

WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mrs T Dean (Chairman)
Mrs L Javens
Mrs C Lane
Ms H Marlor
Mrs Y Smyth
Mr P Stevens

Mr F Carroll (from 7.45pm)

Also in attendance:
Mr B Tyson
Mr J Collins

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response																																							
15/394	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> were received from Mr Bullard, Mr Galloway, Mr Harriott and Mr Selkirk; apologies also received from Borough Cllr Mrs Luck and PCSO Harrison.																																										
15/395	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> None other than those routinely declared.																																										
15/396	<u>MINUTES</u> of the meeting held on 6 July 2015 were approved and signed																																										
15/	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda																																										
397.1	(15/299.2) Pilot Local Warden Support Officer Scheme – it was noted that WMPC had not been chosen to take part in the pilot scheme; those applicants who were successful were:																																										
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15/	<u>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>			
	Mrs Dean tabled her KCC report (see Appendix 1) as this covered various issues as part of Chairman's Announcements.			
398.1	Mrs Dean made particular reference to T&MBC's Call for Sites and explained that these were sites where developers had expressed an interest for residential development. The map was available on the T&MBC website.			
	[7.45pm Mr Carroll joined the meeting]			
	Mrs Dean suggested that WMPC write to the MPs Mr Tom Tugenhat and Miss Tracey Crouch. Clerk to action.	Clerk		
398.2	Mrs Dean reported that WMPC had been asked by the Parochial Church Council to arrange a date to discuss the plans for the development of the Church Centre; it was intended to involve residents in the discussion. Mrs Dean suggested a joint public exhibition to discuss the Church Centre and the Parking Review (minute 15/304.1 <i>et. al.</i> refer).			
398.3	Fancy Goat: Mrs Dean reported that there was likely to be an appeal against the conditions; residents were encouraged to continue to log any incidents.			
398.4	The Twitch Inn, Service Charges – Mrs Dean reported that she was continuing to liaise with Beechcroft regarding the service charges; Beechcroft had accepted that some of the e-mails from Ethical Leasehold Management were "inappropriate" . The ownership would be transferring to the residents. A further response was awaited.			
398.5	Mrs Dean explained that the WMPC office staff needed to concentrate on committee budgets so urged members not to expect staff to be involved in non-essential meetings.			
398.6	Rail Services Kings Hill Parish Council was seeking comments on the rail services. Members present at this meeting were not aware of any major problems but possibly these might be encountered on other lines. It was agreed that a response to KHPC be deferred until Mr Selkirk was available to formulate a response.	RS/ Clerk		
398.7	Highways Seminar Parish Councils were invited to nominate one representative to attend the Seminar on 29 October 2015, 9am-1pm @ Ditton. The Clerk was to book one place for WMPC, although it was not clear at this stage who would represent WMPC. Suggestion of agenda items was also invited: members suggested: ❖ Operation Stack – is a strategy being formulated ? ❖ Control of KCC over utility companies ❖ Road Closure Orders	Clerk	✓	
	[subsequent to the meeting Mr Bullard indicated that he would be able to attend the seminar; Clerk to book a place for him]	Clerk	✓	
15/	<u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS</u>			
399.1	T&MBC Parish Partnership Panel Meeting – Ms Marlor reported that the deadline for submission of suggestions had been extended to 25 September 2015; see also minute 15/419.9 below.			
399.2	Mr Bernard Tyson – this would be the last attendance of Mr Tyson at a WMPC meeting as he and his wife would be moving house to Pembury shortly. Mrs Dean wished to place on record a vote of thanks from all members (and Clerk) for Mr Tyson's dedication to the community over the years and she wished him and his family well in their new home.			

