

WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2015, 7.30PM
AT VILLAGE HALL, NORMAN ROAD, WEST MALLING

Present: Ms H Marlor (vice-Chairman, in the chair until 7.55pm)
Mr K Bullard
Mr J Galloway
Mrs L Javens
Mr R Selkirk

Mrs T Dean (Chairman, in the chair from 7.55pm)
Mr S Harriott (from 8pm)

Also in attendance:
Borough Cllr Mrs S Luck
Mr J Collins (WMPC employee)
Mrs A Turner (VHMC representative)

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
15/598	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr Carroll, Mrs Smyth and Mr Stevens; also from PCSO Harrison and Mrs Potts (Chairman, Malling Society)			
15/599	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Mr Bullard declared an interest in 15/607.2 as a member of the Malling Society. Mr Selkirk, Ms Marlor and Mr Galloway each declared an interest in 15/605 as allotment holders.			
15/600	MINUTES of the meeting held on 2 November 2015 were approved and signed			
15/	MATTERS ARISING from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda			
601.1	(15/526.1) Policing Matters – Mr Bullard reported that young people with mopeds had been observed congregating outside the off-licence the previous evening. Clerk to report this to the PCSO.	Clerk	✓	
601.2	(15/526.2) Sgt Boxall – the Clerk was asked to circulate to members Sgt Boxall's e-mail address.	Clerk	✓	
15/	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS			
602.1	Town Hill, Speed Checks – Mr Galloway and Mr Selkirk asked to be informed as to the time when these checks were carried out. [* subsequent to the meeting the Clerk was informed by PCSO Harrison that the checks were carried out at 2.30pm]	Clerk	✓	*
602.2	Remedial Works to Wall on Town Hill – Mr Galloway expressed concerns about pedestrian safety whilst this work was being carried out on Town Hill. He felt that significant signage would be required for motorists. Ms Marlor also pointed out that there would be access problems for Tesco delivery lorries and T&MBC's refuse lorries. [7.55pm Mrs Dean joined the meeting]			
	Mr Selkirk suggested that the roadworks ought to be lit. Ms Marlor hoped that WMPC would have a meeting with the contractors as had happened with			

	<p>the gas works. Mrs Dean reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working will be light-controlled Single-way working Work scheduled to start after Christmas – hopefully 4 January 2016 Preparatory work to take eight weeks 			
	[8pm Mr Harriott joined the meeting]			
602.3	Advertising Signs – Mr Galloway reported that there were often signs on the A228/A20 junction on the strip of land			
602.4	Pavement Markings – Mr Galloway reported that the pavement markings left after the Christmas Lights event were still in evidence. Mrs Dean had reported this to Mrs Jane Marshall (Chamber of Commerce) and had been informed that the markings ought to degrade with water but if not, she (Mrs Marshall) would take action. [Mrs Dean took the chair]			
15/	<u>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>			
603.1	Review of (T&MBC) Holiday Activity Programmes – a letter dated 3 December 2015 had been received from T&MBC (Mr Mark Raymond, Chief Corporate Policy Officer) that a review was being carried out of holiday activity programmes including the Summer Playscheme. WMPC was invited to comment (deadline 15 January 2016) Clerk was to place an item on the agenda for next Full Council (4 January 2016) and to provide all members with a copy of T&MBC's letter	Clerk Clerk	✓ ✓	
603.2	(15/525.2) Streetlight, Swan Street – Mrs Javens reported that KCC had agreed that the footway surface outside 55 Swan Street was potentially hazardous and would investigate. The Clerk reported that the Assistant Clerk had attempted to report the lack of the light onto the Kent Highways website; it would however not accept the report as someone had already reported it.			
603.3	Christmas Window Competition – Mrs Dean reported that she and Mrs Javens had judged the Christmas Window Competition; there were two categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large category award to Hungry Guest (gingerbread houses decorated by staff Small category award to Soles with Heart Mrs Dean felt that another shield was needed. [subsequent to the meeting, the Clerk provided Mrs Dean with contact details of the supplier of the existing shield: Bretts Trophy Centre, Gillingham]			
603.4	Call for Sites – Mrs Dean reported that the Call for Sites was “hotting up”; after Christmas it would be necessary to gather information from the public.			
15/	<u>POLICING MATTERS</u>			
604.1	Policing Report – although not able to attend in person, PCSO Harrison had provided his report, which the Clerk had already circulated to members. (see Appendix 1)			
604.2	Mobile Police Station – Mrs Javens reported that she had wished to report an incident to the police but could not locate the Mobile Police Station as advertised. Members suggested that T&MBC ought to allocate a parking space e.g. the taxi rank in the High Street [subsequent to the meeting, the Clerk spoke to PCSO Harrison who said that the taxi rank space would not be large enough and would impair visibility for vehicles exiting West Street. Members might wish to suggest other possible locations]	All		
604.3	Cold Calling Control Zone – Mrs Dean reported that a CCCZ had been launched at St Mary's Court on 4 December 2015.			

