

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TROTTISCLIFFE
ON THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2017 at 7.45pm**

PRESENT:

Mr. Richard Wallis – Chairman (RW), Jenny Dickson (JD), David Gaunt (DG),
David Jones (DJ), David Goodworth (DGG), Trevor Ledamun (TL), John Wickham (JW)
7 members of public

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Louise Goldsmith (Clerk)

134/16 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Sarah Hohler and Borough Councillors Matthew Balfour and Ann Kemp.

135/16 Declarations of interest: There were none.

136/16 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 2 February 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

137/16 Reports

- a) County Councillor - There was no report.
- b) Borough Councillor - There was no report.
 - a) Kent Police -The Chairman reported that that there was criminal damage to a car parked in London Road, Ryarsh on the 12 February and that a car was broken into in Chapel Close, Ryarsh on the 14 February.
- c) KALC Area Committee - There has been no meeting
- d) JPCTCG – There has been no meeting
- e) Parish Partnership Panel - TL reported back from the meeting he attended which was held on the 16 February 2017. The Chief Executive provided an update on key points for the recently approved budget and council tax for 2017/18. The new protocol for Members' Site Inspections was also discussed. Representatives from Southern Water attended the meeting to answer any concerns around maintenance and pollution to rivers. A copy of the minutes are in circulation.
- f) Trosley Liaison Group - There has been no meeting. Members noted that the next meeting is due to be held on the 9 May 2017. Trosley Country Park will be holding a Great British Spring Clean event at the Park on Saturday 4 March. Volunteers will be asked to come and litter-pick the park. Members also noted that from the 1 April 2017 the car parking charges at Trosley Country Park will be increased by 50p on current prices.
- g) Village Hall Committee - It was noted that the next meeting is due to be held on Monday 6 March 2017.
- h) Old Chalks Down Project (OCDP) - there has been no update.
- i) Tennis Club Meeting - RW reported on a meeting held on the . The meeting was attended by

138/16 **Matters arising**

- a) Parish Plan/Emergency Plan - RW reported that the group are looking to hold an event on the 6 May 2017 between 5pm and 8pm for both new residents and existing to discuss how people feel about the village. Hopefully this information will provide some ideas on how to enhance a feeling of community and be useful preparation for both the parish plan and emergency plan. The event will be publicised in The Pilgrims, on the village website and posters around the village.
- b) T&MBC Call for Sites/Development of the Local Plan - there was no update
- c) Village Website - The Clerk and RW will liaise with Borough Councillor Ann Kemp about providing a better link between the village website and other organisations.

139/16 **Finance & Policies**

Statement of payments to be made and income received

Balances as at 1 March 2017

National Savings Account:	£ 1,684.70
Nat West TPC TCC Account:	£23,151.26
Nat West TPC Reserve Account:	£15,781.95
Nat West TPC Current Account	£ 478.67

Receipts:

Nat West TPC Current Account:

£138.00 - Contribution to insurance from Trottiscliffe Tennis Club

Nat West TPC TCC Account:

£889.57 - Reimbursement of electricity bills for 2016/17 from Trottiscliffe Tennis Club

£2,500.00 - Contribution to the sinking fund for 2016/17 from Trottiscliffe Tennis Club

Cheques for signature TPC Current Account:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Expenses - Jan)	000094	£ 81.14
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary- 4 weeks)		
	(02/02/17 - 02/03/17)	000095	£ 159.30
HMRC	(Clerk's Tax)	000096	£ 105.60
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Stationery)	000097	£ 48.33
South East Water	(Allotments water)	000098	£ 46.14
CPRE	(Annual Subscription)	000099	£ 36.00
Four Seasons Gardens Ltd.	(Hedge Cutting)	000100	£ 453.60
Total			£ 930.00

Transfer from TPC Reserve Account to TPC Current Account: £600.00

Cheques for signature TPC TCC Account: There were none

- a) Cheques for signature: The Chairman proposed that the cheques listed above be signed. Agreed.

140/16 Members of public: A member of the public spoke in favour of planning proposal TM/16/00990/FL. Other members of the public spoke giving reasons for their objection to a

proposal for a litter bin in Pinesfield Lane.

141/16 Planning

a) Applications

1] TM/16/00990/FL - Land adjacent to Downsview, 8 Green Lane

Erect a new dwelling house. Revised plans. *Resolved: No objections. Members would like to recommend that the proposed dwelling is flipped to improve how it sits in the local area. Members have noted that the applicant has made a significant reduction to the scale of the building and feel that the materials to be used and overall appearance are in keeping with neighbouring properties.*

2] TM/17/00218/FL - Prunelle, Church Lane, Trottiscliffe, ME19 5EB

Retrospective application in respect of retention of driveway. *Resolved: To object. Members feel that the driveway is situated dangerously at the junction of two roads, too large and seems to serve no purpose. In addition, Members feel that the materials used are not in keeping with the area and that overall it has an adverse impact on the residential amenity of the area.*

b) Decisions from T&MBC

1] TM/16/03728/LDE - Murrayfield, Taylors Lane, Trottiscliffe, ME19 5ES

Lawful Development Certificate: Use of land and buildings as an agricultural contractors yard with ancillary workshop use. *Certified*
8.52pm 1 member of public left the meeting

c) Other planning matters

1] Whitaker Cottage - unauthorised use as separate dwelling. Enforcement are carrying out further investigations to establish whether a retrospective application is necessary.

2] 16/00391/WORKH - Malabar, School Lane, Trottiscliffe - regarding alleged unauthorised work not in accordance with TM/16/01234/FL. Enforcement are investigating.

142/16 Highways, Footways and Footpaths

1] Request for a litter bin in Pinesfield Lane - The Clerk had forwarded all the correspondence received from the consultation on a proposal for a litter bin in Pinesfield Lane to all Members. Members noted that there were 7 letters of objection and 1 letter completely in favour which was from the proposer. RW explained that the Dog Warden in Gravesham had been previously consulted. The Clerk explained some residents had contacted T&MBC for their thoughts on the proposed bin. RW explained that the Parish Council were only at the public consultation stage and that nothing has been agreed with T&MBC. JD stated her disappointment with the attitude of some of the residents when the Parish Council were simply consulting on a proposal. The Clerk has received a Freedom of Information request for the identity of the proposed. Legal advice will be sought on this. Members discussed all of the feedback received and *resolved* to dismiss the proposal for a litter bin in Pinesfield Lane. The situation will be monitored and residents across the village will all be encouraged to keep their own roads and areas clear of litter.

9.04pm 6 members of public left the meeting

2] Reported Faults

i) The Clerk has reported that water off the fields on Addington Lane just outside the village continue to flood the road in wet weather making the road conditions treacherous.

ii) Speedwatch - the Clerk will be meeting with the Kent Police Speedwatch co-ordinator to see if a scheme would be feasible in the village.

iii) Taylors Lane - pothole to be reported

iv) Taylors Lane - regular collection of surface water on road has been reported.

143/16] Open Spaces, Recreation Ground and Allotments

- 1] Remedial work to the playground - The playground gate still needs to be repaired.
- 2] Allotment - no update on the request for a new water tap. DG will start the process of collecting the rents due for 2017/18.
- 3] Fence between the village hall and west car park - DGG is in the process of getting a quote.

143/16] Correspondence

a) For Information

- 1] Area 2 Planning Committee - 12 April 2017
- 2] Joint Transportation Board - 13 March 2017
- 3] Parish Partnership Panel - 15 June 2017
- 4] Standards Committee - 14 June 2017
- 5] KALC Area Committee Meeting - 11 May 2017

b) On Circulation

The following correspondence had been circulated:-

- 1] Parish Partnership Panel - Agenda for meeting held on 16 February 2017
- 2] Area 2 Planning Committee - Agenda for meeting held on 1 March 2017
- 3] The Parish News - February 2017
- 4] JPCTCG - Minutes of meeting held on 23 January 2017
- 5] T&MBC update on Special Expenses and Churchyards
- 6] Clerk & Councils Direct March 2017
- 7] Parish Partnership Panel - Minutes of meeting held on 16 February 2017
- 8] Tonbridge & Malling Community Safety Partnership Newsletter - March/April 2017
- 9] NALC Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2017/18

c) Requiring Attention

1] New online Council Tax billing - Members noted the new T&MBC online billing service for Council Tax.

2] Members site inspections - Members noted that in future no members of the public will be able to attend Members site inspections. One representative from the Parish Council will be able to attend. Members noted the procedures for site inspections.

3] Consultation for Public Space Protection Order in Tonbridge & Malling - the consultation was discussed. Members support the proposals within the consultation and the Clerk was asked to respond on behalf of the Parish Council

4] How to Keep it Local Guide - noted.

144/16 Any Other Business

- 1] MP Thomas Tugendhat has invited local residents to a session due to be held on the 24 March 2017 at 7.30pm in Leybourne Village Hall where representatives from BT and other service providers will be present to discuss any problems with broadband speeds.
- 2] The Clerk will send out the invitations for the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 3] Query is the sign outside The George Inn on the heritage list?
- 4] Request for the Parish Council to donate £200.00 to the proposed community event - agenda item for the next meeting.

145/16 Date of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 6 April 2017 after the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.45pm.

146/16 Any Confidential Matters

There were none

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.21pm

Chairman

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