15/	<u>POLICING & RELATED MATTERS</u>			
400.1	Policing Report PCSO Harrison's report is appended to these minutes (Appendix 2) Mr Carroll commented that he felt that police sirens were often used even when the road was clear and this caused a nuisance to residents.			
400.2	Anti-Social Behaviour Training Ms Marlor's report from her attendance at the training day on 17 July 2015 is appended to these minutes (Appendix 3) Ms Marlor suggested that WMPC send an update which Ms Marlor would prepare; Ms Marlor also suggested an agenda item for the KALC meeting.	HM		
400.3	"The Fancy Goat" 40 High Street – notification had been received from T&MBC that a Premises Licence had been granted with conditions. Mrs Dean reported that there was likely to be an appeal against the conditions.			
400.4	Cold Calling Control Zone – members were pleased to note that a CCCZ had been set up at Nevill Court. Mrs Dean and the Clerk had already e-mailed the organiser Ms Linda Sinclair to thank her, but the Clerk was asked to e-mail Ms Sinclair and thank her on behalf of all the members.	Clerk	✓	
15/401	<u>CHURCH CENTRE</u> (see minute 15/398.2 above) The Clerk was to respond to Miss Isobel Macdonald that the members of WMPC agreed in principle to such a meeting but suitable dates were awaited for the Parking Review exhibition.	Clerk	✓	
15/402	<u>THE GREAT BRITISH HIGH STREET OF THE YEAR</u> It was noted that it had been agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would meet Mr Jeremy Whittaker, T&MBC Economic Regeneration Officer on Wednesday 16 September, 4pm to discuss this award scheme..			
15/403	<u>MEETING WITH KENT RESILIENCE TEAM</u> Of the dates suggested by Mr Rob Wiles, Senior Resilience Officer, members' first preference was Thursday 8 October 2015; if that proved not to be possible then Wednesday 14 October 2015 or Thursday 15 October 2015. Meeting to start at 7.30pm. Members who had expressed an interest: Mrs Dean; Mrs Javens; Mrs Lane, Ms Marlor and Mr Selkirk. : Clerk to reply to Mr Wiles and then book the Village Hall Committee Room once the date had been agreed..	Clerk		
15/404	<u>WEST MALLING PARISH PLAN</u> The Clerk was to re-circulate the draft to members and ask for comments to be sent to Mr Harriott. Mrs Dean agreed to circulate some possible dates for a meeting – possibly a Tuesday or Friday evening in October.	Clerk/SH		
15/405	<u>PARKING REVIEW</u> Mrs Dean reported that the next meeting of the Parking Review Steering Group would be 11 October 2015.			