15/ 605	<p><u>ALLOTMENT TENANCY AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE FROM NOVEMBER 2017</u></p> <p>The following draft amendment had been recommended by the meeting of the Amenities Committee:</p> <p>Delete existing clause 4(d) and replace with “dogs shall only be brought into or kept in the area of the allotments by the tenant or anyone acting with his authority or approval provided that:</p> <p>i) The dogs are kept on a lead ii) The dogs are kept under control and do not cause a nuisance iii) All excrement is removed from the site. “</p>			
	<p>Members present at Full Council agreed that item (ii) above be amended to read: “ dogs are kept under control at all times and in no circumstances should any dog be left unattended on the allotment site. Tenants should be advised of their liability for any injury or damaged caused by their dog”.</p>			
15/ 606	<p><u>LOCALISM ACT, COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID</u></p> <p>Mr Selkirk had drafted a list of properties to be submitted to T&MBC. Mrs Dean asked members to contact Mr Selkirk if they had any additional information to be included. Mr Selkirk explained that this list could be amended at any time. The protocol was that the list of properties be appended to this set of minutes; once the minutes had been approved then it would be possible to contact T&MBC. (see Appendix 2)</p>			
15/	<p><u>DONATIONS</u></p>			
607.1	<p>Donation to ATC for attendance of their band on Remembrance Sunday 2015 – it was agreed that a donation of £150 be offered as in previous years. Clerk to note.</p>	Clerk	✓	
607.2	<p>Donation to Malling Society – the Clerk reported that she had obtained a copy of the Malling Society’s accounts as presented to their AGM. It was agreed that this request be re-considered at F&GP.</p>	Clerk		
607.3	<p>Donation to Town Malling Day Ltd for Christmas Lights event – Mrs Dean reported that the request was for the cost of one tree £1,000 and towards the event £800.</p> <p>Mr Galloway commented that he thought the event was supposed to be working towards being self-financing. Mrs Dean explained that she was not aware of any such event being self-financing.</p> <p>Mr Galloway felt that WMPC’s contribution ought to be ring-fenced for the tree.</p> <p>Members agreed that the decision as to the contribution to be offered be deferred until WMPC received Town Malling Day’s accounts for this year.</p>			
15/ 608	<p><u>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the scheduled Full Council date of 4 January 2016 go ahead. Mrs Dean explained that it would probably be necessary to hold a further meeting in the second or third week in January to agree the precept requirement. There was discussion about possible dates but this could not be finalised as WMPC had not been notified of the deadline for submitting the precept requirement to T&MBC.</p>			
	<p>[subsequent to the meeting, T&MBC notified that the deadline for submitting the precept requirement was 20 January 2016. Having canvassed members it was agreed that a further meeting be held on 14 January 2016. Clerk to notify members and Borough members. It was agreed that the venue be the Clout, upstairs meeting room. Clerk to book.</p>	Clerk Clerk	✓ ✓	

