



**MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE ABOVE THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 6th MARCH 2023 STARTING AT 7.30PM
IN RINGWOULD VILLAGE HALL**

**The items from the February meeting, that was cancelled due to illness, has been incorporated into the meeting of March
PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING A MEETING WAS ARRANGE TO TAKE PLACE FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN HELPING TO ARRANGE AN EVENT FOR THE KINGS CORONATION.**

Starting at 7.00pm to 7.20pm 2 People arrived and a debate took place.

The PC meeting commenced at 7.35 where it was reported by the Chairman that Mr Ledger had passed away earlier in the week, and a minutes silence took place.

012/23 To record those present and accept any apologies.

Councillors, S Wilson – chairman, N Fish, M Dechamps, C Lewis, and R Dugill, also present was Cllrs M Bates – DDC, H Williams – DDC and O Richardson – KCC, 3 members of the public and the PC Clerk.

Apologies were received from Cllr M Eddy, who was at another meeting, and these were accepted.

The Clerk highlighted that although it was now public knowledge that Duane Poppe had resigned, this had not been noted in the minutes. The Clerk had sent him correspondence from the Council thanking him for his work while a Councillor.

013/23 to Note any Declarations Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other significant Interests (OSI) or any voluntary Interests.

None were declared.

014/23 To note/agree and sign the minutes of the January meeting

Having been previously circulated the Minutes of the Meeting was **agreed and signed.**

015/24 Open session for members of the public to ask questions on items on the agenda.

Members of the public raised the following

In a set of previous meetings one of the DDC had stated that information on grants would be supplied to the PC on bus services, this had not taken place.

There was no follow up with regards to Zetland Arms and it would appear that things seem to fall of the agenda. A Conversation regarding the items raised, and these will be placed on the agenda for April.

- *The idea about the PC having a Neighbourhood plan (NHP) prepared was debated by the Council and members of the public.*
- *It was decided that for the Annual Parish Meeting, the Clerk would arrange to have a speaker to come and explain the process.*
- *Cllr Bates stated that member so the planning Department would be happy to do a presentation also.*
- *An issue with the formatting with the Budget that is on the website needs to take place.*
- *A debate regarding waste and waste collection took place.*
- *It was felt that there is a lot more fly tipping since the appointments were introduced.*

016/25 Reports by District and County Councillors

Cllr Martin Bates stated the report was a bit lengthy, he highlighted:

- The housing needs survey has been extended to 18th April.
- On 14th March from 2-4pm there is a work fair in Deal.
- The applications for Street party road closures have now passed.
- The Great British clean – litter picking events are taking place this month
- The Dover Council budget was approved on the 1st march
- The Band 'D' equivalent is now £208.17, an increase of 2.98% this = £3.06 per year extra.

Cllr Oliver Richardson

He highlighted

- 1.2 million pounds is being made available to DDC to pay for housing for Afghan refugees, this will come back to the District Council housing stock as they are no longer required.
- These will be made across the district, not all in one area or village.
- Infrastructure – 6 weeks consultation strategy
- A review of a Conservation area was approved in a nearby village – it took about 7 months.
- DDC is partnering with a litter lotto, whereby if you take a picture of you or some-one you know putting something into a litter bin, send it to the DC and they will be entered into a weekly jackpot Free phone number £1000 weekly jackpot.
- Litter on rural and Minor roads are a problem as they are more dangerous, when picking up litter then roads in more built up areas that have pavement.

017/26 Finance

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

i) The February list requires to be ratified

Ratified

ii) The list for March has been sent round separately, for agreement
The following list was **approved**.

Croner	Invoice	£184.94	SO
Plusnet	Invoice 0005342616-022 Phone & internet	£40.01	DD
HSBC	Bank charges	£8.00	DD
Castle Water	Bill Number 8152705	£2.44	DD 05/02/2023
Various	Staff pay and costs	£1,390.71	Bacs 05/03/2023
Vision ICT	Website Hosting	£210.00	Bacs 20/02/2023
Rialtas	Accounts programme	£451.82	Bacs 20/02/2023
SLCC	Neighbourhood Planning publication	£28.10	Bacs
S Wilson	Reimbursement Petrol/diesel for machines	£52.96	Bacs
PKF Littlejohn	Audit 2020	£768.00`	Bacs
	Audit 2021	£336.00	Bacs
	Audit 2022	£288.00	Bacs
L Hedley	Reimbursement DDC Planning fee	£231.00	Bacs

Cllr Oliver left the meeting.

b) To consider / approve Investment policy – circulated
Having been previously circulated this policy was **Agreed**

c) To note the reconciliation for January
Having been previously circulated this was **noted**.

d) To consider the Quote from Microshade for server hosting
As there had been no time to circulated this quote it was agreed to bring back at a later date.

