

WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER 2020, 7.30 PM VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

Present: Mrs Trudy Dean (Chairman)
Ms Gwyneth Barkham
Mr Keith Bullard
Mrs Linda Javens
Ms Sara Margetts
Ms Camilla Medhurst
Mrs Yvonne Smyth
Ms Min Stacpoole
Mr Nick Stapleton
Mr Peter Stevens
Mr David Thompson

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
20/403	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Borough Councillor Lee O'Toole			
20/404	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none			
20/405	MINUTES – the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th September were approved and are to be signed at a later date.	TD	✓	
20/406	MATTERS ARISING - there were no matters arising			
20/407	<p>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Dean reported that the Parish Council had received a letter from a resident who was concerned about residents who may be lonely and on their own over the Christmas period; the situation being exacerbated by Covid 19. This is to be discussed further at the next West Malling Volunteers meeting which is scheduled for October 14th. The Parish Council is now in receipt of a letter from T&MBC regarding the transfer of the West Malling public conveniences from T&MBC to WMPC ownership. T&MBC have rejected the option to move the conveniences into the T&MBC car park. It is felt that the town should have public conveniences and therefore WMPC have agreed in principle to the transfer, this is subject to contract. This will be a budget consideration for the 21/22 financial year. 			
20/408	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - none			
20/409	QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS – none			

20/410	<u>POLICING MATTERS</u>			
410.1	<u>Police Update</u> – receipt was noted of the September police newsletter.			
410.2	<p><u>Other Policing Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheds – it was noted that there have been reports of a shed break-ins throughout West Malling. • Covid 19 – 10 pm curfew – Mr Stevens reported that the Police have been checking that pubs and restaurants are abiding by the 10pm curfew; groups congregating in the High Street at 10pm is an issue. • The Farmhouse – application to temporarily reduce the number of door staff has been submitted to T&MBC. Following discussion, it was agreed that WMPC object to this application and the following letter was sent to T&MBC Licensing: <p>Re: Application 19/01211/PREM - Premises License Application in respect of The Farmhouse, 97 High Street, West Malling, ME19 6NA</p> <p>We write to submit representations in respect of the above application.</p> <p>Having considered the potential implications of this application and in accordance with the licensing objectives set out in Part 2, section 4(2) of the Licensing Act 2003 we would recommend that this application is rejected in order to meet the following licensing objectives:</p> <p>The prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance</p> <p>Members are pleased to note that The Farmhouse has made every effort to abide by the Covid restrictions which have been placed upon pubs and restaurants, however the Parish Council would not wish to see a reduction in the number of door staff, even if this were to be a short term measure.</p> <p>Although patron numbers are necessarily reduced as a result of the 'Rule of six' and the 10pm curfew, residents are concerned that the impact on all licensed premises being asked to close at exactly the same time is leading to groups congregating in the High Street with little regard to social distancing. As a result residents feel that the number of security personnel should not be reduced to ensure that social distancing measures are being observed both inside the premises during opening hours and as people leave at closing time.</p> <p>We would ask that the above representations be taken into account when considering this application.</p>			
20/411	<u>WEST MALLING SHOPS / BUSINESSES</u>			
	<p>The Council welcomed Julia Smith, the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce to the meeting; Ms Smith updated members as to how the shops had been faring post lockdown. Ms Smith reported the following:</p> <p>Trade has increased but footfall is down, this giving the impression that the customer is spending rather than browsing. Customers are commenting that they feel more comfortable in the smaller, High Street shops in comparison with the large shopping complexes.</p> <p>It was noted that unfortunately redundancies have occurred, but that they have been few in number.</p> <p>Charity shops are experiencing practical difficulties as donations need to be quarantined for 72 hours and the shops do not have adequate storage space. It was noted that The Heart of Kent Hospice will lose out on Christmas festival profits as the festival has been cancelled;</p>			

