



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 14 MARCH 2022,  
STARTING AT 7.30PM IN RINGWOULD VILLAGE HALL**

**016/22 To record those present and accept any apologies.**

**Those present: Councillors: S Wilson – chairman, Maria, Becky Nick Mike  
12 members of the public and me. Steve.**

Apologies – Cllr D Poppe – accepted.

**017/22 to Note any Declarations Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other significant  
Interests (OSI) or any voluntary Interests.**

None declared

**018/22 To note/agree and sign the minutes of the January meeting**

Having been previously circulated, the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

**019/22 Open session for members of the public to ask questions on items on the  
agenda.**

- President of the WI, gave a short presentation on the Queen's Jubilee 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee.'  
The WI would like to plant a tree in each village, along with a plaque, the suggestion was for either an oak or cherry tree – to be decided – also required is a 6-figure reference number for where the planting is taking place.
- The WI also have written to Kingsdown School, bushes for all year round of the triangle. Conservation group
- Need a suitable position.
- Agree in principle, look at

The Chairman of the village hall highlighted the following:

- He was pleased the PC had taken on the village sign for the Jubilee.
- He continued and explained the History Society, that is now longer in existence, has some money left in the account; he has agreed with others that were also

members that the money should be handed over to the PC, and they would like the money to go to giving the sign a higher definition finish.

- A member of the public asked about the footpath that has been used by locals, and why were the rules being changed as to who could use it. the owner of the land was present in the public area and responded.
- Also, information was requested on what was happening to the old MOD land, sold last year. The Chairman replied that at this time there are no known plans. The Clerk highlighted that the areas is a SSSI and people should not be wandering all over it and destroying the flora anyway, and in addition by staying on correct side of the fence which is the designated PROW they will be safe, the sea walls are unsafe, and even if the new owner wished to repair them, he would not be allowed under regulations put in place by central government.

### **020/22 Reports by District and County Councillors**

Steve gave a verbal update:

Budget 2.99%, this is mostly going to the adult & children social care.

The County Council have made savings

He highlighted the Queens jubilee

KCC Tree conservation strategy and action plan.

He expressed how nice it was to see so many people at the meeting.

Kent Fire and Rescue have a small increase in there contribution from the Council Tax.

He stated that they have noticed that more fires are happening outdoor now; this includes b-b-q's and bonfires being left unattended and grass fires.

He then left the meeting

Martin's verbal report included

Dover link fast track project has started.

Local plan – there has been some slippage on section 19 for consultation, but times scales will be advertised for any further comments.

DDC budget has already been agreed 22/23 to the value of 75 million,

DC band 'd' equivalent will be £202.14, this is an increase of 2.5%

Average increase though will be around 2.1%

Ollly

Walmer TC has objected to the new changes to the Taylor Wimpey (TW) development on the Dover Road. TW will be sending out a New flyer to the 1<sup>st</sup> April 85 dwellings, positions are the problems.

Cllr Eddy has seen the report, from Walmer, although he is not on Walmer planning committee, he felt the report was a good one and covered all the points.

It was noted that while the application is listed as being in Walmer, the development is actually on open fields that are in the Kingsdown with Ringwould PC

A resident felt that their house should be given a special consideration, given TW. Mark Thomas, discovery park.

### **021/22 Finance**

a) To note the items for payment & agree, and to ratify those already paid.

i) February List – The following items were agreed

Various	Staff pay and costs	£891.90
Croner	Invoice	£172.84
Plusnet	Invoice	£36.60
Glasdon	For 3 dog bins, previously agreed	£426.96
N Fish	Reimbursement for tools	£103.28
HSBC	Bank charges	£10.00
Cascade Business Supplies	Stationary & Office equipment	£193.55
Castle Water	Invoice January	£5.00
	Invoice February	£5.00
T Old	Invoice 0003	£80.00
	Invoice 0017 (20/01)	£80.00
	Invoice 0004 (24/02)	£80.00

ii) March List - agreed

L Hedley	Staff pay February	£892.63
HMRC	NI & IT	£223.00
Croner	Invoice	£172.84
Plusnet	Invoice	£36.60
T Old	Invoice 5 03/03/2020	£80.00
N Fish	Reimbursement Hi Vis jackets	£98.34
National Allotment society	Membership Fee	£67.00

b) To consider/agree the purchase of account package

The idea of an account package had been debated previously with no decision, however subsequently the Clerk has circulated information; after a short debate it was agreed that the package should be purchased.

c) To note the hourly rate rise of 1.75% for Clerks,

this was noted but no action is required at this time.

d) Jubilee Activities

i) To note Dover District Council Events form for completion.

A general debate took place where members of the public were allowed to join in. After which the following was agreed:

road closures were agreed as:

Back street – Ringwould

Upper street – Kingsdown

iii) To consider agree on setting up a committee.

