

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TROTTISCLIFFE
ON THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2010

PRESENT: Mrs Ann Kemp (Chairman) (AK)
Mr Matthew Balfour (Borough Councillor) (MB)
Mr Martin Collins (MC)
Mr Peter Laite (PL)
Mr Trevor Ledamun (TL)
Mr Mike Merryfield Day (MD)
Mr John Wickham (JW)
Mrs Frances Merryfield Day (Clerk)
Distribution: Those present SH, RW & File

109/10 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Sarah Hohler, Mr Richard Wallis and PCSO Kim Hockey.

110/10 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2010

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd September were signed as a true record.

111/10 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

112/10 Matters arising

There were no matters arising that would not be dealt with later in the agenda.

113/10 County Councillor's Report.

No report.

114/10 Borough Councillor's Report

MB reported that there were considerable changes on the planning front and Parish Councils would be able to take on more responsibility if they chose to do so.

He referred to a meeting at which KCC's proposals regarding BOATs had been discussed and at which a width restriction had been agreed. These proposals would be presented at the meeting of the Kent Countryside Access Forum. MB said that the local people wanted no vehicular traffic.

115/10 Members of the public

None.

116/10 Delegates' Reports

116.1 Mr Trevor Ledamun reported on the Crime Prevention meeting.

116.2 Mr Peter Laite reported on the Parish Partnership Panel.

117/10 Highways, Footways and Footpaths

117.1 The Clerk had been in contact with the PROW Officer regarding footpath MR187 and it was felt that the “squeeze” at both ends would stop the horses if the fence was brought up to either side. The Clerk to speak to the farmer.

FD

117.2 A meeting was arranged at the Village Green for 10 am on Saturday 16th October to agree the number and positioning of the wooden posts.

ALL

117.3 The Clerk was awaiting a reply from the Dog Warden regarding dogs fouling on footpaths.

118/10 Recreation Ground and Allotments

118.1 The memorial bench to be presented by a local family was ready for installation and a meeting was arranged to decide on its position. The item of play equipment, also to be donated, had yet to be decided upon. It was agreed to arrange an official hand over in due course.

AK/MD

118.2 MD was checking any work that had to be done as a result of the RoSPA report.

118.3 MC reported that there was one vacant allotment and the Clerk was asked to put an advertisement in The Pilgrim.

FD

119/10 Planning

Application TM/09/03247/EL – Land forming part of Addington Quarry – new electricity generating stations and overhead lines. No objections. Await decision.

Application TM/10/01435/RD – Land south of Walnut Tree Farm, Addington Lane, Trottscliffe – Details submitted pursuant to condition 3 and condition 4 of Planning permission TM/09/00780/FL. Concerns expressed. Await decision.

Application TM/10/02188/LB – Ford Place, Ford Lane – porch and canopy to side elevation. No objections. Await decision.

Application TM/10/02302/FL – No objections in principle but would like to see some revisions to side elevation. Await decision.

Application TM/10/02411/RD – The Nursery, Taylors Lane, Trottscliffe – details submitted pursuant to conditions 8, 10 & 11. No objections. Await decision.

Application GR/10/TEMP/0030 – Replacement visitor centre for Country Park. No objections.

119.1 Concerns had been expressed that the decking on the mobile home at Trosley Farm had not been removed and a post box had been erected and rubbish bins outside. This had been reported to the Enforcement Officer.

120/10 Finance

The September 2010 statement of receipts and monies outstanding was accepted as below.

Payments received

2 nd instalment Precept.....	£5,000.00
Donation for play equipment.....	£1,532.00
Nationwide – interest.....	0.20

Payments made

Barming Engravsales Ltd – sign for recreation ground.....£52.88
Playsafety Ltd – RoSPA inspection.....£102.23
Work on website.....£50.00
Tonbridge & Malling Citizens Advice Bureau – donation.....£50.00

Payments outstanding

Clerk’s salary & expenses July – September.....£871.60

120.1 The Clerk had spoken to Nationwide about changes to the account and it was agreed to stay with Nationwide.

120.2 A letter of thanks for the donation had been received from Tonbridge & Malling Citizens Advice Bureau.

120.3 It was agreed that the Council would not be able to donate to the Crime Prevention Panel.

120.4 A six monthly report on the finances was submitted and approved.

120.5 It was agreed that the Tennis Club should be invoiced for their part of the insurance cover as last year plus the percentage increase.

FD

121/10 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated:-

- TMBC – Area 2 Planning Committee
- Clerks & Councils Direct
- TMBC – Parish Partnership Panel
- No need for nuclear
- NALC – Natural England
- TMBC – Area 2 Planning Committee
- TMBC – Joint Transportation Board
- T&M Community Safety Partnership monthly bulletin
- KALC – Ministerial statement re transfer of existing private sewers and lateral drains in England
- Police Reform Event – cancellation
- Trading Standards Alert – Identity Theft/Fraud
- Malling Action Partnership – Inaugural meeting
- Malling Action Partnership – Harvest Festival Supper

121.1 A letter had been received from a local resident complaining about foxes fouling the gardens and pavement. Although the Parish Council was sympathetic it was agreed that it was not within the remit of the Council to deal with this problem.

FD

122/10 Any other business

122.1 It was agreed to ask RW to organise the Christmas tree.

122.1 The Clerk was asked to purchase the Christmas cards.

FD/RW
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There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 4th November 2010 in the Village Hall at 7.45 pm.

Chairman Date.....