	<p>there is the suggestion that a raffle be held to try to raise funds for the charity.</p> <p>Ms Smith reported that the Ryarsh Lane car park is under used and asked if T&MBC could be asked to release more permits. Mrs Dean suggested that the Borough be asked to consider free parking in the town during the lead up to Christmas. Both suggestions have been included in the WMPC response to the T&MBC Draft Economic Strategy 2020 – 2023 – see below.</p> <p>Members thanked Ms Smith for attending the meeting.</p>			
20/412	<u>T&MBC DRAFT ECONOMIC STRATEGY 2020 - 2023</u>			
	<p>Following a general discussion, the following response was submitted to T&MBC.</p> <p>West Malling Parish Council in consultation with West Malling Chamber of Commerce have considered the TMBC Draft Economic Recovery Strategy 2020-2023 and would wish to make the following comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The national situation is a rapidly changing one and members felt that it may be premature to identify numerical targets for employment and wage levels. Levels of economic recovery will need to be regularly monitored to ensure priorities are correct and actions are effective. • The Council focussed on the Action Plan on pages 11 and 12. Councillors commented that the Action points listing promotion of the Business Bulletin, TMBC website and social media, promoting and signposting financial support for businesses including Start-up schemes were all very useful aims, but these could be regarded as essentially a continuation of business as usual. We would like to see more action points which would result in practical assistance on the ground, such as the aims included to support the installation of electric charging points, and broadband roll out to support SMART Towns. <p>We would suggest that the following specific points would provide practical assistance for West Malling during this period.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Temporary free customer parking over the peak Christmas shopping period. ii) For more business permits to be released for the Ryarsh Lane car park – the car park was running at least a third empty before Covid-19 iii) Facilitating installation of electric charging points on Parish Council property and buildings. iv) Flexibility for the payment of National Non Domestic Rates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would ask that the Borough increase the tourism profile of the town / Borough to maximise on the increased number of visitors who will be holidaying locally, especially capitalising on visitors to the new theme park planned in Swanscombe – maybe some radio and press advertising or a virtual map which could be used via an App. • West Malling Parish Council asks that the Borough Council be careful to ensure that the actions it implements in Tonbridge are also offered to the population in the rural areas of the Borough. 			
20/413	<u>SECTION 137 DONATIONS</u>			
	<p>A donation request has been received from Music@Malling . The Council is in receipt of end of year accounts (year end 30th November 2019) and a letter outlining the 2020 festival details.</p> <p>The figure of £1000 was agreed unanimously as per budget figure.</p>			
20/414	<u>LOCAL PLAN / WATES APPEAL</u>			
	Wates Appeal:			

	<p>Mrs Dean reported that the first meeting with the Inspector had taken place. During this meeting the Inspector outlined the appeal timetable and confirmed that it is intended that independent witnesses have the opportunity to speak on day 1.</p> <p>As the appeal will be conducted as a virtual hearing, it is anticipated that the sessions will be shorter, possibly 4 and a half hours per day which may in turn result in more days being required? Wates have suggested that 8 days should be set aside.</p> <p>Some issues, (heritage, agriculture & land bank) will be dealt with by a process of round table discussions.</p> <p>Inspector site visits will be unaccompanied.</p> <p>Wates have reserved their position on costs.</p>			
20/415	PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE – WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION			
	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future</p> <p>The following response to the consultation was agreed:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Planning for the future consultation: response from West Malling Parish Council</p> <p>1. Housing allocation targets</p> <p>1.1 The White Paper proposes a new means of calculating housing targets from local authorities, scrapping the established Standard Housing Method. While it is clear that nationally there is a need for new homes, this should reflect the Government’s own priorities for levelling-up the entire country, including a focus on areas which have not always shared in the benefits of development.</p> <p>1.2 These changes will require an additional 2,835 houses to be built in Kent on top of the already flawed standard method calculation which is based upon now out-of-date ONS household projection statistics. This will mean an increase in requirements for each local authority area in Kent of between 25% and 85%, forcing new development on a part of the country in which infrastructure and natural resources are already under pressure.</p> <p>1.3 According to the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, an independent research institute, 136km² of open space has been lost to urban expansion in Kent since 1990. This represents the largest amount of urban growth per county by surface area in the country, with Kent topping the list ahead of Essex, West Yorkshire, and Surrey. This has not only caused a dramatic loss of open and green spaces – something Kent has long been known for – but also put incredible pressure on creaking infrastructure, from roads and transport networks to schools, doctors and hospitals.</p> <p>1.4 By focussing on affordability as a key driver of the new housing target allocations, the new method will serve to drive further concentrations of development in areas which are already struggling. This will only serve to widen the productivity and prosperity gap between different areas of the UK and importantly will run contrary to the Government’s own ambitions for levelling up different parts of the country, particularly those outside of the South East. For example, under the new method, housing targets in areas of Greater Manchester will actually fall.</p> <p>1.5 Instead, future housing targets should factor in existing infrastructure and levels of development and the need to close the development gap between different areas of the country as a priority. Revised population predictions should be used as a basis for calculations at national level and the lasting impact of the Covid-19 pandemic should also be taken into account, as more and more people work spend more time working</p>			