It had been hoped that people would come forward to help get things organised, however it was noted that two people had come forward stating they were happy to help; the clerk will contact these two and see if this will be enough.

iv) To consider/agree on the purchase of memorabilia

A debate took place where it was agreed:

Cllr Deschamps would contact the Kingsdown school, she is a governor and will liaise between the school and the Council.

Then set aside for those who live in the village but don't go to the school

School governor to act as liaison

Primary school age

Facebook - website

e) To consider next actions on the allotment plots

a) The plot numbers have arrived, and it was agreed that a date for getting them put in will be arranged.

b) The area that was considered an overgrown allotment plot is known to be a balancing pond after heavy rainfall. The area is overgrown and on inspection does have some human waste debris; a suggestion of getting a compostable toilet was made and the Clerk was asked to obtain information and report back to a later meeting.

f) To agree the design of the village sign for Kingsdown agreed

This was agreed, a request to have an electronic copy to put on the website was made. The Clerk will contact the company as arrange for a deposit invoice to be sent.

g) to consider a position for a jubilee tree

see 21/22d above

**022/22 Planning**

a) To note decisions made by the District Council

i) February Decisions

A) Decisions

21/01746	The Spinney Kingsdown Hill Kingsdown	Stationing of a Shepherds Hut for tourism use. 21-Jan-2022 REFUSED
21/01797	The Dennes Dover Road Ringwould	Change of use of detached annexe to dwelling with associated parking 19-Jan-2022 GRANTED
21/01792	Coppice Lodge Church Cliff Kingsdown	Crown raise to 3 metres over footpath, reduce in height to previous pruning points and reduce west facing laterals by 3 metres of three Yews (T1-T3), all

		subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1994/7 25-Jan-2022 GAD
21/01400	15 North Street	Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission DOV/20/00281 (for the erection of two storey extension, 2no. rear dormer windows to facilitate loft conversions and replacement front porch (existing extension to be part demolished)) - to allow for a single (larger) dormer in place of 2 dormers, amendments to the design and appearance of the two storey extension and amendments to the design of the replacement front porch from the approved drawings (application under Section 73 27/01/2022 Refused
3st Jan to 7 <sup>th</sup> February	No decisions	
21/01869	Site At Cedar Lea Victoria Road Kingsdown	Variation of Conditions 2,4,5,6,7 and 8 of DOV/21/00055 (application under 73) to allow a change of material finish to Marley Cedral Lap C07. 09-Feb-2022 GTD

ii) March Decisions

B) Decisions

21/01905	Adelaide Upper Street Kingsdown	Creation of a dropped kerb for vehicle access 25-Feb-2022. Granted
	. 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb to 7 <sup>th</sup> March	No Decisions received

The above decisions were noted.

b) To note the applications as listed, consider, and agree any comments to be sent to the District Council.

i) February applications

ii) March applications

21/00255	Land Opposite 423 To 459 Dover Road Walmer	AMENDED DESCRIPTION: AS Reserved Matters application pursuant to Outline permission DOV/17/00487 for the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 85 dwellings. PC Objected
22/00231	26 Balmoral Road Kingsdown	Variation of condition 2 LUCH (approved plans) of planning permission DOV/21/00640 to vary plans as approved under DOV/20/00197 (application under Section 73) (Erection of single storey rear extension, front and rear dormers, and raised side terrace. PC supported.

22/00317	Sea Meadow	Erection of a single storey detached garage/cycle store. PC Supported.
22/00311	7 North Road	Replacement window & shutters to front elevation, repainting of render, doors and rear windows. Relocation of gas meter, installation of outdoor shower and replacement cladding to single storey rear extension. PC supported

### **023/22 Correspondence**

- a) to note the list of items received for both February and March

### **024/22 Clerks Report/update**

To note the report from the Clerk and agree any actions, if required.

- a) To adopt the Working Group for the management of the Allotments.

This was considered a good idea, and gave a formal working group the chance to have an input in what is happening with the allotments. The working group was approved.

A quote was presented to members, to have some fencing erected; this needs doing so that the boundary by the ? is made safe now that trees and undergrowth has been cleared, however it was felt that another quote should be obtained as the preferred company could not assist due to their workload after the storm.

### **025/22 Matters of General Interest**

- a) It was noted that the weeds around the toilets in Kingsdown would need to be sprayed as before. Equipment for this will be provided.
- b) Freedown Wood has a PROW that is blocked, by very large tree that has been moved by the farmer after the storms over the last couple of weeks; it is too large and heavy to move without machinery, this will need to be fully investigated as to how it can be removed.

### **026/22 Dog Bins**

- a) To discuss the current situation and agree any actions

This item had been discussed and agreed at item Agreed earlier in the meeting.

### **27/22 Date of next meeting and Close.**

The next meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> April, there being no further business the meeting closed at 9.18pm