15/ 609	<u>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u> totalling £1,774.13 were approved. This total included payments totalling £209.44 approved under Section 137. It was noted that payments totalling £1,323.32 had been approved at quorate meetings since the previous Full Council.			
15/ 610	<u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</u> The Clerk apologised for not having circulated the Financial Statement; she was asked to do so as a matter of urgency the following day.	Clerk	✓	
15/ 611	<u>TENDERS</u> The Clerk had provided members with a summary of the tenders received together with a comparison with the previous year's tenders. It was noted that only one tender had been received (Turfsoil, the existing contractor). It was agreed to accept the recommendation from the F&GP Committee that the Turfsoil tender be accepted. Ms Marlor suggested that the other tenderers be asked why they had not submitted a tender. The Clerk was to ask the Assistant Clerk to action these.	Clerk / SH		
15/ 612	<u>FUNDING INFORMATION</u> Receipt was noted of "Inside Track" issue no. 232 from KCC.			
15/	<u>MATTERS FOR REPORT</u>			
613.1	Amenities Committee – the draft minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2015 were received. Mr Galloway wished to comment on the content of these minutes; he was advised to e-mail Mr Stevens in his capacity as Chairman of that Committee. Mr Galloway had no comments however on the accuracy of the minutes.	JG/ PS		
613.2	Finance & General Purposes Committee – the draft minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2015 were received. Mrs Dean agreed to review the Bye Laws for consideration at the next meeting of the F&GP Committee.	TD		
613.3	Planning Committee – the draft minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2015 were received. The Clerk had not been able to write up the minutes of the extra Planning Committee meeting held on 1 st December 2015 as Mr Selkirk was still working on the comments. Mr Selkirk reported that the meeting at WM CEP School had been well-attended – about 100 people.	RS		
613.4	Malling Action Partnership (M.A.P.) – Mrs Dean reported that the AGM would be held on Thursday 25 February 2016, 5pm @ the Clout			
613.5	Village Hall Management Committee – Mrs Turner's report is appended to these minutes (Appendix 3) In addition Mrs Turner reported verbally: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for Hallmark Level 3 accreditation was progressing • Gas consumption was reduced • Radiators to be isolated 			

15/615	<u>MEETING DATES</u>			
	<p>The following dates were agreed/noted:</p> <p>Amenities Committee – Monday 14 December 2015 (concentrating on Churchyard) Planning Committee – Tuesday 15 December 2015 Highways, Transportation & Streetlighting Committee – Monday 25 January 2016 Finance & General Purposes Committee – Wednesday 27 January 2016 @ Clout</p> <p>Macey’s Meadow Advisory Committee – Wednesday 10 February 2016</p> <p>Extra Full Council – Thursday 14 January 2016 @ Clout</p>			
15/616	<u>BOROUGH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS</u>			
	<p>Reports from Borough Cllrs Mrs Luck and Miss Shrubsole are appended to these minutes (Appendix 4)</p>			
15/617	<u>REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR</u>			
	<p>Mrs Dean reported verbally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCC happy to help WMPC in any way regarding streetlighting costs • After Christmas WMPC will have to decide if LED lights wanted, and do we want to be part of the KCC exercise – a public consultation may be needed • Mrs Dean had spoken to Mr Richard Byatt regarding the Research Worker post; Clerk to place an item on the Full Council agenda for 4 January 2016. 	Clerk	✓	
15/618	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> was received as detailed on the separate sheet			
15/619	<u>CONFIDENTIAL ITEM</u>			
	<p>It was agreed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and asked to withdraw in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960</p> <p>The Clerk was also asked to leave the meeting.</p>			
15/620	<u>CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ASSISTANT CLERK</u>			
	<p>There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting</p> <p>Signed.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>			

APPENDIX 1**Parish council**

West Malling Council, monthly update for NOVEMBER 2015
 Summery only to 27/11/ 2015 due to officers rest days.

