

WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2019, 7.30 PM
AT WEST MALLING VILLAGE HALL, WEST MALLING

Present: Mr Peter Stevens (Chairman)
Ms Gwyneth Barkham
Mr Keith Bullard
Mr Richard Byatt
Mrs Linda Javens
Ms Camilla Medhurst
Mrs Yvonne Smyth
Mr Nick Stapleton
Mr David Thompson

Also present: PCSO James Robinson

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
19/129	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs Trudy Dean, Ms Min Stacpoole Borough Councillor Luck and Borough Councillor Luker			
19/130	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none			
19/131	MINUTES – the minutes of the meeting held on 4 th February 2019 were approved and signed.			
19/132	MATTERS ARISING from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda (19/75) –Mr Byatt has sent photos of the pink tarmac to Mrs Dean . (19/76.1) – Mr Bullard reported that he had been unable to update the crime figures as the website has not been updated.			
19/133	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – in her absence, Mrs Dean had emailed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Council Elections – nominations will be accepted from 19th March up to 3rd April. Councillors to use the Electoral Commission forms. Mrs Dean congratulated members on their T&MBC Environmental Champions award which recognised the litter picks undertaken by WMPC. Solar panels were to be fitted to the village hall roof during the coming week. Penny Nicholls has left Rotary House and other Age UK bodies are trying to cover services delivered from the centre. Road proposals – the A20 is due for complete relining from Nepicar to Coldharbour. Mrs Dean has a meeting with KCC Highways concerning the A20 junction designs. 			
19/134	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - none			

19/135	<u>QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS – none</u>			
19/136	<u>POLICING MATTERS</u>			
	<p>Policing report/update – members welcomed PCSO James Robinson to the meeting. PCSO Robinson explained that he was new to the area having taken over from PCSO Dylan McGelligott.</p> <p>Points to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCSO Robinson’s area now covers Mereworth, Birling, Ryarsh, Offham as well as West Malling, East Malling & Larkfield. As a result, it is proving difficult to attend parish offices and meetings as much as he would like to. • Following the spate of break-ins just before Christmas, PCSO Robinson was pleased to report that there had been no similar incidents within the month of February. Shed alarms had been distributed to some residents and property marking pens were handed to the Clerk at the meeting. • Members expressed their concern that the parish office was not made aware of the serious incidents of assault that occurred during December. PCSO Robinson explained that they are unable to divulge certain information as there is a concern that this could impact on the progression of the case. Members requested that when the police press officer deems it appropriate to release a press statement that the statement be issued to the parish council as well. PCSO Robinson agreed to raise this with his Inspector. • The Police website would appear to have not been updated for a number of months despite receiving an email suggesting that new crime figures were available, PCSO Robinson to raise this with his Inspector. 	JR		
136.2	<p><u>Other Policing Matters</u></p> <p>The email dated 28th February from Patrick Thomas of T&M KALC was noted. The email detailed a meeting held with KALC Chairmen, the PCC and Assistant Chief Constable of Kent; the meeting concentrated on the relationship between PCSOs and councils.</p> <p>Points to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish monthly report to be submitted to Clerks. • PCSOs have been urged to make contact with Clerks to encourage a better working relationship. Clerks to also work towards better relations. 			
19/137	<u>LOCAL PLAN</u>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Byatt has been in correspondence with the Programme Officer regarding the timetable for the Examination in Chief and has been advised that it is not possible to give a clear indication on dates until the initial assessment of the Local Plan and representations has been finished. The Programme Officer confirmed that there will be a notice period of at least 2 months. • The Programme Officer confirmed that all Regulation 19 responses must be made available on the website and not just a summary of the responses. 			
19/138	<u>LAVENDERS ROAD/BELLWAY APPLICATION</u>			
138.1	Further to the meeting of 4 th February, the decision to employ the services of Simon Kelly of Richard Buxton Solicitors was ratified. Letter sent to T&MBC on 18 th February 2019.			
138.2	It is expected that the application will be considered at the T&MBC Area 2 Planning Committee on April 10 th . There is the possibility that the delay may be partly due to the Stirling Bomber crash of 1942; enquiries are being made as to the location of the exact site of the crash.			
19/139	<u>NEWQUAY PROPOSAL FOR PARKING ENFORCEMENT</u>			
	Newquay Town Council is preparing to submit a proposal under the Sustainable			

