

WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Memorial Hall Annexe, Woodchurch, on Friday 1 April 2016 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mr J West (Chair), Mrs G Davies, Mr A Faiers, Mr N Jones,
Mr P Spice and Mr R Woods

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR: Mrs A Hicks

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Mr M Angell

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were Member 5 Members of the Public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence was received from Mrs D Penn, Mr A Hukins and Mr P Wood.
All had prior commitments for this evening. Councillors unanimously approved their absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Declarations of Significant Interest

There were no Declaration of Significant Interest.

Updating of Declarations of Interest for the Code of Conduct

**Councillors are reminded that they should update their Declarations of Interest
with the Monitoring Officer if necessary.**

To note the granting of any requests for Dispensations and the decision

No such requests received.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2016 were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Mr West should sign them as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Mr Spice Seconded: Mr Woods

The Minutes of the EGM held on 23 March 2016 were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Mr West should sign them as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Mr Jones Seconded: Mr Woods

4. MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND RECONVENED

The meeting was opened to Members of the Public present from 7.05 – 7.17 pm for questions and comment.

5. PLANNING

No applications discussed at this meeting.

Drainage Issues at Woodchurch House

Mr Faiers reported that Southern Water is investigating this issue.

6. VILLAGE MATTERS**Village Green**

Mr West suggested that, as the soil area has now been raised and work is progressing well, councillors consider sowing a wildflower meadow on this area.

Mr Woods proposed that the council should explore the possibility of sowing a wildflower meadow, subject to a review of finances. Seconded by Mr Spice.

The cost of the project will be in the region of £2380.00. The Clerk and Chairman will investigate grant funding.

Mr West reported that there is a concrete pad on The Green, next to the cricket pavilion and he suggested that we contact the lady who would like to purchase a bench in memory of her husband to ascertain whether she thinks this site is suitable. Councillor agreed to this suggestion.

Cars are still being driven across The Green.

Parking on the Memorial Hall Car Park will be included on the next agenda.

Councillors agreed to enter the Kent Men of Trees Competition and nominated Mr Wood in his absence to meet with the judge.

7. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerks will ask ABC for an update on the proposed boundary changes to the Conservation Area.

Mr Wood visited the Primary School and talked to the children in the Primary School about the Parish Council. His talk was well received.

8. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**Bank Reconciliation**

Account Balance		Balance at Bank	
Opening Balance	45790.17	Money Manager Account	48121.88
Plus Receipts	<u>24451.95</u>	Less uncleared cheques	<u>4165.76</u>
	70242.12		43956.12
Less Payments	<u>26236.00</u>	Plus Community Account	<u>50.00</u>
	44006.12		44006.12
Less Earmarked Funds	<u>22906.41</u>	Less Earmarked Funds	<u>22906.41</u>
AVAILABLE FUNDS	21099.74	AVAILABLE FUNDS	21099.71

A replacement cheque no 100974 for the work to the Motorbike Springer was signed as the Payee is M Bisonette not Madplay Frames. This shows in the accounts for 2015/2016.

Earmarked Funds

	Balance
	26.02.15
Election/Standards Committee	5000.00
Contingencies	10240.74
Maintenance on War Memorial Grass Cutting	-16.98
Play Area/CEE	2997.65
Village Trees	810.00
General Reserves	3875.00
	22906.41

Accounts to be Paid

PAYEE	CHQ NO	NET £	VAT £	GROSS £	DETAILS
KALC		565.84	113.17	679.01	Subscription
D Grabham		160.00		160.00	Green Maintenance
The Kent Men of Trees		10.00		10.00	Enrolment Fee

Proposed: Mr Spice Seconded: Mr Faiers

A cheque for £800 has been received from N R Motors towards the cost of resurfacing the Memorial Hall Car Park

Website

Nothing to report.

Insurance

We are in a long term agreement with Hiscox until 2018.

Newsletter

Mrs Penn will be asked to produce a newsletter informing residents of the date of the APM, forthcoming elections and details of the proposed plans for the new area of village green.

Risk Assessment

During the month the Clerk was asked to obtain a second quote for the sign for the Community Exercise Equipment.

Following discussion councillors unanimously agreed to proceed with the initial quote for £175.00. The second quote was for £238.00.

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the initial quote and agreed the design for the proposed sign for the CEE equipment.

Proposed: Mr Faiers Seconded: Mr West

Mr Faiers will obtain a quote for a new backboard for the basketball court.

The crash mat around the double swing needs attention.

The double swing is showing signs of rust.

Siting of Defibrillator

The defibrillator at Shirkoak is going to be installed on Monday.

Stoney Lane

The Clerk will contact East Kent PROW and ask them to arrange to meet with the Chairman to discuss this.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Kent Community Foundation

KALC

Clerk and Councils Direct

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England Electoral Review of Kent:

Final Recommendations

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Report from Police Community Support Officer Andrew Hoodless 58706

I have recently taken over from the previous PCSO Gary Carr, therefore I am still familiarising myself with the area. Before his departure PCSO Carr gave me a full insight into the policing issues around Woodchurch. I am pleased to inform you that Woodchurch has not been subject to any significant issues.

A stolen scooter was found and recovered by police on 10/03/2016.

A report of two suspicious persons was received on 18/03/2016, these persons were reported to be acting suspiciously at a mechanics. Members of the public are advised to report any suspicious behaviour to 101, so that police can deal with as appropriate.

On 20/03/2016 a nuisance motor bike was reported to police. Officers attended and the motorbike was gone before they were able to speak to the driver, passengers on bike were spoken to. No reports of nuisance vehicles have been received since.

If you wish to make police aware of any issues within the area or wish to contact me, please do not hesitate to contact Kent Police on 101.

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10. HIGHWAY ISSUES

County Councillor Angell has arranged a meeting with officers regarding dropped kerbs in Front Road. Mr West asked him to report the state of the road surface along Shadoxhurst Road. The broken verges along Place Lane will be reported. 206793

11. FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNCILLORS

Mr Spice reported that Mr Wood would be attending future KALC meetings on behalf of Woodchurch Parish Council.

Mr West reported that the arrangements to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday are well in hand. There is to be a party for the children, a tea party for the adults and a dance in the Village Hall in the evening.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.02 pm.

Signed..... Dated

Chairman