15/ 406	<p><u>ROUNDAABOUT, SEVEN MILE LANE</u></p> <p>Mr Carroll had provided some photographs of the existing layout and his suggested as to amendments. (this had been discussed at the meeting of WMPC's Highways, etc Committee on 17 August 2015 minute 15/383.1 refers)</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to send these to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Platt Parish Council ❖ Addington Parish Council ❖ Mr Roger Wilkin @ Kent Highways. 	Clerk		
15/ 407	<p><u>NEW REGULATIONS FOR MAKING BYE LAWS</u></p> <p>Mrs Dean made available the following information from KCC's Director of Governance & Law:</p> <p>“New regulations provide an alternative procedure for making byelaws</p> <p>The Byelaws (Alternative Procedure) (England) Regulations 2015 have been published by DCLG. They were approved by Parliament in accordance with section 236A(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and are due to come into force on 1 October 2015.</p> <p>Under section 236 of LGA 1972, byelaws need to be confirmed by the Secretary of State before they enter into force. The regulations establish the types of byelaws to which section 236 will not apply and provide an alternative procedure for the making, entering into force and revocation of such byelaws. The alternative procedure requires local authorities, prior to making a byelaw, to undertake a ‘deregulatory assessment’, including consulting those affected by or likely to be affected by the byelaw. The deregulatory assessment must then be submitted, together with the draft byelaw, to the Secretary of State for leave to proceed. If leave is granted, the local authority can then proceed to make the byelaw, but will require approval from the community, rather than the Secretary of State.</p> <p>The distinguishing feature of the alternative procedure provided by the new regulations is to enable local authorities to resolve any objections and enter into force byelaws locally, by removing the need for central government confirmation.</p> <p>Geoff Wild Director of Governance & Law”</p>			
	The Clerk was to check the office files for a copy of the existing byelaws for WM.	Clerk	✓	
	The Clerk was to place an item on the agenda for the next meeting of the F&GP Committee.	Clerk	✓	
15/ 408	<p><u>SIGNAGE AND NOTICEBOARDS</u> (minute 15/300.4 refers)</p> <p>Members were aware that the Chamber of Commerce at present did not have a Chairman; once a Chairman had been appointed it was hoped to arrange a site meeting.</p>			
15/ 409	<p><u>LOCALISM ACT, ASSETS REGISTER</u></p> <p>A list of appropriate assets had already been drawn up and advice sought from T&MBC (Mr Mark Raymond). Rotary House had already been nominated by Age Concern and accepted by T&MBC.</p> <p>Mr Selkirk had drawn up an amended list for consideration by members.</p> <p>Members were not sure if it were appropriate to include assets owned by the Parish Council itself.</p> <p>Further suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clout Institute 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banky Meadow as it was used for community activities • Post Office • Green area opposite Startled Saint where village sign was located • Malling Town Club as it was used for community activities. • Remove WM rail station 			
	Clerk to make these amendments and submit amended list to T&MBC (see Appendix 4).	Clerk	✓	
15/	<u>EVENTS IN WEST MALLING</u>			
410.1	<p>Remembrance Sunday Mrs Dean reported that she and the Clerk had a meeting arranged with Rev Green and Mr David Cooper for 15 September 2015 to discuss the arrangements. Stewards would be needed for the event on Sunday 8 November 2015.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk ask Mr Alan West if he would lay the wreath on behalf of WMPC as in previous years. [* Mr West agreed] Mrs Lane offered to lay the wreath if Mr West were not able to do so.</p>	Clerk	✓	*
410.2	<p>Queen's 90th birthday/WM CEP School's 60th anniversary Mrs Dean had suggested to the school Head that celebration of the two events be combined. Mrs Dean would continue these discussions.</p> <p>Mrs Dean reminded the meeting that the Police would no longer "police" events such as celebratory street parties, even if they were paid.</p>	TD		
15/ 411	<p><u>PILSDON AT MALLING</u> An invitation had been received to attend a celebration event on Saturday 19 September 2015 to meet the new Guardian. Mrs Smyth would attend, as would the Clerk.</p>	YS/ Clerk	✓	
15/ 412	<p><u>MALLING SCOUT DISTRICT ANNUAL OSCARS NIGHT/DISTRICT AGM</u> An invitation had been received to attend event on 19 September 2015, 6pm @ Holmesdale Technology College.</p> <p>No-one was available to represent WMPC. Clerk to decline the invitation with apologies.</p>	Clerk	✓	
15/ 413	<p><u>TREE WARDENS</u> Members were sorry to learn that Mr Doyle had resigned as a Tree Warden. Applications for a replacement would be welcomed.</p>			
15/ 414.1	<p><u>DONATIONS</u> Members accepted the recommendations from the F&GP Committee in respect of the following donations: Music @ Malling Donation of £1,000 (one thousand pounds) with the following caveats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there was a lack of notes to the accounts • the format of Income & Expenditure did not accord with charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) • members would expect compliance in future <p>If for any reason the event were not to take place then members would expect the donation to be refunded to WMPC</p>	Clerk	✓	
414.2	<p>Victim Support Donation of £150</p>	Clerk	✓	

15/ 415	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT totalling £15,115.20 were approved. This total included donations totalling £1,150 authorised under Section 137. It was noted that payments totalling £4,923.59 had been approved at quorate meetings since the previous Full Council meeting.			
15/ 416	FINANCIAL STATEMENT The Bank reconciliation as at 19 August 2015 was received.			
15/ 417	FUNDING INFORMATION Receipt was noted of "Inside Track" issue 229 from KCC. The Clerk circulated this to all members.			
15/ 418	STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RELATED MATTERS It was noted that the Working Group (Mr Stevens, Ms Marlor and Mr Selkirk, with the Clerk) had met on 27 August 2015 and would meet again on Thursday 1 st October 2015. The Clerk raised the matter of the contract of employment for the Assistant Clerk. It was agreed that this be considered at the meeting of the F&GP Committee on 30 September 2015. Clerk to note.	Clerk	✓	
15/	MATTERS FOR REPORT			
419.1	Amenities Committee – the draft minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2015 were received. (15/367) Ball Park, Benches – the Assistant Clerk had obtained a quote in the sum of £235 for removal of both benches; it was agreed in view of the potential hazard that this quote be accepted as a matter of urgency. Assistant Clerk to action. [subsequently this instruction was rescinded]		✓	
419.2	Highways, Transportation & Streetlighting Committee – the draft minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2015 were received. Mrs Smyth reported that the streetlight in Swan Street had been removed from outside 55 Swan Street and relocated to outside the Abbey Gates but was no longer in lighting. Clerk to report to Kent Highways.	Clerk		
419.3	Planning Committee – the draft minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 2015 were received (and for information the approved minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on 21 July 2015)			
419.4	Macey's Meadow Advisory Committee – the draft minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2015 were received.			
419.5	Rotary House – a report had been received from Age Concern Malling's CEO Ms Penny Nicholls (see Appendix 5)			
419.6	Village Hall Management Committee – it was noted that their next meeting would be on Wednesday 25 November 2015, 8pm			
419.7	Christmas Lights Committee – it was noted that the switching-on event would be on Sunday 29 November 2015			
419.8	Chamber of Commerce – as yet the Chamber had not appointed a new Chairman			
419.9	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council – it was noted that comments had been submitted to T&MBC concerning the Parish Partnership Panel meetings indicating that WMPC did not suggest any significant changes to the current arrangements Receipt was noted of the agenda for the PPP meeting to be held on 10 September. WMPC had not been invited to suggest any agenda items.			