	<p>locally and reduce the need to live nearby and commute to major urban centres.</p> <p>2. Enforcement in protect zones</p> <p>2.1 The proposed zoning of land into three categories of Growth, Renewal and Protect will make for a simpler system which, while easier to understand for non-experts, may have unintended consequences because of its simplicity. The White Paper does not provide much detail on the precise requirements for planning consent in each of the zones. These should be set out in greater detail to give confidence to local communities worried about what the changes will mean for them.</p> <p>2.2 Importantly, it will be crucial to assert the protections afforded to sites in designated Protect zones with appropriate and stringent enforcement. Many local authorities will not currently have the required resource in planning and building control departments to actively police these areas, which will include some of our much-cherished green and open spaces, as well as sites of specific historic or scientific interest.</p> <p>2.3 Government should go further by setting out the details of the enforcement activity and penalties that illicit development in land designated for protection will trigger. The precise restrictions on development in Protect zones should also be made clear, including the exceptional circumstances in which development may be permitted. These circumstances should be as limited as possible to ensure maximum protection for these sites.</p> <p>3. Local plan development and national policy setting</p> <p>3.1 Under the proposals contained in the White Paper, the development and purpose of Local Plans are set to change. While again adding simplicity, there are two major areas of concern which need to be addressed – how local democracy will be protected to ensure the voice of local communities is strengthened; and how national policy will be made flexible enough to cope with the differing requirements of urban and rural locations.</p> <p>3.2 The White Paper requires Local Plans to be completed within a period of 30 months and changes their purpose substantially. They should be map-based and focus squarely on the zoning of different parcels of land into the three categories of Growth, Renewal and Protect. Policy frameworks, which have in the past formed the basis of Local Plans, will not be included and will instead be set at national level and the traditional consultation will be scrapped in favour of ‘community engagement’.</p> <p>3.3 By centralising the setting to policy frameworks to national level, the change removes the power to define specific and detailed policy from communities, putting devolution into reverse. While clearly a retrograde step for local democracy, such a move also creates tensions between the priorities of urban and rural environments, which often choose to focus on different policy priorities in their current Local Plans to suit their circumstances and preferences.</p> <p>3.4 The removal of formal consultation and its replacement with ‘community engagement’ has also not been made adequately clear. Without further details as to what community engagement will actually mean, it is difficult to analyse just how empowering these reforms will be and whether they will, instead strip power from local communities. Any future community engagement should have ‘the amateur’ at its heart, placing the power in the hands of entire communities and not the usual, select few who have the skills, free time and inclination to get involved with planning matters.</p> <p>4. Design quality</p> <p>4.1 The simplification of the planning process and the focus on housing supply above all else, does raise concerns about the quality of new development. With the climate crisis at the forefront of the great challenges of the decades ahead and construction and energy resources limited, the White Paper does not contain the detail required to allow for analysis of whether it will result in the required drive towards better-designed</p>		
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	houses suited to the needs of the future.			
	<p>4.2 In addition to issues around sustainability and safety, the growing campaign for better design, championed by organisations such as Create Streets and others, shows a clear need for housing design which fosters the development of strong communities. While the White Paper cites and supports this trend, the requirement of zoning for 'self-build' development and the priority focus on increasing supply may create a tension with any objective to build better. The Government should ensure that there are stringent conditions on design quality which prioritise sustainability, safety and community cohesion, as well as aesthetics.</p> <p>Clerk to submit</p>	Clerk	✓	
20/416	<u>REMEMBRANCE DAY / ARMISTICE DAY</u>			
	<p>It was confirmed that there will be short services at the war memorial on both the 8th and 11th November at 11 o'clock with wreath laying taking place on the 8th November. Stewards were confirmed. Volunteers are needed for the Royal British Legion collection.</p> <p>The road closure applications have been submitted to T&MBC.</p>			
20/417	<u>WEST MALLING SPEEDING PETITION</u>			
	<p>It was noted that the Change.org petition had been received by the Parish Office. It was agreed that a paper copy be sent to the Chairman of KCC and that a date be arranged with KCC for a joint WMPC / KCC / Public Zoom meeting.</p> <p>Clerk to write petition covering letter and contact KCC Highways to arrange a meeting.</p>	Clerk	✓	
20/ 418	<u>F&GP – SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS</u>			
	<p>It was agreed to accept a recommendation from the F&GP Committee that F&GP meetings continue to be held on the 3rd Monday of every other month, but when this date is unsuitable due to other commitments that the meeting be held on the Thursday of that week instead.</p>			
20/419	<u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u>			
419.1	Accounts for payment - totalling £6,412.20 were approved - see attached.			
419.2	Financial Statement – bank reconciliation as at 30 th September was received – see attached			
419.3	Financial Review – the financial review undertaken by F&GP was noted.			
20/420	<u>MATTERS FOR REPORT</u>			
420.1	<p>Amenities Committee – receipt was noted, of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2020</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>			
420.2	<p>Planning Committee – receipt was noted of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2020.</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>			
420.3	<p>Finance & General Purposes Committee – receipt was noted of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2020.</p> <p>Mrs Dean took members through the updated safeguarded sums – dog waste bin and ball park repairs have been removed from the figures.</p>			