Crimes of note**Criminal Damage**

- On London Road near to the BP petrol garage, a car parked on the side of the road was -----
- Damaged and scratched overnight by a sharp implement by persons unknown.
- No lines of Enquiry.

Criminal Damage

- On the Aston way bypass a car was hit by a missile that was thrown of the foot bridge by -----
- persons unknown, the object that was described as being a house brick, hit the car windscreen -
- and caused some damage.
- No lines of Enquiry.

Criminal Damage

- West Malling Bypass A228 , an Egg was thrown off the bridge at a moving car on the Bypass,
- The egg hit a moving car on the bonnet and caused damage to the paint work.
- Enquiries are on-going.

Criminal Damage

- FROG Lane, a Front Garden plastic storage Box was damaged by persons unknown, nothing -----
- was taken from within the box but it was extensively damaged.
- No lines of Enquiry.

Theft by finding

- OFFHAM Road, a resident of OFFHAM Road reported the theft of a large amount of money from
- his jacket pocket, his jacket was hanging up in his house and only family members had access ---
- to it.
- It was not proved who took the money and there were no lines of Enquiry.

Theft –shoplifting

- 1 from Tesco high street, offender identified.
- Enquiries are on-going.

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note

Anti-social behaviour incidents have been minimal.

Updates of previous reported issues

Crimes of a serious nature may not be disclosed as it may effect an investigation

APPENDIX 2

West Malling Community Right To Bid Nomination

Name of Asset	Address of Asset	Current use & Description of Asset & It's Boundaries	Who Owns the Asset	How does the u well-being o
West Malling Village Hall	Norman Road West Malling ME19 6RW	Village Hall available for hire by members of the public and civic functions. Also has changing rooms for the football pitch.	West Malling Parish Council	Provides a space to undertake social &
Open Spaces				
Playing Fields	Norman Road West Malling ME19 6RW	Football Pitch & Tennis Courts for use by the general public. The football pitch is available for hire by local men's, women's and children's football clubs.	West Malling Parish Council	Provides a low cost local organised sports teams) to play on the FA standard. The tennis courts community to use in sport.
Children's Play Area	Norman Road West Malling ME19 6RW	Children's Play Area with play equipment for use by the general public.	West Malling Parish Council	Provides a space use that is safe, co
Cricket Ground	The Old County Ground Norman Road West Malling ME19 6RL	Cricket pitch and pavilion leased to Town Malling Cricket Club. They have a number of men's & youth teams that use this as their home ground during the cricket season. In the winter a portion of the cricket ground is used as a football pitch for Town Malling Football club and a local ladies team. Access to Macey's Meadow is also via the Cricket Ground.	West Malling Parish Council	The old County Ground pitch in Kent. It is home to the Club, which has been The cricket club has members of the community participate in sports The use of this area closed cricket season providing a sporting
Macey's Meadow	Norman Road West Malling ME19 6RW	Restored open space of over 20 acres traditional Kentish landscape of fruit orchards, sheep grazing, flower meadows and woods	West Malling Parish Council	This is an attractive West Malling that gives space to interact, numerous fruit trees. It provides an area for primary schools and
Manor Park	St Leonard's Street West Malling ME19 6PE	Once part of the 18th century estate created by Thomas Douce, Manor Park is an attractive public park with an impressive variety of habitats and landscapes to explore, together with a cafe, public toilets and a children's play area. Manor Park's 52 acres are divided into four distinct sections – the lake is a haven for wildlife such as swans, moorhens and dabchicks, while the Abbey Field and Chestnut Paddocks are grazed fields with plenty of wildflowers in summer. The Ice House field, on the far side of the lake, takes its name from the structure used to store ice taken from the lake over winter for use in the manor house's kitchen. Douce's Meadow is an area of open grassland where the excellent adventure playground is situated, along with picnic tables and plenty of space for ball games. Across the road from the park, the 18th Century Grade II listed Manor House was used to accommodate airmen flying from nearby RAF West Malling, while the Ice House field within the park itself was used as a prison camp for interned Germans.	Kent County Council	This is an attractive West Malling that gives space to interact, numerous areas for There is a large local population and 200 to raise cattle. It provides an area for primary schools. Additionally it is the Malling Junior Park encourage children
Ryarsh Lane	Ryarsh Lane	Allotments for rent by residents of West Malling	West Malling	Provides low cost