<p>419 .10</p>	<p>KALC/NALC/ACRK – receipt was noted of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KALC “Parish News” July 2015 and August 2015 (the Clerk had circulated these to all members) • details of KALC Finance Conference to be held on Thursday 22 October 2015 at a cost of £60 + VAT (topics include Allotment Management, Licensing & Crime Updates) <p>It was agreed that WMPC would fund the cost of the Clerk attending this Conference. Clerk to book.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>	<p>✓</p>	
<p>15/ 420</p>	<p><u>MEETING DATES</u></p> <p>The following dates were agreed/noted:</p> <p>Amenities Committee – Monday 14 September 2015 (concentrating on Allotments) Planning Committee – Tuesday 15 September 2015 Macey’s Meadow Advisory Committee – Wednesday 16 September 2015 Finance & General Purposes Committee – Mrs Dean to circulate dates [subsequently agreed for 30 September 2015] Highways, Transportation & Streetlighting Committee – Monday 19 October 2015 @ Clout [Ms Marlor tendered her apologies for this meeting]</p> <p>Next Full Council – Monday 5 October 2015</p>			
<p>15/ 421</p>	<p><u>REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p>The report from Borough Cllr Mrs Luck is appended to these minutes (Appendix 6)</p>			
<p>15/ 422</p>	<p><u>REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR</u></p> <p>Mrs Dean’s KCC report had been taken earlier in the meeting (minute 15/398.1 refers) and is appended to these minutes (Appendix 1)</p>			
<p>15/ 423</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> was received as detailed on the separate sheet</p>			
	<p>There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 10.10pm</p> <p>Signed.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>			

APPENDIX 1 Report from Cnty Cllr Mrs Dean

Councillors Report September 2015-09-07

1. Areas of Search TMBC Local Development Framework.

The areas suggested by developers as suitable for residential development have been published on the Borough Council website. (Go to TMBC, then Planning, then call for sites, then scroll down to map and enlarge.)

They include

almost all land south of A20 London Rd from Brickfields east to Town Hill, Banky Meadows, part of Forty Acre Field which is the land between the bypass and Winterfield Lane. Land opposite the Village

Hall, Appledene, land between Fartherwell Road and its junction with Sandy Lane washing across to the Village Hall and around Fartherwell Avenue and Ewell Avenue to Offham Road.

The Strawberry field to the south of Churchfields up to Manor Farm, parts of Manor Farm through to St Leonards Street and St Leonards Tower.

Eden Farm and land in Lavenders Rd and Lucks Hill which were the subject of recent planning applications.

East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council have written to Tracey Crouch MP expressing their concern that the green space between East and West Malling may be 'watered down'.

2. The Joint Parish/Borough Parking Steering Group is programmed to take place on November 11th to review the conclusion of the consultation exercise. I have written twice to Andy Bracey asking for a meeting prior to consultation in order that all local members can see the paperwork which will be issued, and discuss arrangements for the exhibition. I have so far had a reply only indicating that this would be difficult to fit in to the timetable of meetings.

3.. Licences

a. The Fancy Goat is understood to be considering appealing against their Licence restrictions.

b. I have received complaints about activities at The Lobster Pot, particularly late night noise and referred this to Anthony Garnett at the Borough Council.

4. Compensation for closure

I have sent details of the utility company compensation schemes to those businesses who may have lost trade. It is unusual for the utility companies to pay out, but we were assured by SGN that they do make payments.

