025 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

To receive information resulting from actions generated at the last meeting.

FINANCE - Netwise – Email names re-sent.

Action Discharged

HIGHWAYS - Highway Improvement Plan – Added to agenda.

Action Discharged

OLD DEFIBRILLATOR – Advice sought.

Action Discharged

FINANCE

AGAR 2024/25 - Form submitted to external auditor & paperwork on website.

Action Discharged

Remove ex-Parish Councillors from Unity Trust Bank – Paperwork signed & submitted. Paperwork to add Cllr Parks signed, Clerk to submit.

Action Clerk on-going

PAYMENTS - Deposit Account re-opened.

Action Discharged

5. PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

To discuss any planning applications received prior to the meeting.

DOV/25/00704

Proposal: Erection of a garden room with solar panels to roof for ancillary use.

Location: Ashurst, 162 Mongeham Road, Great Mongeham, CT14 9LL

RESOLVED no objections to this application.

ii) DOV/25/00736

Proposal: Erection of 11 dwellings with private amenity space, new access, car parking, landscaping, and other associated works and infrastructure.

Location: Land East of Northbourne Road, Northbourne Road, Deal, Geat Mongeham,

RESOLVED to have a neutral view on this planning application with the following concerns:

1. The site entrance is too close to the bend and it would be better if it was offset from Mongeham Church Close.

2. The site is not sustainable as there is no public transport to the village, there are no amenities and there is not a footpath/pavement that goes directly from the site into the village without having to walk on the road.

3. There is no affordable housing or small houses.

4. Clarification is sought as the Parish Councillors believe that the site is on the west side of Northbourne Road, not the east as described in the planning application

b) Planning Decisions

To note any planning decisions received prior to the meeting.

i) DOV/25/00430 – Erection of a detached car port/garden room building with raised solar panels

to roof - Granted – Ashurst, 162 Mongeham Road, Great Mongeham, CT14 9LL

- ii) **DOV/25/00382** – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 23/00264 (Erection of detached dwelling and car port) to allow external alterations and minor material amendments - Granted – Land to the rear of Ashurst, 162 Mongeham Road, Great Mongeham, CT14 9LL

Noted by members.

c) Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence related to planning

- i) DOV/18/00052 Former Church Farm Buildings – Planning concerns

The DDC investigation is on-going into this.

- ii) DDC Stalco Update – Developer out of funding, planning breach not resolved.

Noted by members.

d) Consultation Documents

To discuss any consultation documents

- i) DDC Draft Great Mongeham Character Appraisal and Management Plan – Consultation – closes 21st July 4pm

Detailed discussions were held, RESOLVED to agree with proposed areas A,B,C and E being in the conservation area. To object to proposed area D being in the conservation area as no property is worthy of inclusion, to object to proposed area F being in the conservation area as some of the properties are less than 15 years old and a number already have solar panels and sky dishes so inappropriate for them to be included and if they are it may result in planning applications for solar panels being turned down, as has recently happened. Some of the properties in F are also not in the Parish so it seems inappropriate for Great Mongeham Parish Council to comment on them. The Parish Council also objects to proposed area G being included in the conservation area as these are modern houses, so there is no logic to them being included.

Action Clerk

- ii) Planning and Infrastructure Bill 2025 - Deadline 23rd July 2025

RESOLVED to object to this Bill as it will remove any local planning consideration and planning decisions will be made by one person which removes local democracy. Cllr Parks to produce a draft submission which will be circulated to all Parish Councillors and Dist. Cllr Bates for feedback before the Clerk submits the agreed comments.

Action Cllr Parks, Dist Cllr Bates & Clerk

6. FOOTPATHS

To discuss and agree actions relating to footpaths issues.

- a) Parishioner complaint re: State of footpath on the west side of Northbourne Road South-East of the junction with Willow Road

Agreed that Cllr C Saville will send photos to the Clerk, who will submit complaint to KCC Highways.

Action Cllr C Saville & Clerk

7. HIGHWAYS

To discuss and agree actions relating to highways issues.

- a) Cherry Lane – Closed 5-11 August
b) Mongeham Road, Sholden – closed 1st Sept – 24th October

Noted.

- c) Highway Improvement Plan

RESOLVED to request a road narrows sign between Aston Close and Fairfield on Northbourne Road and to request a permanent flashing speed sign and/or traffic calming measures or build-outs on Mongeham Road and Northbourne Road to make people more aware of the speed limit and to slow them down.

Action Clerk

- d) Parishioner complaint re: Blocked drains – reported to KCC & work scheduled

- e) Ellen's Road – Closed 9-15th Sept.

Noted.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

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

a) Consultation Documents

- i) Local Government Re-Organisation Survey – deadline 21st July
- ii) DDC Town & Parish Charter Consultation – deadline 31st July

Noted.

b) Newsletters and Circulars

- i) NALC & KALC Chief Executive Bulletins & Newsletters & emails
- ii) Changes to bus services in Kent – added to website.

Noted.

c) Other Correspondence

None.

9. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

a) Council Event

None

b) Outside Event

To discuss and agree actions relating to outside events

- i) KALC & NALC - Courses & Events

RESOLVED to spend £50 plus VAT on Cllr Parks attending the Nuts and Bolts Training on 21st July.

10. OLD DEFIBRILLATOR

To discuss what to do with the old defibrillator

The old defibrillator has reached the end of its economic life, to be safely disposed of.

Action Cllr Lawrence

11. FINANCE

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

- a) To consider the grant application of £500 from Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex

RESOLVED to grant the Air Ambulance Charity £300.

Action Clerk

- b) To resolve to adopt Budget v Actual Accounts to 30th June 2025 – move to next agenda **Action Clerk**

- c) To agree additional Parish Councillors as authorisers on the Unity Trust Bank Account

Resolved to add Cllr Collett as an authoriser on online banking for Unity Trust.

Action Clerk

- d) 64p received from Barclaycard.

Noted.

12. REPORTS

To receive written or verbal reports from:-

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

- b) **District Councillors** – Dist Cllr Bates reported on the Planning & Infrastructure Bill, updated on Deal Leisure Centre and renovations in Dover, there is a DDC summer drive to reduce litter on the beaches and he also reported on the great Mongeham Conservation area appraisal and the Stalco site and Church Farm Building sites which both have on-going planning issues.

c) Council members

It was confirmed that the Parish Council are happy for Ripple Parish Council to carry on using the speed gun.

- d) **PC Eyre-Jackson Report** – No report.

13. PAYMENTS

RESOLVED the following payments should be made.

a)	£ 6.00	June Bank Charges	DD
b)	£ 60.00	KALC Training – For Cllr Parks	Card
c)	£ 17.00	Great Mongeham Parish Hall – June hire	BP
d)	£ 17.00	Great Mongeham Parish Hall – July hire	BP

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council is the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting scheduled for 4th September at Great Mongeham Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Scheduled Dates: 9th October 6th November 4th December 5th February 26

The meeting closed at 9.45pm