Allotments	West Malling	Parish	Parish Council	Malling residents t
Banky Meadows	Between Police Station Road & A20	Banky Meadows is believed to be an area that was used for burials during The Great Plague. Since then it has laid undisturbed for many centuries and is now an area of open meadow countryside sloping to the valley of the Lillieburn Stream, Leybourne Woods and Leybourne.	Unknown	This historic area i community to use provides a key link Leybourne Woods
Village Green	High Street West Malling	Located in the heart of West Malling, this small area is home to some important public artwork and is home to one of our village signs.	Kent County Council	Provides a focal p
Land by Scarecrow pub	Offham Road West Malling	This is a key small area of green space located in Offham Road that is the only such space on this road.	Kent County Council	Provides the comr
Land with village sign	St Leonards St at the junction of Teston Road West Malling	This is a key small area of green space located (on both sides of the road) in St Leonards Street that is the only such space on this road. It is also the location of one of our village signs.	Kent County Council	Provides the comr
Land Adjacent to K2 Flooring	Junction of High Street & Kings Street	This is a small area of land next to the Village Green.	Kent County Council	It is going to be the noticeboard so wil
Public Services				
West Malling Library	22 - 24 High Street West Malling ME19 6QR	West Malling Public Library has a number of services including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childrens library • Childrens storytimes • Disabled access • Saturday opening • Internet computers • Online catalogue • Local studies collection • Front Window Exhibition Space • Scanner • Fax • DVDs • Audio books • Induction loop 	Kent County Council	Provides a vital pu
Health Services				
West Malling Group Practice	Milverton 116 High Street West Malling ME19 6LX	General Practitioner's surgery serving West Malling. It also offers a full range of health services to local residents including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Surgery • Health Checks • Healthy Living Advice • Counselling Services • Blood Tests • Travel Advice & inoculation • Diabetes Clinic • Heart Disease Clinic • Anti-Coagulation Clinic • Asthma Clinic • Antenatal Clinic • Stop Smoking Advice & Support • Repeat Prescription Service 	NHS	Provides a vital pu This is the doctor's Malling and provid that it is important This is definitely a
Boots Pharmacy	85-87 High Street West Malling ME19 6NA	Pharmacy with close links to West Malling Group Practice. This makes it much easier for local residents who need regular medication to arrange.	Boots	Provides an essen community as ther available locally.
Car Parks				
Short Stay Car Park	High Street West Malling	Short stay car park for members of the public	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	Provides free shor community and vis Malling remains a live, visit and work
Business Car Park	High Street West Malling	Car park for business owners in West Malling	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	Provides low cost community. This is remains a vibrant and work.