	<p>Communities Act in relation to allowing local councils the power to enforce civil parking regulations. This is supported by NALC who have requested that councils complete a survey so as to understand the extent parking enforcement issues.</p> <p>It was noted that Cornwall is a unitary authority in which the County Council manage all of the parking enforcement across the county; we already have devolved powers as enforcement is undertaken at borough level and therefore our situation differs. However, West Malling does have issues with parking enforcement and it was therefore agreed that WMPC would respond to the survey.</p> <p>Mr Stapleton agreed to draft a response.</p>	NS	✓	
19/140	<u>LONDON GREEN BELT COUNCIL</u>			
	<p>Members were asked to consider membership of the London Green Belt Council. It was agreed to defer the decision to the March planning committee so as to research the organisation in more detail.</p> <p>Clerk to note the agenda.</p>	Clerk	✓	
19/141	<u>PARISHES IN BLOOM</u>			
	It was agreed not to enter the 2019 Parishes in Bloom competition.			
19/142	<u>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</u>			
	<p>It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be a paper exercise on Monday 13th May. It is hoped to arrange a separate public meeting with T&MBC Waste Services to discuss the new waste services contract and arrangements.</p> <p>Clerk to speak with Pilsdon, the Baptist Church and St Augustine's to find a suitable meeting place.</p>			
19/ 143	<u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u>			
143.1	<p>Accounts for payment - totalling £6174.19 were approved - see attached.</p> <p>The increase in the insurance premium was noted, from £1586 to £2060.91; this increase is primarily due to the additional Macey's Meadow equipment.</p>			
143.2	Following a verbal agreement from Mr Stevens, payment for the office Microsoft licence was ratified and reimbursement to Clerk on receipt of invoice.			
143.3	Financial Statement – bank reconciliation as of 23 rd February was received – see attached			
143.4	Inside Track issue 257 – receipt was noted			
19/ 144	<u>MATTERS FOR REPORT</u>			
144.1	<p>Amenities Committee – receipt was noted, of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2019.</p> <p>There were no questions</p>			
144.2	<p>Highways, Transportation & Streetlighting Committee – receipt was noted, of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2019.</p> <p>104.1 – details of the Phase 5 works were finalised.</p> <p>19/111 – it was noted that the uneven pavement in Swan Street caused by tree roots had now been corrected.</p>			
144.3	<p>Planning Committee – verbal report was noted of the meeting held on 26th February 2019.</p> <p>The following was noted:</p>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 6, Phase 5 Kings Hill applications considered by the committee. • The committee supported 4 of the applications but expressed concerns regarding infrastructure. • The committee objected to 2 applications: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Site 5.4 North of 51 Amber Lane Kings Hill. The committee commented as follows - <i>It is an unacceptable development in the countryside, contrary to current policy (CP14); it is on land designated Green Belt in the new TMBC Local Plan now submitted; and would result in the loss of local open space.</i> 2. 5.5 Heath Farm, Wateringbury Rd East Malling. The committee commented as follows - <i>It would be contrary to policy CP14 of the current Development Plan covering development in the countryside. It is on land designated Green Belt in the new TMBC Local Plan It is not a sustainable location - being disconnected from facilities at Kings Hill. It would introduce additional traffic onto narrow roads through East and West Malling</i> 			
144.4	Malling Action Partnership – it was noted that there were enquiries being made into the licensing of the Turner artwork..			
144.5	Rotary House – no report			
144.6	School Governors – no report			
144.7	Malling Society – the next committee date of 22 nd March was noted.			
144.8	Chamber of Commerce / Christmas Lights Committee – none			
144.9	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council Parish Partnership Panel meeting – draft minutes of the meeting held on 7 th February were received and the next meeting date of 13 th June 2019 was noted.			
144.10	KALC/NALC/ACRK KALC T&M – it was noted that the KALC T&M AGM was to take place on the 23 rd May at Ditton Community Centre. Mr Byatt to attend if possible.			
19/145	<u>MEETING DATES</u> Amenities Committee – Monday 11 th March (concentrating on Allotments) F&GP Committee – Monday 18 th March @ The Clout, 9 High Street. Planning Committee – Monday 25 th March Macey’s Meadow Advisory Committee – Wednesday 20 th March			
19/146	<u>REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR</u> - see below Police Station Road Closed for 2 nights. King Street Resident of King Street has complained about it being difficult to park near their residence. I have a map of the parking zones for the Town, their zone WM 3. The parking bays are 1hr limited waiting and WM3 permit holders. It was updated February 2019 They can park in West Street, Ryarsh Lane back of the green and in the High Street opposite the green. In the long term car park after 3.30 and weekends. I and asked her to call in. King Street could do with a tweak, there are spaces that can utilised, the road is full of parked cars, many on double yellow lines. I will check with enforcement to see if they do visit King Street. Residents used to park at the back of what is now the Malling Jug, those spaces have now gone. I could not see any parking signs in West Street, will sort it out with Tonbridge & Malling			

	<p>Local Plan The 2 Planning Inspectors appointed are Mr Simon Berkeley, Mr Luke Fleming.</p> <p>Churchfields will be closed for 5 days outside no 12 access will be maintained</p> <p>The new Waste Contract, all vehicles are in place to start the new contract. Urbaser are out there delivering the service, the new improved full service starts 30th September</p> <p>A car mounted the pavement and has damaged the late Mrs Briggs house in the High Street, this happened 10-15 years ago and damaged under the window.</p>			
<p>19/147</p>	<p><u>REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR – none</u></p>			
	<p>There being no other business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.06</p> <p>Signed..... Dated.....</p>			

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Financial Statement to be presented to Full Council 4 March 2019							
<u>Reconciliation</u>							
Balance b/f from 2017/18							£ 91,892.24
<u>plus</u>							
total receipts 1.04.18-31.03.19							£ 144,815.78
<u>less</u>							
total payments 1.04.18-31.03.19							£ 122,865.38
						Total	<u>£ 113,842.64</u>
Deposit account							£ 91,095.71
Current account							£23,180.51
less unrepresented cheques						£433.58	
						<u>£ 22,746.93</u>	
						Total	<u>£ 113,842.64</u>
<u>Unrepresented Cheques</u>				<u>Date Issued</u>			
5498	Kent Asbestos	£	144.00	09/07/2018			
5564	ATC Squadron	£	150.00	21/11/2018			
5576	Elm	£	62.58	10/12/2018			
	DD Nest	£	<u>77.00</u>	18/02/2019			
		£	433.58				