Audits issues highlighted.

The outstanding audits for 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 have all now been completed. While it was noted that there are still some outstanding improvements that can be made, (these had been highlighted during the process of carrying out the three audits in the same year) Councillors were aware of these and have been working with the Clerk to resolve these matters.

e) To consider the application for a grant from ‘The Triangle Volunteers’
Withdrawn by application, prior to the meeting.

018/23 Planning

a) To note decisions made by the District Council

The following was noted

1. 23/00066, Waverley Claremont Road, Kingsdown – granted.

2. 22/01393, Eglinton, The Rise, Kingsdown – granted.
3. 22/00962 Beachcombers, Cliff Road, Kingsdown – granted

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

22/000688. This application was objected too previously. After consideration it was agreed to object again on the following grounds

- Overdevelopment of the area
- Loss of privacy of neighbours
- Is in an AONB
- Traffic congestion and loss of parking.

23/0123 Popples Farm

Removal of current stable block and replacement. Same objections only got light agri use.

This application was objected too previously. After consideration it was agreed to object again on the following grounds

- The land is for agricultural use only.
- The bridleway if used for vehicles could be a danger to walkers and horse riders.
- The PC as owner would not be prepared to agree use of the bridleway, other than for light agricultural use.
- The PC is still investigating the electric cable that has been placed on the PC land without permission.

23/00180 Kent International Site. Too raise crown of group trees. Bottom of land, various trees

Providing the Tree Officer for DDC monitors that the work applied for is the work that carried out only, the PC support the application.

23/00051/ White farm stables

This should have been on the agenda, it was missed, however it was agreed that members would have a look over the next few days and send their comments to the Clerk who will put together, comments for the DC.

c) To consider/decide if this Parish Council wishes to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan this was debated during the open session. And it was **agreed** that this would be put on the agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting later in the year when a speaker will be arranged.

019/23 Correspondence

a) To note correspondence list
The list was **noted**

b) Other than emails that could be responded to please see the extra items that required comment from Councillors.

A couple of emails regarding the new gates at Freedown Wood was raised. A debate took place.

- It was noted that there is a formal bridleway and horse riders should stick to this and not use any others made by the public in general.
- That beginners and inexperienced horse riders should not be allowed out without proper supervision.
- The Chairman has arranged with the PROW officer to come and inspect the new gates to ensure that they have been fitted correctly.

(Post meeting note – this inspection has taken place and the gates have been installed correctly.)

Coronation of Kings Charles iii

As so few people had come forward to offer suggestions and help, and a group from the Kingsdown village hall had already agreed to hold a community lunch; plus, a suggestion that the one resident of Ringwold made was that residents could bring a picnic to the green; therefore, it was decided that there would be no further action required from the PC. It was however, agreed that a budget of £250.00 be made (£125.00 for each village, to pay for any bunting to decorate both the Kingsdown village and the Ringwold village green.

- c) To Consider / reply to the Home from School consultation from KCC
this had been sent to councillors in February, however no comments were made.

020/23 Clerks Report/update

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

021/23 To consider / agree amendments to the Rules of the Allotments

Having been previously circulated the amendments were fully endorsed and adopted, and will come into force from Monday 13th of March.

It was further agreed that due to the amount of debris that has accumulated over the last few years while there has been no active management, each plot holder may, for the cost of £10 per plot, place any waste from their allotment, on the spare plot, number 5. There will be a notice and an allotment number easily noticeable. This will then be cleared by the PC at the end of a four-week period.

022/23 Matters of General Interest

There were no issues highlighted, or items for the next agenda.

023/23 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the PC will be on 17th April. However, it was noted that the Amateur Dramatic society have been informed that they can have the hall every Monday and Thursday evening for rehearsals. The Clerk will contact the booking clerk and chairman of the village hall. An alternative venue would be Kingsdown Village Hall.

024/23 To exclude the Public and press due to the nature of the items to be discussed.

This was agreed.

- a) Update from insurance claim for Key Cover
The Clerk gave an update and explained that this was not covered in the policy.

- A debate took place with regards to the dates of future meetings due to the Coronation and the elections.
- It was agreed that the Annual Council meeting will take place on 15th May, but this will need to be confirmed.
- With the Annual Parish Meeting being held on 30th May, with a speaker being obtained to explain how the Neighbourhood plan system works and to give details of what the PC would need to do.

025/23 Final Close of meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm