

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST MALLING AND LARKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT CHURCH FARM AT 8.00P.M.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. D. Thornewell (Chairman), Mrs. M. Moore (Vice-Chairman), T. Bishop, Mrs. L. Cook, Mrs. L. Hogben, S. Millson, R. Mitchell, R. Moore, R. Roud and Mrs. M. Tatton
Cllr. Mrs. Trudy Dean

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. P. Leale, J. Luque, Mrs. J. Manser, Mrs. J. Sharpe and Mrs. C. Woodger

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES AND APPENDIX OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH JANUARY 2020

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Appendix of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 8th January 2020 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no Matters Arising.

REPORT BY POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS

PCSO Suzi Leng had prepared the Crime Report for January for both East Malling and Larkfield which was **CIRCULATED**. (Appendixed to these Minutes).

REPORT BY COMMUNITY WARDEN

Mandy Harris, not being present, there was no report.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE

The List of Accounts for Payment, as circulated, was **APPROVED** and it was **AGREED** the relevant cheques be **SIGNED**. (Appendixed to these Minutes).

REPORTS ON MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES HELD DURING JANUARY

(i) **Planning and Development**

8th January 2020

Cllr. Thornewell presented these Minutes which he felt were self-explanatory but commented that further information had been received in respect of the Rising Sun PH application to convert to flats, and stating why it is not viable to continue as a public house.

Cllr. Millson commented that he was present at this Meeting, this will be corrected at the next meeting of this Committee.

22nd January 2020

Cllr. Thornewell presented these Minutes and made comment that the comments of Kent Highways in respect of the former Kia site on the London Road are still awaited.

Cllr. Thornewell commented that the application in respect of the floodlights at Larkfield Football Ground has been withdrawn due to the confusing description and they will be submitting a revised application.

Cllr. Thornewell reported that we have now received information from the Borough Council regarding payment methods for parking in Martin Square.

Cllr. Mitchell commented on the bus services from the Allington Park and Ride to Maidstone Hospital which runs every thirty minutes.

Cllr. Mitchell reported that some of the tree have been felled on the bank on the A20 to the rear of the houses in Heron Road and the trunks have just been left there.

It was **AGREED** both sets of Minutes be **ADOPTED** as true records of the Meetings.

(ii) **Finance and General Purposes**, Monday, 27th January 2020

Cllr. Mrs. Moore presented these Minutes which she felt were self-explanatory but commented that we are trying to find more information about the Junior Youth Club that takes place in East Malling.

Cllr. Mrs. Tatton was thanked for researching the planning permission for Castle Lake which is the responsibility of Whitbread.

It was **AGREED** that these Minutes be **ADOPTED** as a true record of the Meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's Report was **CIRCULATED**, as follows:-

Firstly, I would like to report on some dates -

1. Saturday 14th March at 10.30am at Church Farm Hall. Litter pick organised by Anita and Tim. There will be soup and cheese and ham rolls back at 12noon.
2. Then on Saturday 21st March from 10am to 12noon Michelle is organising an East Malling Great British Spring Clean with tea, coffee and cake afterwards at The Institute.
3. A reminder that my Ramblers Walk on which anyone can come is Wednesday 12th February at 10.30am from East Malling Car Park in the High Street opposite the Hairdressers. About 4 miles. All welcome.
4. Lastly, I understand Heritage Open Days this year are the weekend of Saturday 19th September and Sunday 20th September. Last year I did a walk about based on East Malling village with me talking about its buildings and history. I promised to do the Mill Street/Blacklands area this year so I am proposing to do this on the afternoon of Sunday 20th. Probably at 2.15pm from East Malling village hall car park. It will be a circular walk.

White Van - Chaucer Road North.

As I write the white van is still in place with its flat tyres and gradually being vandalised. It was reported by former Cllr Mike Parry Waller prior to last May to the borough as a potential abandoned vehicle. There is a continuing number of complaints and the parish council has now emailed Robert Styles about the situation.

Ditton Edge.

This development site included in the draft Local Plan is the other site on East Malling Research station land with an access to Kiln Barn Road. There has been a planning application in for it for some time and around 300 houses are proposed.

I asked the present position and I gather KCC as Highway authority have asked for additional information. It is therefore more likely to be reported to a March or April Area 3 meeting. I mention this as though not in our parish we have made comment about possible increase in vehicles using Kiln Barn Lane, Easterfields and Sweet Lane network and its impact on the scheme to alter the junctions along the A20 including that at Ditton crossroads.

Stickens Lane Dumping

Following a resident's complaint we have reported rubbish being dumped in a field to the west of this lane just south of the railway bridge.

Lunsford Lane flooding.

One of the residents in Lunsford Lane just north of the M20 bridge stopped me to inform me that Highways England did find a blocked drain into the motorway land. The worker informed that such connections were not made these days when motorways built but things must have been different in the 1970s. Anyway, the blockage has been removed and it seems the problem cured (fingers crossed).

Country Park.

The Borough draft budget includes provision for improving the path around the lake closest to Leybourne Way. I do get complaints this path has become very uneven since it was first done, and any improvement will be welcome. It is a much-used route of about 40mins.

REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Roud commented on the Highway Improvements on the A20, when he attended the recent Meeting it was said that the work at the junction of the A20 with New Hythe Lane will be taking in the region of 10 weeks with extra time for work to the pavements.

Cllr. Bishop reported on the recent Budget Meeting at the Borough Council and setting the rate for 2020/2021. There is a £43,000 shortfall from Central Government.

There is a funding gap of £320,000 instead of £500,000 for this year.

Apparently the Borough Council "Lotto" was stopped last August but there was nothing in the Council papers in respect of this.

Cllr. Mrs. Dean reported on expenditure for the car parks in Aylesford, Larkfield and Snodland.

Cllr. Thornewell reported that the Public Notice in respect of the proposed Car Parking Charges in both Larkfield and Aylesford was published incorrectly as it omitted a tariff. Strictly speaking this should be re-advertised.

Cllr. Roud reported that the initial Local Plan Examination in Public will be commencing on 18th May for 3 days at the Orchard Rooms at East Malling Research Centre.

Cllr. Millson commented that he heard from former Councillor Paul Stroud who has written to the Borough Council with objections in respect of the proposal for development at Forty Acres.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS. TRUDY DEAN

Cllr. Mrs. Trudy Dean reported that South East Water will be flushing out the system from 17th February 2020.

Kent County council have extended the contract with Amey for at least another year.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 4th March 2020

CLOSURE

The Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.43p.m.

Chairman
4th March 2020