



NONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council - Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 19:00

Present: Cllr Louisa Jarred (Chairperson); Cllr Julia Plumptre (Vice-Chair); Cllr Clare Delf; Cllr Jane Vurley; 30 Members of the Public; Mrs Steph Woods (Clerk); Cllr Woodgate (DDC)

- 1. Apologies and approval of absences:** Cllr Jarred welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Woods, Cllr Pout (DDC) and Cllr Manion (KCC).
- 2. Declarations of interest:** none were received.
- 3. Minutes of previous meetings:** The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 was approved as true a record, proposed by Cllr Delf, seconded by Cllr Vurley. Signed by the Chairperson.
- 4. Public Forum:** Members of the Public in attendance were afforded the opportunity to ask a question or make a statement.
 - A resident raised concerns over his neighbour again. Cllr Jarred informed that she has secured a PC and can help with internet costs.
 - Sunday 8th December at 6pm there is a candle lit carol service and it is requested someone from PC attend to do a reading. It was agreed one of the Councillors would attend and do a reading. Remembrance service will be on 10th November at the Church. The School are also holding a service at the Church on Monday 11th November and all are welcome. The usual service at the war memorial will also take place on the Monday.
 - Skip lorry down Mill Lane was reported by a resident and details given to Cllr Jarred for follow up.
 - Concerns regarding the new house being constructed on Easole Street were raised regarding the building being different from the planning application. Clerk to give Cllr Vurley DDC Planning Enforcement's email address so she can pass onto resident to report.
- 5. Finance:**
 - a) Payments and Receipts: Bank Balance as of 1st November 2024: £2,941.80 (Current Account) and £18,088.75 (Savings Account) = Total **£21,030.55**
 - Receipts
Kent County Council – Grant Award - £1,732.95
 - Payments
Hugo Fox – Monthly Website Costs (Oct 24) - £11.99
Stephanie Woods – Clerk Salary (Oct 24) - £366.96
HMRC – Clerk Tax - £263.94
Unity Trust – Service Charge - £5.40
Stephanie Woods – NALC Pay Award B/Date Pay (Apr-Oct 24) - £78.68
Envisage – September 24 Grounds Maintenance - £270.00

The above payments were proposed by Cllr Vurley and seconded by Cllr Plumptre. ALL AGREED.

b) **Six Month Financial Review/Precept**

After reviewing the finance review, it was proposed by Cllr Plumptre to set the precept for 2025/26 at £14,050 which was seconded by Cllr Delf. ALL AGREED.

The PC also received the wreath for Remembrance Day Service which was payable by donation. Cllr Vurley proposed that the PC donate £40.00 which was seconded by Cllr Delf. ALL AGREED.

6. Planning

Application 24/00793

Cllr Delf has spoken to planning and can confirm that a decision was made by DDC Planning on 1st November as a screening option. Clarification on what a screening option is was obtained from Planning and is as follows:

“Application 24/00793 - Land to South of Thornton Road and East Of Thornton Lane, Tilmanstone, Kent is a screening opinion. The applicant submitted the information to DDC to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is required prior to applying for planning permission.

If/when we receive an application, of course, there will be a public consultation period for which you can comment.

To date, no application has been received.”

Cllr Delf to seek further clarification from Planning as to whether an EIA will be required as part of any planning application submitted at the site. Cllr Jarred is going to ensure there is collaboration with Eastry, Tilminstone, Shepherswell and Eythorne PC regarding any future applications at the site. Wildlife concerns, water supply concerns, traffic volumes were some of the concerns raised by the audience.

7. Highways and Footpaths

Leaves on Holt Street pavement was raised with the need to get DDC to sweep. Clerk to consult with DDC. The applied footpath across field was also raised and the PC has been promised someone will inspect which has not happened. Clerk to contact landowner and Kent PROW. Village hall footpath was raised again and is still with DDC. There is video evidence during rainfall so resident to send this to Clerk so it can be followed up with DDC. An update on the SID charger and battery was given by the Clerk.

8. Playground, Field and Pond

Clerk has been informed by DDC Planning that no consent is needed to conduct tree works in the playground, field or pond so will now proceed with quotations. It was proposed to purchase two replacement benches for the decking area by Cllr Vurley which was seconded by Cllr Plumptre. ALL AGREED. Clerk to arrange purchase and deliver to Beach Grove who will fit and secure. The hedges running along the pond was raised as it is overgrown and untidy. Clerk to speak to Grounds Maintenance contractor to get a price to trim and to reduce the width of hedge inside playground.

9. Matters for future discussion

- The lack of buses servicing the village was raised. Cllr Woodgate advised the PC to contact our MP Mike Tapp who has already taken this issue to Parliament.
- Flooding of the highway by the Church was raised again. Clerk to email Cllr Manion to see if there is anything KCC Highways can do.

10. Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 7pm in Nonington Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting was closed to the public at 19:56.

Please note these Minutes remain as draft until they are approved by the Parish Council at their next meeting on 4th December 2024.