Schools				
West Malling Church Of England Primary School	Norman Road West Malling ME19 6RL	Primary School providing a Church of England led education for children from Reception to Year 6. In addition it is home to the 'McGinty Speech and Language Centre' that provides specialist support to children from the local community and wider afield that have specialist language and speech requirements.	Kent County Council	Provides education within our community.
More Park Roman Catholic Primary School	Lucks Hill West Malling ME19 6HN	Primary School providing Roman Catholic led education for children from Reception to Year 6.	Kent County Council	Provides education within our community.
Places of Worship				
St Mary's Abbey	52 Swan Street West Malling ME19 6JX	Founded as a community of Benedictine nuns in 1090 by the monk-bishop Gandulf of Rochester. After its dissolution by Henry VII it passed into secular ownership. In the late 19 th Century the Abbey was restored to its original purpose by a charitable trust in 1916	Unknown	Provides religious community and worship. Used as a public venue for other community buildings.
St Mary The Virgin Church of England Church	38 High Street West Malling ME19 6NE	Church of England Church for West Malling	Church of England	Provides religious community.
St Mary The Virgin Church of England Church Centre	38 High Street West Malling ME19 6NE	Church Centre for use by St Mary The Virgin Church as well as for hire by members of the public and civic use	Church of England	Provides a space for the community to undertake religious activities.
St Thomas More Roman Catholic Church	More Park Lucks Hill West Malling ME19 6HN	Roman Catholic Church for West Malling	Roman Catholic Church	Provides religious community.
St Thomas of Canterbury Centre	More Park Lucks Hill West Malling ME19 6HN	Church Centre for use by St Thomas More Church as well as for hire by members of the public and civic use	Roman Catholic Church	Provides a space for the community to undertake religious activities.
West Malling Baptist Church	Swan Street West Malling ME19 6LW	Baptist Church for West Malling. Also used as a venue for civic activities such as the West Malling Community Choir.	Baptist Church	Provides religious community as well as civic activities such as the West Malling Community Choir.
The Pilsdon at West Malling	27 Water Lane West Malling ME19 6HH	Christian-based community. They seek to provide an environment where people can rebuild their lives after experiencing a crisis, whether sudden or progressive, and offer a safe home for those working through depression, alcoholism, addiction, divorce or bereavement.	Unknown	Provides religious community. Used as a public venue for other community buildings.
Historic Buildings				
The Twitch Inn Heritage Centre	Douces Manor St Leonards Street West Malling	Douces Manor was the headquarters and Officers Mess for RAF West Malling. During WW2 the cellar was used as a bar called "The Twitch Inn". This has been preserved and turned into a Heritage Centre, run by The Malling Society. This is sported financially by West Malling Parish Council.	West Malling Parish Council	This building is of great interest to the local community. It is open to the public every year.
The Clout Memorial Institute	9 High Street West Malling ME19 6QH	This listed building was gifted to the 'The Malling Memorial Institute' and set up as a charity in 1963 to provide support to a space and funding for young children within West Malling.	The Malling Memorial Institute	This building provides support to the young people of the community.
Malling Town Club	4-8 Swan Street West Malling ME19 6LP	Town social club	Malling Town Club	This venue provides a social space for residents and community groups.
St Leonards Tower	St Leonards Street West Malling ME19 6PD	Early and well preserved example of a free standing Norman tower keep located on a natural sandstone ledge near the head of a narrow valley. Very little is known about the history of the building including its intended function and even who commissioned it. Some believe that it once stood as part of a castle constructed between 1077 & 1108 by Gundulf, Bishop of Rochester, while a second school of thought argues the builder to have been Bishop Odo of Bayeux, half-brother of	English Heritage	This building is of great interest to the local community.

		William the Conqueror.		
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**WEST MALLING VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 2015.**

The committee have had an acknowledgement for their donation to Charity for June Towler. Chris/Jane to speak to family about a tribute for June.

Because of the lamp post being knocked over, the village hall sign, together with others, has gone missing, so hopefully these will be replaced soon.

High level cleaning in the main hall has been carried out.

Lighting sensors have now been fitted in the toilets.

New hire rates to be implemented in January 2016.

We discussed if we actually need CCTV. The only incidents we have had were during the recent spate of vandalism. Chris to talk to ACRK to enquire as to other halls.

We obtained a quote for black out blinds on the stage, but as quite expensive, and not really required, have decided not to fit them.

The defibulator has not been fitted as yet, but have found out that it can be installed by an ordinary qualified electrician.

Bookings still up to schedule.

It was suggested that the village hall be more publicized by local media. i.e. West Malling Twitter, Street Life and Face Book.