5. Flooding in St Leonards Street.

The expansion in **the pipework under St Leonards Street** to increase the flow into the Country Park is programmed to take place on September 21st. It was delayed whilst the closure for the gas works were in place

.6. Parking Problems at W Malling Co E Primary School

I am meeting with the Head Teacher at the Primary School tomorrow to discuss our concerns about parking and anti social behaviour during the summer.

7. Street Lighting restoration of all night lighting and conversion contract.

I am meeting with the Head of Highways tomorrow to discuss the position with regard to KCC Street Lighting conversion to LED and the process to restore all night lighting where requested.

KCC is to contact all Parish Councils for details of the street lighting columns, and it has been confirmed that KCC will allow Parish Councils to join their contract for conversion to LED. It is not clear whether that involves also being part of the central management system.

Restoration of all night lighting has been confined to a very small number of requests mainly where the original criteria were wrongly applied. This process has been augmented by two new criteria to include dark alleyways, or paths where there is a concern for pedestrian safety, such as where steps exist. Any requests coming from the Police will also be accepted.

In West Malling I have had requests for restoration of all night lighting from residents in Sandown Road, and Meadow Bank. If there are any other areas where there are concerns, please let me know.

8.. Devolution of powers to local government.

KCC has not indicated by the Government deadline any wish to apply for devolved powers. This is surprising as all parties backed this in a motion earlier this year.

9. . Rocks Road Closure

Rocks Rd East Malling will be closed for up to 12 days for water maintenance work.

10 .High Street East Malling Closure for Gas Main works

SGN have requested a four week over run on their five week contract through East Malling, citing problems with the weather and the presence of unexpected amounts of ragstone. Since this work should ideally take place in school holidays, it may be subject to lengthy delays.

APPENDIX 2

Parish council

West Malling Council, monthly update for AUGUST 2015

Crimes of note

Arson

- A caravan parked in the caravan park on windmill lane south was set on fire deliberately.
- Enquiries are on- going

Burglary

- A number of Garden sheds have been broken into and Lawnmowers taken in St Leonards street
- /Broadwater Road.
- Enquiries are on-going

Burglary

- Two outbuildings in Swan st were broken into, some Riding equipment and a number of power -
- tools were taken whilst the owners were away on holiday.
- Enquiries are on-going

Burglary

- A newsagent in the High st was broken into in the early hours of the morning and a load of -----
- Tabaco and cigarettes were taken, suspects caught on CCTV.
- Enquiries are on-going

Robbery

- In the High st a person was knocked off his Bicycle in the early hours of the morning and had his
- wallet stolen.
- No lines of Enquiry

Criminal Damage

- West Malling Village Hall was reported to be vandalised , the Grill to the boiler room damaged ---
- and the Gate lock clogged up with glue ,some tree branches were also found thrown on to the --
- roof .
- NO lines of Enquiry.

- However a group of Youths were seen in the area further down the road, at the time of the -----
- damage, and one of these youths was given a section 59 by police for riding his motorbike -----
- restlessly.

*A sec 59 is a written warning for riding any Bike carelessly or recklessly, and will be seized if ----
-they offend -again.

Criminal Damage

-A house on Fartherwell avenue had their front gate to the house broken down.

-A offender was caught and charged and ordered to pay compensation

Criminal Damage

-A car parked on Norman Road had both wing mirrors broken off by persons unknown over night

-No lines of Enquiry

Criminal Damage

-On Offham Road a car that was parked outside the owner's house had a brick thrown at it; this - caused a dent to the bonnet.

-No lines of Enquiry

Criminal Damage

-A public house on the High St had the hanging baskets and a sign ripped down by persons ----- unknown overnight.

-No lines of Enquiry

Criminal Damage/Theft

-Norman Road outside the Ball Park on the recreation ground park bench damaged and Man hole cover taken.

-No lines of Enquiry

Criminal Damage/Theft

-Norman Road Cricket club , unknown persons Damaged a number of Doors and an electrical ----- plug and stole Cricket practice Nets .

-Enquiries on-going.

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note

Anti- social behaviour is on the increase in west Malling , but in the majority of cases it is in and around the Norman Road area, and the reason for this is that, youths from other areas are meeting up with local youths and hanging around the area, especially now during school summer break. Moped riders have been given Section 59's, some youths have been charged with criminal damage and others have been given verbal warnings and taken home by Police.

