

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TROTTISCLIFFE
ON THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2018 at 7.45pm**

PRESENT:

Mr. David Jones (DJ) - Chairman, Terry Baker (TB) Jenny Dickson (JD), David Gaunt (DG)
David Goodworth (DGG), Oliver Shaw (OS)

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Councillor Sarah Hohler
Mrs. Louise Goldsmith (Clerk)
1 member of the public

89/18 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Richard Wallis.

90/18 Declarations of interest:

There were none.

91/18 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4 October 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

92/18 Reports

- a) County Councillor - County Councillor Sarah Hohler advised Members that KCC are currently assessing their budget for 2019/20. Paul Carter at KCC has been successful in lobbying for additional funding for pot hole repairs, mental health care and adult social care which has helped significantly with the budget. The planning proposal for a quarry at Ryarsh may be considered by KCC at the next Planning Committee meeting due to be held on the 28 November 2018. Over 3000 people have signed a petition opposing the proposal.
County Councillor Sarah Hohler left the meeting
- b) Borough Councillor - There was no report.
- c) Kent Police -DJ reported that on the 25 October 2018 a van parked in Trottiscliffe Road, Addington was broken into but nothing was stolen. DGG reported that he had recently found Kent Police to be very co-operative and responsive to an ongoing problem of unlawful entry on to his land.
- d) KALC Area Committee - JD attended the meeting held on the 4 October 2018 and reported that most of the discussion was on the Local Plan. Mr Tom Tugendhat attended the meeting and urged Parish Councils to contact him about any issues at an early stage. The agenda pack for the AGM due to be held on the 17 November 2018 has been placed in the correspondence file as nobody is able to attend.
- e) JPCTCG - DG advised that JPCTCG are looking for support for the J5 slips to alleviate congestion on the roads in the borough particularly if the Local Plan is adopted. It was noted that there is a lot of support for the proposed new Lower Thames crossing which again would help alleviate local traffic problems.
- f) Parish Partnership Panel - There has been no meeting.
- g) Trosley Liaison Group - Unfortunately nobody was able to attend the meeting held on the 16 October 2018. The agenda for the meeting has been circulated along with the minutes of the previous meeting.

- h) Village Hall Committee - TB attended a recent meeting and advised that the main topic of discussion was complaints from users of the hall about the lighting in the toilets which is to be addressed.
- i) Tree Warden - There was no report.
- j) Courts Committee Meeting - The Courts Committee has advised the Clerk that works to install a Matchplay 2 carpet should commence in November 2018.

93/18 Matters arising

- a) T&MBC Call for Sites/Development of the Local Plan - DJ and the Clerk attended a workshop organised by KALC on how to respond to the consultation on the Local Plan and had shared this information with Members prior to the meeting. Members resolved to submit a response to the Regulation 19 consultation of support that the Local Plan is compliant with the Duty to Cooperate. Members also resolved to submit a response of support that both the sites at Trosley Farm and in Green Lane, which were put forward as potential sites for development in the 'Call for sites', remain excluded from the Local Plan. The Clerk has placed an article in The Pilgrims encouraging members of the public to respond to the consultation.
- b) Progress with a Community Bid for The Plough Inn - There was no update from the Trosley Heritage Group. The Clerk has now received proof of payment and receipts for the sum of £1,163.60 from the Trosley Heritage Group and it was resolved to make a payment to them for this from the funds received by the Parish Council from the Plunkett Foundation.
- c) General Data Protection Regulation - The Clerk reminded Members to activate their new email accounts. The Clerk will send test emails out once all Members have activated their accounts.
- d) Monthly Check of the Defibrillator - The Clerk has carried out a monthly check and confirmed that the batteries and defibrillator are working.
- e) Armistice Celebrations - Members of the church are organising an event to commemorate the ending of WW1. The event will involve the lighting of the beacon so the Clerk will ensure that a risk assessment is completed by the organisers. It was resolved to make a donation of £50.00 to this event following a request for financial support.
- f) KALC Community Award Scheme 2019 - A decision on who to nominate for this award was deferred to the next meeting.
- g) Ryarsh, Proposed sandpit update - Members noted that the Clerk has placed the recent newsletter from the Ryarsh Protecton Group on the website which includes information on how to sign the petition. It is likely that KCC will be considering the proposal at the next planning committee meeting due to be held on the 28 November 2018.
- h) M20/M26 - Proposed lorry park - Members discussed the recent announcement that the M26 could be used as a lorry park to deal with the possible impact of a 'no-deal' Brexit. It was noted that MP Tom Tudendhat has expressed his disappointment with this proposal and has criticised the Transport Secretary for renegeing on assurances. Members also expressed their disappointment that there has been no consultation on this proposal and feel it could have a more damaging effect on local road networks than Operation Stack.

94/18 Finance & Policies

Statement of payments to be made and income received

National Savings Account:	£ 1,692.64
Nat West TPC TCC Account:	£25,069.52
Nat West TPC Reserve Account:	£25,992.09
Nat West TPC Current Account	£ 235.99
Less cheque 000166	£ 50.00
Less cheque 000222	£ 50.00
	<u>135.99</u>

Receipts: None

Cheques for signature TPC Current Account:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Salary 4 weeks) (04/10/18 - 01/11/18)	000223	£ 140.97
HMRC	(Clerks Tax)	000224	£ 140.96
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Clerks Expenses)	000225	£ 82.88
Alison Prountzos	(Trosley Heritage Group)	000226	£1163.60
Four Seasons Gardens Ltd	(Grounds maintenance)	000227	£ 395.57
A Gillett	(WW1 event donation)	000228	£ 50.00
Total			£1,973.98

Transfer from TPC Reserve Account to TPC Current Account: £1,950.00

Cheques for signature TPC TCC Account:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EDF Customers PLC	Electricity Bill	000013	£268.89

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

95/18 Members of public:

A member of the public expressed their concern that a large outbuilding has recently been erected at Cedar House, Church Lane, Trottiscliffe on arable land which they believe would require planning permission for both the structure and for a change of use of the land.

8.54pm A member of public left the meeting

96/18 Planning

a) Applications:

1] TM/18/02340/LDE - Mount Mead, Ford Lane, Trottiscliffe

Lawful Development Certificate for existing use: Use of buildings and adjacent land for ancillary residential purposes. *Resolved: To object to the granting of a Lawful Development Certificate for the above. The site lies within the Metropolitan Green Belt and Members feel strongly that any application for an extension of the residential curtilage of the property should not be approved. Members do not believe that the buildings in question have been used as part of the residential curtilage for ten years and strongly believe that they should be kept as agricultural outbuildings.*

b) Decisions from T&MBC:

1] TM/18/01278/FL – Darrens Meadow Farm, Green Lane, Trottiscliffe

Change of use of land for the keeping of horses for recreational purposes and the erection of a haybarn and a stable building (comprising 4 stables and 1 tack room). *Approved*

2] TM/18/00357/OA – The Nursery, Taylors Lane, Trottiscliffe

Outline application for a detached bungalow to replace a mobile home. Members noted that the above proposal is to be considered again at the Area 2 Planning Committee due to be held on the 7 November 2018. It was resolved that RW would speak again on behalf of the Parish Council. Only one person can represent the Parish Council and only members of the public who have previously submitted a response are permitted to speak. Members noted that the officer is recommending approval. It was agreed that the presentation from the Parish Council should emphasise that local knowledge informs us that the premises are not being used as a commercial enterprise and therefore this accommodation is not required.

c) Other planning matters

1] Enforcement cases – There was no update.

97/18 Highways, Footways and Footpaths

1] Reported Faults

i) Enquiry 306682 – refurbishment of the white lining and road surface on Taylors Lane/The Street/Addington Lane. Members expressed their disappointment with the quality of the work and feel that the resurfacing has reduced the effectiveness of the humps. The Clerk was asked to report these concerns to KCC and to also complain about the workmen who were both unhelpful and occasionally rude.

ii) 20mph signage – The Clerk was asked to find out if more signage could be placed either on the road or on signs emphasising the speed limit through the village.

iii) Request for a trief kerb – the Clerk was asked to request a trief kerb along Taylors Lane near to the pond where cars are regularly mounting the pavement. The Clerk was asked to find out if County Councillor Sarah Hohler would financially support this request.

iv) Concrete blocks and posts in ditch along Addington Lane – the Clerk to report

2] KCC Highways Parish Seminar – The Clerk will attend the seminar due to be held the next day.

