

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Tyland Barn, Tyland Lane,
Sandling on Monday 4 April 2016 commencing at 7.36 pm.**

Councillors present: Mr I Davies (Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, Ms L Clarke, Mr V Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mr T Harwood, Mr B Hinder, Mrs W Hinder, Mr D Hollands, Mrs K Macklin, Mrs A Spain, Mr P Sullivan and Mrs M Waller together with the Clerk, Borough Councillor Derek Butler and two members of the public/press.

1. Apologies and absences

Cllr Hinchliffe (holiday). Cllr Smith (absent). PCSO Matt Adlington (duty call out).

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None submitted.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7 March 2016

The minutes of the meeting were **agreed** and **signed** as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising From the Minutes

4.1 Minute 2844/4.1 Boxley Warren/Pilgrims Way entrances. Cllr Bob Hinder informed members that the planned security measures at the A229 entrance had been cancelled due to a complaint by a member of the public. There had been an increased Police presence in the local area on Sunday 3 April 2016 targeting nuisance drivers. The volunteer group had seen 2 vehicles driving along Pilgrims Way. **Noted.**

4.2 Minute 2844/4.2 Honour Boards. Work to be completed when office time allows. **Noted.**

4.3 Minute 2845/11 Walderslade Woodlands, KCC licence to work. KCC has indicated that it will make the changes requested by the parish council and an updated version is awaited. **Noted.**

4.4 Any other matters arising from the minutes which are not on the agenda. None.

5. Report from the PCSO and Police Issues

Office to ask PCSO Adlington for a report and crime figures for circulation to members.

Action: office. Cllr Vic Davies asked that the PCSO be contacted concerning people sleeping rough in the nature reserve. **Action: office.**

As no members of the public wished to speak the meeting was not adjourned.

6. Draft Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings

6.1 Environment Committee meeting 7 March 2016. **Received** and **noted.**

6.2 Environment Committee meeting 14 March 2016. **Received** and **noted.**

6.3 F&GP Committee meeting 15 March 2016. **Received** and **noted.**

7. Finance

7.1 Payments made out of meeting 08.03.16 – 29.03.16

7.1.1 The Cooperative Bank. **Noted.**

7.1.2 HSBC. **Noted.**

7.1.3 Unity Trust Bank. **Noted.**

7.1.4 Unity Trust ALTO (prepaid debit card). **Noted.**

7.2 Receipts for the period 29.02.16 – 29.03.16.

7.2.1 The Cooperative Bank. **Noted.**

7.2.2 HSBC. **Noted.**

7.3 Account balances as at 29.03.16. **Noted.**

7.4 Payment of accounts. None submitted.

8. Policies and Procedures

8.1 Standing Orders. Clerk's report that the current document was still fit for purpose was **received** and **noted.**

8.2 Financial Regulations. The Chairman to complete the minor adjustment work so the document will be up to date. **Noted. Action: Chairman.**

9. Reports from councillors/office

Community Talk: Grove Green Scouts. Cllr Macklin's report on her visit to the group was **received** and **noted**. The Chairman thanked her for attending and engaging so successfully with the young people. They had asked the parish council to look into arranging a park-run at the community orchard (**Action: office**) and for a storage unit, but Cllr Hollands stated that the Weaving Village Hall Committee was already considering providing such a unit, for which it may shortly submit a grant application.

10. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

10.1 Borough Councillor Wendy Hinder report covering local issues such as litter and nuisance vehicles. **Received** and **noted**.

Cllr Waller notified Cllr Hinder that the drain under the M20 on Boarley Lane was still flooding the road. Cllr Vic Davies raised concern about the closed PRoW at Tesco and suggested that the slope be changed into steps to stop the accidents. Cllr Hinder agreed to follow up the issues.

10.2 Cllr Butler informed members of the results of a recent MBC borough-wide survey in which 70 Boxley Ward residents were questioned about MBC services etc. Members felt that the survey was statistically flawed in that 70 was not a big enough sample and no information was given on how they were selected or contacted.

Cllr Bob Hinder raised the issue of MBC's overly positive response to the Lower Thames Crossing Consultation apparently without consultation with Ward members most affected. The Borough Councillors were asked to take back to MBC the parish council's grave concerns about the impact on residents of Walderslade, Lordswood and Sandling of increased traffic flows on the gyratory systems at M2 junction 3 and M20 junction 6. A copy of the parish council's own response to the consultation is to be sent to the members of the Strategic Planning and Transportation Committee. **Action: Clerk.**

11. Matters for Decision

11.1 Annual Meeting of the Parish. Monday 9 May, prior to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, commencing at 7.00 pm. **Agreed.**

11.2 Parish Council May meeting. Members were asked to be at Beechen Hall at 6.30 pm for a photographer to take a group photograph for the website. Councillors not wishing to have additionally a head-and-shoulders photo on the website should inform the Clerk.

11.3 Parish Council presence at St John's School Fayre Saturday 14th May 2016. Cllrs Macklin, Sullivan and Vic Davies agreed to attend. The parish office to arrange a suitable display.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Helen Whately MP. Thank you for the use of the committee meeting for her surgery. **Noted.**

12.2 Helen Whately MP. Copy of her response to MBC following the Local Plan Consultation public meeting she jointly hosted with Helen Grant MP. **Received** and **noted.**

13. Matters for Information

13.1 Two student work experience placements, each for one week, have been booked at the parish office for June and July. **Noted.**

13.2 Review of KCC Funded Bus Services. Members were invited to participate and will be sent the relevant link to do so. **Action: office.**

13.3 KWT March e-newsletter.

13.4 Kent Downs AONB has a new e-newsletter and members can sign up to receive it electronically.

13.5 Additional Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting arranged for Tuesday 12 April commencing at 7.00 pm. Location: Beechen Hall.

13.6 KWT magazine.

13.7 The Chairman notified members with considerable regret that Cllr Spain had decided that after 21 years of service she would not be standing for re-election.

Members expressed their thanks and gratitude for all she had done with a round of applause.

14. **Next Meeting**

Monday 9 May 2016 at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade ME5 9RU after the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

Meeting closed at 8.37 p.m.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman.....Date.....