Data act does not allow details to be given.

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Updates of previous reported issues

Norman Road A WW2 German incendiary Bomb was found in a garden shed, it was made safe by Army Bomb disposal.
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Crimes of a serious nature may not be disclosed as it may effect an investigation

APPENDIX 3

ASB REPORT FROM MS Marlor – 17 July 2015

Provided by [RedSnapper Group](#) training, this was a comprehensive look at the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 and was based on [Home Office guidance](#). This guidance is easy to read and (surprisingly for a Home Office document!!) informative! Although it has to be stressed that the guiding premise behind this legislation was to allow local authorities to formulate the finer details themselves; the theory being that this would make the legislation more adaptable to the individual situation and thus, easier and simpler to use. This Act is certainly less prescriptive than previous attempts but this means that until local authorities have case law from testing their actions in the courts, many are loathe to take action and risk (financial) penalty if they get it wrong! As a Parish Council we would take action through the Borough Council and the Community Safety Partnership.

Summary

- Community trigger: gives communities the right to request a review of their case and prompt “joined-up” approach from the community safety partnership agencies;
 - Community remedy: gives victims a say in the out of court punishment;
 - Civil injunction: replaces the ASBO;
 - Dispersal power: can be used to remove a person from a specific area for up to 48 hours without previous designation as a dispersal zone;
 - Community protection notice: used to stop a person or business committing ASB;
 - Public spaces protection order: what it says!
 - Closure power: for premises or properties that are causing ASB/nuisance (the old “crack house” power).
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APPENDIX 4

LOCALISM ASSETS REGISTER – SEE SEPARATE APPENDIX

APPENDIX 5

Age Concern Malling Report to West Malling Parish Council

Through our services at Age Concern Malling we continue to ensure that isolated and infirm older people can be independent and are able to continue to live in their own homes. Information and Advice is an essential service enabling clients to access services and resources to maintain that independence. Dedicated Dementia Day Care services are offered at Rotary House, West Malling and Day Care in East Malling, Addington West Malling and Walderslade. A total of 520 Day Care Sessions were held over the period 2014/15, providing 10,396 individual Day Care opportunities. The Day Care service offers clients the opportunity to socialise, make friends and engage in numerous activities including seated exercise classes, quizzes and entertainment. Foot care, hairdressing and bathing services are available at Rotary House. Over the course of the year there were many opportunities to go on outings.

Many of the clients utilising Age Concern Services would not be able to attend without assisted transport. As such transport is an essential component of service provision. The transport service is a life line in reducing isolation and maintaining independent living. The Age Concern Services aim to reduce emergency admissions to hospital and delay the need for residential care provision. The majority of the transport trips include escorts to ensure the safety and well-being of the clients, many of whom require assistance in moving from their accommodation to the transport. The Transport is not only moving an individual from point A to B, it is the experience itself, being in the company of others and enjoying the journey and the surroundings. Such journeys stimulate conversation and reminisces.

For the relatives and carers of many of our clients, utilising the services at Age Concern Malling, gives vital respite from caring duties and the opportunity of personal time.

In the current climate of fiscal restraint, Age Concern Malling is determined to continue to provide vital services to older people. We also hope to extend the Dementia Day Care to weekends in order to provide much needed support.

Penny Nicholls
Chief Executive
Age Concern Malling

APPENDIX 6

West Malling Parish Council 7 th September 2015

Councillor's Report

Appledene Farm planning application has been refused.

The Fancy Goat premises licence, the licence is now till midnight, would have been better if it was 11pm, but that was not to be!, doors and windows to the rear courtyard closed at 8pm, no bottle bins be emptied between 9pm and 8 am, tables and chairs removed from outside the front of the premises before 10pm, 2 door supervisors employed Friday and Saturday and CCTV . It was a great help the diary that was kept by one of the residents of King Street, it squashed one of their proposals, I advised that they still carried on keeping a diary as it is a great tool if there are any problems.

Christmas Lights, spoken to Jane ex Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, road closures are in place and all the rides etc are booked.

Norman Road closed for 5 days outside no 75

Localism Act, Register of Assets, many of the parcels on land in West Malling, Norman Road and Fatherwell Road are not suitable for large development, because of the road structure