	It was noted that the dog waste bin in the cricket meadow (entrance to Macey's Meadow) is not being emptied on a regular basis. It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk speak with T&MBC regarding the installation of a new bin on Macey's Meadow land near the cricket pavilion and / or ask that the existing bin be relocated to a position where it may be emptied on a more regular basis.			
420.4	Malling Action Partnership – East Malling volunteers are to take on full time staff and handyman who will be based at the community kitchen.			
420.5	School Governors – no report			
420.6	Malling Society - Ms Barkham reported that the Executive Committee hope to start Zoom meetings in the near future.			
420.7	Chamber of Commerce / Christmas Lights Committee – no report			
420.8	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council – draft minutes of the Parish Partnership Panel meeting held on 3 rd September were received			
420.9	KALC/NALC/ACRK/CPRE: KALC – it was noted that the KALC AGM will take place virtually on Saturday 28 th November It was noted that Ms Barkham attended the recent T&M KALC meeting.			
20/421	<u>MEETING DATES</u> Amenities Committee – Monday 12 th October 2020 (concentrating on Churchyard) Highways, Transportation & Streetlighting – Monday 19 th October 2020 Planning Committee – Tuesday 27 th October 2020 Full Council – Monday 2 nd November 2020			
20/422	<u>REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR</u> Highways England have replied to me regarding the issues that A20 residents are facing because of the M20 closures. They apologised, but said it was necessary. Weren't too concerned with speeding vehicles and said that this is the responsibility of the Police. Didn't answer my point regarding the break-down of the road surface due to the quantity of HGVs. Regarding the ward boundary changes at TMBC, there will be public consultations during 2021 to allow residents to give their views on how wards should be arranged etc. In the first instance, it must be decided how many councillors there should be, currently at 54. Many borough and district councils are reducing councillor numbers, however that doesn't mean that TMBC has to do this, it is preference and whether there is justification for doing so. The new blanket 20mph scheme across most of Tonbridge was discussed at the Joint Transportation Board. One interesting point was that a KCC officer said that the larger of an area that a 20mph zone is, the more effective it is. However, when it has been requested for St Leonard's Street, Lucks Hill etc to be added to the scheme in West Malling, we have been told that you don't want an area too big as it isn't as effective... This will be raised at a further meeting. There's been a number of break ins to sheds and garages locally. Predominantly St Leonard's Street, London Road and Offham Road. I have put messages out via social media asking people to be extra vigilant. The White Paper on planning was discussed at the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board on the 29th September. Councillors were very much in support of the responses put together by officers. Some of the points raised were that a 'one size fits all' approach to			

