

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TROTTISCLIFFE  
ON THURSDAY 5 September 2019 at 7.45pm**

**PRESENT:**

Mr. Richard Wallis (RW- Chairman David Gaunt (DG), Oliver Shaw (OS)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Borough Councillor Ann Kemp and 2 members of the public  
Mrs. Louise Goldsmith (Clerk)

**63/19 Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor Hohler, Borough Councillor Piers Montague and Cllrs. David Goodworth, David Jones and Ian Mills.

**64/19 Declarations of interest:**

RW declared a pecuniary interest in item 70/19 (2).

**65/19 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4 July 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

**66/19 Reports**

- a) County Councillor - There was no report.
- b) Borough Councillor - Borough Councillor Ann Kemp reported that the Inspectors reviewing the Local Plan are requesting another round of consultation which will take place shortly. The take-up of the new brown bin system has been good and T&MBC is busy delivering these. Unfortunately, the new KCC waste contractor will not take cartons so it will not be possible to put these in in the green lidded bins.
- c) Kent Police - RW reported that on the 10 July tyres were stolen from a VW in Ford Lane. On the 28 July someone stole a Trek bicycle from a driveway on Green Lane. On the 28 August stones were thrown at a Peugeot mini bus in Church Lane causing the rear window to be smashed.
- d) KALC Area Committee - There has been no meeting.
- e) JPCTCG - There has been no meeting.
- f) Parish Partnership Panel - IM is attending the meeting being held tonight.
- g) Trosley Liaison Group - There has been no meeting.
- h) Village Hall Committee - There was no report.
- i) Tree Warden - There was no report.
- j) Courts Committee Meeting - It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for the contractor that surveyed the drains in the village hall car park to assess the drainage in the tennis court car park. The Tennis Club Committee has asked the Clerk if the Parish Council will be cutting the grass within the parking area. The Clerk was asked to advise the committee that this was their responsibility.

**67/19 Matters arising**

- a) T&MBC Call for Sites/Development of the Local Plan - see item 66/19 (b).
- b) Progress with a Community Bid for The Plough Inn - Members noted that T&MBC has received a notice of disposal from the current owner. There is now an initial six week moratorium in place within which no disposal can take place. Within this period, community

interest groups can make a written request to the Borough Council to be treated as a potential bidder. Members resolved to propose 'The Plough Trottscliffe Community Group Ltd' a company limited by guarantee, as a potential bidder for the purchase of the public house, known as ' The Plough Inn '.

- c) Monthly Check of the Defibrillator - The Clerk has carried out the monthly check.

### **68/19 Finance & Policies**

#### **Statement of payments to be made and income received**

National Savings Account:	£ 1,704.92
Nat West TPC TCC Account:	£ 5,682.68
Nat West TPC Reserve Account:	£17,626.55
Nat West TPC Current Account	£ 427.47

**Receipts:** Natwest Goodwill Gesture: £4.50

#### **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) (08/08-05/09/19)	000280	£ 150.48
HMRC	(Clerk's Tax)	000281	£ 150.48
Mrs L S Goldsmith	(Clerks Expenses)	000282	£ 135.74
Four Seasons Gardens Ltd.	(Grass cutting and maint)	000283	£ 530.51
Viking	(Stationery)	000284	£ 43.36
Playsafety Limited	(RoSPA report)	000285	£ 115.80
Kent County Playing Fields	(Annual Subscription)	000286	£ 20.00
Four Seasons Gardens Ltd.	(Grass cutting)	000287	£ 395.57
Gel Creative	(Website maint.)	000288	£ 150.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£1,691.94</b>

**Transfer from TPC Reserve Account to TPC Current Account: £1,700.00**

#### **Cheques for signature TPC TCC Account:**

EDF Customers PLC	Electricity Bill	000017	£302.79
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- Cheques for signature: The Chairman proposed that the cheques listed above be signed. Agreed
- Bank Mandate - Natwest has apologised for not processing the online submission of the new bank mandate. A goodwill gesture of £4.50 has been received. IM has taken his ID into the West Malling branch. OS and DG were reminded to take their ID in promptly.
- Model Financial Regulations - A discussion on this was postponed to the next meeting.