APPENDIX 4 (PART 1)

Cllr Sophie Shrubsole, December 2015 Report

- In some of the previous reports I have made, I have kept feedback to only matters relating to West Malling, but of course there are a number of other matters that we are engaged with from month to month.
- A great deal of time for us taken up with individual case work from residents that shouldn't be reported in a public forum. Where residents do get in touch and the matter should be shared, it always is.
- There are often months when I am working on issues that crop up in Leybourne that don't affect West Malling so I don't report it, and vice versa for Leybourne Parish Council.
- As soon as the planning application for the Church building came up I called it in (that was 10 November)
- I was pleased to attend the public meetings on this application. As you know, we are unable to make public comments on planning applications as this would rule us out of voting at the Area 2 meetings.
- My Grandfather was involved in a car accident today as he edged out of Tesco car park. A speeding uninsured car crashed into his and then sped off without exchanging details. A kind passer by helped and police are following up enquiries.
- We have discussed before the lighting issue by the zebra crossing – I wonder if we could make some progress here with ideas on how to tackle this? It is very difficult to see people approaching/standing at the crossing – a real safety issue.
- At the last Area 2 planning meeting, Brian and I made suggestions to be included in the management plan for the development behind the post office which shall start next year. These included restrictions on working hours and delivery times and the size of vehicles to used. We made officers very aware of how difficult the construction of this project is going to be and requested that any changes to the plan brought forward by the developers come to us for our approval first.

APPENDIX 4 (PART 2)

West Malling Parish Council 7th December 2015

Councillor's Report from Borough Cllr Luck

Tonbridge and Malling are trying to manage the books and are making money cuts, and small price increases in services

Joint Transport Board Meeting. Another lane for the junction 4 roundabout to commence in the spring/ summer. There will be signage to advise motorists, so they can plan another route. Hopefully it will stop congestion and rat running, the extra lane should be an improvement to aid the congestion that there is now.

Junction at the end of Castle Way to the bypass, changing to left turn only.

Parking Action Plan. Phase 8. Offham Road. The Borough Council wrote to 70 properties in Offham Road and received 35 responses from residents, 17 responses from residents not part of Offham Road.

Residents. In favour 21, against 13, don't know 1, total 35

Non residents. In favour 6, against 7, don't know 4 total 17

The Steering Group decided there were some changes to reflect comments from residents. Two who are in the process of applying for a new vehicle access. Going forward to formal consultation.

West Malling Station Scheme essentially complete, just signing for bus lane and weight limit, outstanding

Town Hill. To have traffic lights for safety reasons, the contractors will be using scaffolding so that the wall on Town Hill can be rebuilt. Commencing in the spring

Planning. At the end of Park Road Leybourne with the junction with the bypass, planning agreed for an Ambulance Station

Premises behind the Hospice Shop, planning for a retail unit.

Old Police Station shop, corner of West Street going to be jewellers

Plans for the Church Centre, I expect you had many local residents expressing their views. I hope it was mentioned to them, that if it went to Committee at Tonbridge and Malling Council, they can speak on the development for 3 minutes. As not all the Borough Councillors are local, it does help in making planning decisions

There will be a new application shortly for Appledene Farm

Clean for The Queen. March 4th -6th March. A campaign from Tamsin Ritchie Environmental Projects Coordinator, Tonbridge and Malling Council to clear up Britain streets and countryside in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday. E-mailed a leaflet to Carole

Winter Newsletter, from Advice Together Partnership, I thought it was very interesting and informative, have e-mailed Carole a copy

Christmas Lights. It was a great success, the High Street and Swan Street was full to bursting, the Hungry Guest and Soles with Heart won the Christmas window competition. A big thank you to Jane Marshall and the committee for all their hard work

Chamber of Commerce. The grant from Tonbridge and Malling held by the Parish Council, I will chase the members on the committee to make a decision.

Licensing. The Lobster Pot, the License has been transferred from Punch Inns to Lobster Pot West Malling

Kent Police & Crime Commissioner. I have had an e-mail, free Policing and Austerity Conference at Kent College Maidstone on 9th December 9am to 12 pm. Brian Luker is attending the meeting

Policing. Gill Ellis is moving on and is being replaced by David Pate. The areas are going to go back to. Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, and Malling