	<p>everywhere across the country simply doesn't work, the chance of much less affordable housing and removing much of the democratic process by having zoning. It will now go to Cabinet before the response is sent off.</p>		
<p>20/423</p>	<p><u>REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR</u></p> <p>Highways Schemes paid for from County Councillors Funds.</p> <p>Much confusion has arisen in recent months about the process for Councillor funding of Highway Schemes.</p> <p>As of this morning, the advice remains that KCC cannot do any design work, or process Traffic Regulation Orders until next March at the earliest as officers are too busy undertaking work connected with the Government funded Active Travel schemes.</p> <p>Under those schemes ,a 20mph limit and cycle route in Tonbridge was approved, and an improvement to the paved footpath from Four Acres into East Malling in my division.</p> <p>All other proposals including those for 20mph schemes for Larkfield and East Malling, and the extension of the Quiet Lanes Network were unsuccessful.</p> <p>As members know, all traffic proposals were on hold awaiting speed checks which were delayed until traffic returned to 'normal' levels.</p> <p>KCC say that has now happened, and I appear to have agreement to fund all of around 20 speed checks, which must be carried out before 20mph limits can be agreed.</p> <p>in Larkfield, and East Malling, and the extensions in West Malling. I may also have approval for the New Hythe Lane and Lunsford Lane SIDS to be replaced without paying for speed checks.</p> <p>KCC will also be using a new mapping system launched by OS which provides average speeds on most roads at all times of the day. These are used to predict journey times for drivers using Tom Tom like devices. They will provide a general indication of roads where speeds are so high that 20mph limits would be inappropriate. The should also be a useful indicator for roads where speed limits are being widely ignored by a wide margin.</p> <p>The Kent Access Permit: All hauliers with vehicles over 7.5 tons will need to obtain a Kent Access Permit before being allowed to carry goods through Kent to Eurotunnel or the Ports.</p> <p>The system is designed to avoid queuing at the ports once the transition period ends in December. Fines of up to £300 can be levied for hauliers without the permit. .</p> <p>It will apparently be enforced by ANPR or the Police. Each permit is issued to drivers who have been given a green or amber light from the online SmartFreight system, and last for one day only to cover a single trip. However the Road Haulage Association say the system is simply a logging on system to say " I am going to the port and I promise I am ready, and has no practical value.</p> <p>Schools: Today there are 51 schools which have reported CV19 incidents requiring partial or full closure. The decision on whether a school should close, and if so how much of it should close, is a</p>		

decision for each school in consultation with Public Health England.

East Malling Research /NIAB.

The Research has attracted funding from Government for an Innovation Centre which includes state-of-the-art glasshouses which will host high-tech imaging, robotics, precision irrigation rigs, LED lighting and CO2 systems.

It will enable advanced research and training to improve the productivity of UK winemakers, three quarters of whom are in the South East. A small on-site vineyard makes trials possible. .

I understand that it is not yet clear whether Brexit will create a difficulty for EMRS/NIAB attracting the large numbers of research students who use its facilities every year.

NIAB/ EMRS are also celebrating their success in capturing the invasive bug with the wonderful name of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug. The bug was trapped for the first time on Rainham Marsham in a network of 19 pheromone traps across the UK. It is responsible for ruining apple, pear and soft fruit crops around the world.

Budget

Despite the extra government funding KCC is facing an estimated shortfall of £40 million for this financial year.

Most KCC buildings which are closed at present will stay closed until April 2021. Happily Larkfield Library and Woodlands Children’s Centre in East Malling will stay open.

No 58 Bus:

Norman Kemp tells us the number 58 bus is being well used. A new timetable has been issued as one underused service has been withdrawn.

<http://www.nu-venture.co.uk/558580920.pdf>

<<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.nu-venture.co.uk%2F558580920.pdf&data=02%7C01%7Ctrudy.dean%40kent.gov.uk%7Ced8ab3b89b3a43ae8a7708d85c9d41a9%7C3253a20dc7354bfea8b73e6ab37f5f90%7C0%7C637361178082109274&sdata=cNn6DDYAXRDhma8yZYKg%2BgKaTdUQcaW%2BkL58AJISgtw%3D&reserved=0>>

Larkfield Football Club have been given permission for their new flood lights, and retrospective permission for the new stands, dug outs, perimeter path, hardstanding and paybooth. .Councillors were told that the failure to follow up conditions imposed on the Club in 1965 and 2006 meant that the Council now had no powers to control the number of days and hours when the pitch is in use, numbers of cars, numbers of spectators, number of vehicles on site, parking spaces to be provided, or the nature of the sporting activities. The Club will have to supply a Management Plan to the Borough showing the frequency of use of the lights. They are only to be used when the pitch is in use by Larkfield & NY club. The club suggested they would be used on about 60 occasions during the year, over eight months of use, on average twice a week.

Forty Acres Campaign

The Forty Acres Inquiry may take longer than expected as the Inspectors has chosen to limit the length of sittings because people find concentration online more tiring than attending a face to face meeting. This may result in higher costs for our legal team to attend extra days. So if you haven’t donated yet, please consider making a donation to the fund to make sure we can match the team of lawyers from Wates. The Inquiry starts on December 1st

and the Inspector has announced she will hear from individual private objectors on the first day. If you would like to make a statement to the Inquiry you will need to get in touch with the Inspectorate.

Michelle Tatton has prepared three amazing videos about Forty Acres and our bid for an extended Green Belt. You can view the first of them at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pm4WJ0DI2w&t=4s>
 <<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D-pm4WJ0DI2w%26t%3D4s&data=02%7C01%7Ctrudy.dean%40kent.gov.uk%7C5930b81c9cf e44314fd808d869eeb068%7C3253a20dc7354bfea8b73e6ab37f5f90%7C0%7C0%7C637375821325084266&sdata=3WhfFag5ne5IYPf7TCa1QlrpGpKPaT3edaQBK6CvU1g%3D&reserved=0>> The images will also be used to illustrate the strength of the Parish Councils argument in favour of keeping Forty Acres as agricultural land. I've agreed to fund a drone flight by Helix to provide some moving images for use during the Inquiry which starts on December 1st.

Subject: EMRS/NIAB for bulletin

EIP Hearings:

I listened in on yesterday and today's hearings.

Yesterday was largely a discussion about whether TMBC performed its duty to cooperate with adjoining authorities, mainly Sevenoaks. Developers said that they had not. TMBC said that they had several meetings with Sevenoaks, who had never been able to confirm whether they did, or did not require assistance, until two months after the submission of TMBC Local Plan.

Today was about whether TMBC had fulfilled its duty under Climate Change legislation, and submitting the correct documentation to the Inspectorate on Jan 23rd, when a number of documents were not included, and had to be submitted later following six weeks consultation. Developers said the documents should have been all delivered together. TMBC said it was perfectly normal for additional documents to be submitted in response to the comments sent in during the consultation on Reg 19 Draft.

This discussion touched on the extended Green Belt. Developers said that, since the detailed GB document was not submitted until after the Jan 23rd deadline, it cannot have informed the choice of sites (the LP Spatial Strategy) They said TMBC should have considered alternatives to the policy of extending the Green Belt because they were having problems delivering their housing requirement. TMBC said they did consider alternatives but did not change their minds they referred to public support in favour of the extension.

CONFUSED ABOUT COVID? THESE ARE THE RULES FOR ROUND HERE:

Meeting friends and family

You can meet in a group of up to six people from multiple households.

This includes children and applies indoors and outdoors, including private homes.

There are exceptions, for example if your household or support bubble is larger than six.

You could be fined for breaking these rules.

Going to work:

You should work at home wherever possible.

If you cannot do this, you can return to your workplace but your employer must make arrangements for you to work safely.

Schools and nurseries:

Primary and secondary schools are open.
 Nurseries and early years providers, including childminding, are open.
 Schools are responsible for making the decision about whether to close if CV19 cases occur, and they will advise parents of the position.
 51 schools in Kent are currently partially or fully closed.

Leisure time:

Pubs, bars and restaurants must close at 22:00 BST.
 They are restricted to table service only.
 Face coverings must be worn, except when seated to eat or drink.
 They should display the QR code to connect customers to the Track and Trace system, or take names and contact details of customers.

Shopping

Essential and non-essential shops, garden centres, outdoor markets, car showrooms, hairdressers and beauty salons are open.
 Face coverings must be worn

Other:

Face coverings are advised where social distancing is not possible. They must be worn on public transport, in shops and supermarkets and in other indoor settings such as museums, cinemas, galleries and places of worship. People should remain 2m apart, where possible, or keep 1m apart and take steps to limit transmission.

ROAD CLOSURES:

Dartford, Dartford Tunnel: Overnight tunnel closures from 5th-12th October (22:00-05:00) for Highways England maintenance works: <http://moorl.uk/?1csjmvw>
 <<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fmoorl.uk%2F%3F1csjmvw&data=02%7C01%7CTrudy.Dean%40kent.gov.uk%7C7ce36a1116ce45bddd86a860a52%7C3253a20dc7354bfea8b73e6ab37f5f90%7C0%7C0%7C637376471332210466&sd ata=GgmoDkdJmS8IYJO89gaUpLB57Kks07zvM8cTOMtksFw%3D&reserved=0>>

Aylesford, A229 Bluebell Hill: Closed from 13th October for 13 weekday nights to allow for resurfacing works from Lordlees Roundabout to the Medway boarder. @KentHighways : <http://moorl.uk/?198cupb>
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Maidstone, A20 London Road, Tonbridge Road & The Broadway: Closed over night from 6th-22nd October, 22:00-05:00 (excluding weekends) This is to allow for resurfacing works by @KentHighways : <http://moorl.uk/?10jttvn>
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Tonbridge, A227 High Street (Northbound): Road closure from 14th June for 14 weeks between Bordyke & Portman Park for SGN gas main replacement works: <http://moorl.uk/?11vfr0e>
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<p>There being no other business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.14</p> <p>Signed..... Dated.....</p>			

West Malling Parish Council			
Accounts for Payment 5th October 2020			cheques to be drawn
Authorised under Section 137			
Music @ Malling (cheque 2224) (donation towards 2020 event)			£ 1,000.00
Mr David Cooper (cheque 2225) (Reimbursement for WMPC remembrance wreath)			£ 20.00
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Castle Water (cheque 2226) (invoice for period 1/7/20 - 31/12/20 - allotment & Macey's water usage)	VAT	24.05 4.81	£ 28.86
Kent County Council (Laser) (cheque 2227) (electricity supply for August)	VAT	453.14 89.47	£542.61
Nurture Landscapes Ltd (single cheque 2228) (invoice 60002258 - August maintenance Churchyard and playing field)	VAT	387.50 77.50	£465.00
Nurture Landscapes (invoice 60002723 September maintenance for Churchyard, playing field, village green & strimming of 6 sites)	VAT	543.3 108.66	£651.96
Four Seasons Gardens Ltd (cheque 2229) (invoice 3714 - weedkill & cover plot 1B)	VAT	92.25 18.45	£110.70
Day Tree Fellers (cheque 2230) (invoice 1658 - Churchyard work to trees T10,T26,T34 & T47)	VAT	441.67 88.33	530.00
Roth Creative (single cheque 2231) (invoice 3410 - Covid 19 - ID badges - layout & production)	VAT	200.00 40.00	240.00
(invoice 3411 - layout & supply of coronavirus artwork for play area)		40.00 8.00	£ 48.00
Streetlights (cheque 2232) (invoice 11593 - Column 82, replacement photocell & relay)	VAT	97.75 19.55	£ 117.30
October Salaries			
Mrs Claire Christmas - authorisation to pay via Faster Payments (Clerk - net salary for September £1539.49 + reimbursement for fax £1.20, sundries £10.00) +			£1,559.69
Authorised under Section 137			
(reimbursement for war memorial plants for remembrance day £9.00)			
Mrs Sarah Howard authorisation to pay via Faster Payments (Ass Clerk - net salary for October)			£386.28
HMRC - authorisation to pay via Faster Payments (Deductions from salaries - October)			£576.61
Nest - authorisation to pay pension contributions by Direct Debit for October			
Employer's contributions			£ 57.94
Employee's contributions			£ 77.25
		TOTAL	£ 6,412.20