### **69/19 Members of public:**

Two members of the public spoke in support of planning proposal TM/19/10756/FL.

## **70/19 Planning**

1] TM/19/01756/FL - Mount Mead, Ford Lane, Trottiscliffe, ME19 5DP

20:36hrs the meeting was suspended to allow the 2 members of public to speak and answer questions

20:40hrs the meeting was reconvened.

Demolition of existing domestic outbuildings and construction of two bungalows with ancillary areas and parking provision. *Resolved: Object. Members see these outbuildings as barns and therefore consider that their demolition and the construction of two dwellings to be inappropriate development within the Green Belt.*

20:43hrs Borough Councillor Ann Kemp and 2 members of the public left the meeting

2] TM/19/01693/FL - 1 Taylors Lane, Trottiscliffe, ME19 5ES

Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. *RW declared a pecuniary interest which meant the Parish Council was not quorate to consider this proposal.*

3] TM/19/01769/LD - Land rear of The Old Post Office, Taylors Lane

Lawful Development Certificate. Use of land as residential garden.

*Resolved Object. Members believe this land is pasture/agricultural land and local knowledges informs us that the land has not been used as a domestic garden for ten years.*

### **b) Decisions from T&MBC:**

1] TM/19/01023/FL - Land between M20 and M26 East for Ford Lane, Wrotham Heath

Erection of forestry building and yard. *Approved*

2] TM/19/01383/TNCA - Trotwood, Church Lane, Trottiscliffe, ME19 5EB

Removal of pine tree located in the back garden. *No objection*

### **c) Other planning matters:**

1] Millers Farm – the Clerk to find out if enforcement is requesting that the unauthorised caravan which is being lived in will now be removed.

2] Southbeats Festival – Members noted that the proposed festival has been cancelled.

3] The Plough Inn (TM/17/01522) – Members noted that the appeal has been dismissed.

## **71/19 Highways, Footways and Footpaths**

1] Reported Faults

i) Request for a trief kerb – The Clerk has submitted some photographs to KCC to discuss ideas and the cost involved to stop cars mounting the kerb.

ii) Water on the road outside Prunelle, Church Lane – The Clerk has reported the problem with this area of road constantly flooding and it appears contractors are carrying out some investigations.

iii) Speed hump on Addington Lane – the Clerk has reported that this needs attention..

iv) Posts around the village green opposite The George - another post has been damaged. The Clerk to report and to consider again the alternatives to posts.

2] Big Conversation Update - The new service commenced on the 15 July 2019 and timetables have been widely publicised.

3] Highway Steward - Members noted that the position is now vacant again. KCC are actively trying to recruit someone.

## **72/19 Open Spaces, Recreation Ground and Allotments**

1] Recreation Ground and playground –The Clerk reported that RoSPA has carried out the annual inspection. A few items have been picked up which the Clerk will look into fixing.

2] Allotments – There was no report.

3] Trottiscliffe School Update – There was no report.

4] Community Farm - There was no report.

**73/19] Correspondence**

**a) For Information**

- 1] Area 2 Planning Committee - 25 September 2019
- 2] Joint Transportation Board - 23 September
- 3] Parish Partnership Panel - 5 October 2019
- 4] Standards Committee - 15 October 2019
- 5] KALC Area Committee Meeting - 19 September 2019

**b) On Circulation**

- 1] Area 2 Planning Committee - Agenda for meeting 14 August 2019
- 2] Parish Partnership Panel - Agenda for meeting 5 September 2019
- 3] KALC News - August 2019
- 4] Big Conversation Working Group - minutes of meeting held on 21 June 2019
- 5] New bus service 58 timetable
- 6] CPRE Fieldwork
- 7] Countryside Voice Summer 2019
- 8] Downsmail August 2019
- 9] Kent Wildlife Trust - magazine Summer 2019

c) Requiring Attention: Nothing new to consider

**74/19 Any Other Business:**

Historic Plaque for Graham Sunderland  
Vacancy on the Parish Council

**75/19 Date of the Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 3 October 2019 at 7.45pm.

**76/19 Any Confidential Matters** There were none

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8/57pm

Chairman .....

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