3] Big Conversation Update – Members were pleased to hear that at the Bus Summit held on the 30 October 2018 a pilot feeder service for the village was announced. This feeder service will be a timetabled service and will provide a new link to the Tesco at Lunsford Park offering increased journey opportunities. This pilot service will be funded by developer contributions and is due to commence in June 2019.

4] T&MBC New Waste Contract – Members noted that T&MBC have awarded an eight-year contract for a new recycling, waste collection and street cleansing service to Urbaser Ltd. The new contract will begin in March 2019 and will be phased in over a number of months. The way in which household waste is to be collected is to change significantly and the Clerk will place details on this in The Pilgrims and on the website. Members agreed that it would be beneficial to take up the offer for T&MBC to attend a Parish Council meeting to give a presentation on the changes.

98/18 Open Spaces, Recreation Ground and Allotments

1] Recreation Ground and playground – The Clerk is hoping to meet with Four Seasons later this month to see if they can assist with any of the works outlined in the RoSPA report. OS is in dialogue with the Outdoor Gym Company about installing adult outside gym equipment on the recreation ground and will present some costs and ideas at the next meeting.

Members expressed their disappointment with both the tone and content of correspondence received from the PTA for Trottiscliffe School in response to the Clerk's request for them to not charge an entry fee for future events. The Clerk was asked to organise a meeting to be attended by JD, the Clerk, members of the PTA and the Chair of the Governors so that the situation about why an entrance fee cannot be charged can be explained and alternatives to this discussed. Members would also like to see a copy of the Constitution of the PTA and a copy of their insurance. The PTA also need to be reminded to supply risk assessments well in advance of any event to be held on the recreation ground so that they can be approved by full Council. Members were also disappointed that large pieces of wood with nails jutting out had been placed on the recreation ground by the PTA several days before the bonfire event which was not in accordance with the approved risk assessment for this event. Fortunately, the PTA have removed these items which could have injured other users of the recreation ground.

2] Allotments - There was no report.

3] Trottiscliffe School and Community Farm - The Clerk has received the following report. Members were pleased to see that the farm continues to thrive. The children at the school continue to sell eggs to support the farm and there have been several visits by classes to the farm. More volunteers are needed to share the feeding duties. Wool from the fleece of the two alpacas is being spun and the plan is to knit some items to sell to raise more funds. The Committee are planning to hold regular open days as there still seems to be people in the village who are not aware of this venture. Open days will offer an opportunity for people to see this special project and hopefully bring in more funding.

99/18] Correspondence

a) For Information

- 1] Area 2 Planning Committee - 7 November 2018
- 2] Joint Transportation Board - 26 November 2018
- 3] Parish Partnership Panel - 15 November 2018
- 4] Standards Committee - 15 January 2019
- 5] KALC Area Committee Meeting - AGM 17 November 2018

b) On Circulation

- 1] Agenda Area 2 Planning Committee - 7 November 2018
- 2] T&MBC New Waste Service FAQs
- 3] T&MBC New Weekly Food Waste Collection Service FAQs
- 4] Trosley County Park Liaison Group - Notes of meeting held on 8 May 2018
- 5] Trosley County Park Liaison Group - Agenda for meeting held on 16 October 2018
- 6] KALC Notice of AGM - to be held 17 November 2018
- 7] KALC Budget Forecast 2018
- 8] KALC Constitution
- 9] KALC Annual Report 2018/18
- 10] KALC - Minutes of meeting held on 4 October 2018
- 11] Parish News - October 2017
- 12] Kent Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter September/October 2018
- 13] Kent Voice - Autumn-Winter 2018
- 14] Wild Kent Winter 2018

c) Requiring Attention:

- 1] Polling District Review - noted
- 2] KCC Budget Consultation 2019-2020 - noted

100/18 Any Other Business:

Presentation on Waste Contract – see item 97/18 (4).

101/18 Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Thursday 6 December 2018 at 7.45pm.

102/18 Any Confidential Matters There were none

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.38pm

Chairman

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