



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

Protecting the Woodland Gateway to the Countryside

SHADOXHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 463

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2022 COMMENCING AT 6PM

PRESENT:	Cllr M Richmond Coggan (Chair), Cllr D Ledger (Vice Chair), Cllr E Yeomans, Cllr D Williams & Cllr R Hills
PARISH CLERK:	Ms C Laming
BOROUGH COUNCILLORS:	Cllr D Ledger
COUNTY COUNCILLOR:	Cllr D Robey
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:	There was one member of the public present.

1. INTRODUCTION

Explanation of the process and format of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Declarations of Significant Interest.

There were no Declaration of Significant Interest.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes 462 of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Cllr M Richmond Coggan should sign them.

Proposed Cllr E Yeomans

Seconded Cllr R Hills

5. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILOR

The were no receipts for the vacant position of Parish Councillor, so the vacancies remain open.

6. PUBLIC INTERVAL (18.05-18.15)

One member of the public suggested scattering some wildflower seeds close to the pavilion. It was agreed that this was possible.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Nothing to Report.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (See Appendix A)

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (see Appendix B)

ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS & AGREEMENTS

8. PLANNING (see Appendix C)

The Council's decisions on applications received by the date of this agenda are shown in Appendix C.

It was reported that Ashford Borough Council are experiencing long backlogs therefore there has been no new information recorded.

9. FINANCE & POLICY

Account Balances (see Appendix D)

Payment of Accounts

Accounts to be Paid

February 2022

		net	vat	gross	total	Account
Clerks Salary	February Salary	628.33		628.33	628.33	SPC
Caretaker's Salary	February Salary	120.00		120.00	120.00	H&P
Spick n Span	Window Cleaning - Janaury/February	20.00		20.00	20.00	H&P
C.M Cleaning	Hall Cleaning January/February	240.00		240.00	240.00	H&P
Castle Water	Village Hall	22.12		22.12	22.12	H&P
Aspire	Grounds Maintenance	2701.44	540.29	3241.73	3241.73	H&P
ABC	Business Rates - Jan22	110.00		110.00	110.00	H&P
arch-tech	Site Location Plan for new pavilion	121.76	24.35	146.11	146.11	H&P
KCC	Unused Grant Reclaim - Tea & Tots	960.00		960.00	960.00	H&P
Woodchurch Hub	Newsletter Printing	125.40		125.40	125.40	SPC
Woodchurch Hub	Free Tennis Flyers	28.25		28.25	28.25	H&P
Zsig	Tennis Equipment	583.34	116.66	700.00	700.00	H&P
Clerk's Expenses	Equipment for Village Hall/Cleaning	110.21		110.21	110.21	H&P
Clerk's Expenses	Fuel, Home Office, paper	24.13		24.13	24.13	SPC
		5794.98	681.30	6476.28	6476.28	

Proposed Cllr R Hills

Seconded Cllr M Richmond Coggan

Section 106/Budget 2021/2022

Nothing to Report.

Budget 2022/2023

Nothing to Report.

10. VILLAGE HALL

CCTV & Fly tipping

CCTV and a new security light has now been ordered. The positioning has now been confirmed and installation will take place in due course.

Hallmaster/Online Hall Booking Software

Following on from an online presentation, it has been agreed that the Parish will operate bookings from 1st April 2022 using Hallmaster. The Clerk will organise the transfer.

Proposed Cllr M Richmond Coggan

Seconded Cllr E Yeomans

Music Licence

Nothing to Report.

Tennis Coaching

The KCC monies for the Reconnect Locality Grant Award has been received and the Clerk confirmed that the start date for the coaching will begin after the Easter Holidays.

Repairs

The Clerk provided the Councillors with 3 quotes in relation to the double fire doors at the rear of the Village Hall. The Parish have appointed Everbright to carry out the works on replacing the doors.

11. PAVILION & PLAYING FIELD

Drainage Works

The football pitch is still unsuitable for use despite the drier weather. The Clerk will chase Aspire for a start date on the slitting.

2022 Village Fete

Nothing to Report.

Jubilee Weekend

Cllr E Yeomans confirmed that a 'Picnic in The Park' on Saturday 4th June 2022 would go ahead at the Pavilion. The Parish Council have agreed to contribute £500 to the day.

Community & Sports Hall Project

The amended Pavilion plans were accepted by all the Councillors.

Cllr E Yeomans provided the Councillors with 3 quotes for the new playground installation. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Quote No.3 would be accepted and Kompan Play would carry out the installation. A special thanks to Cllr E Yeomans for her time and hard work on this project.

Proposed Cllr M Richmond Coggan

Seconded Cllr R Hills

12. ADMINISTRATION

It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda going forward.

13. UTILITIES ADVISORY GROUP/EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The Newsletter will be printed by the weekend and distributed shortly after.

14. CONSERVATION & HERITAGE

Assets of Community Value (The Kings Head Public House)

It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda going forward.

Village Green Posts

Nothing to Report

Notice Boards

Following the Clerk sending over the measurements to Cllr R Hills, it was confirmed that a new quote would be presented in due course.

15. WEBSITE & COMMUNICATIONS

It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda going forward.

16. HIGHWAYS

Byway abuse by the off roaders

Cllr D Robey will investigate this matter.

Lorry Watch/Speed Watch

There has still been no response for the authorisation to purchase a handheld device which would measure speed from a much further distance to make it safer for the Speedwatch volunteers.

Highway Improvement Plan

Nothing to Report.

Items to be reported to KHS/PROW

Nothing to Report.

Lancaster Lorries

The resurfacing works have started on Church Lane and Duck Lane.

Speed Limit Reduction – Magpie Hall Lane & Capel Road

Nothing to Report.

17. COMMUNITY & SPORTS HALL PROJECT

See No.11 Pavilion & Playing Fields. It was agreed to move this item from the agenda and place it under 11. Pavilion & Playing Fields.

18. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Hornash House.

19. FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNCILLORS

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.58pm

Date of next meeting: **9th March 2022** Time 6pm in the Village Hall

Signed
Chairman

Dated

21st February 2022
Parish Clerk

APPENDIX A - COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- We have managed to achieve a balanced Draft KCC Budget for 2022 - 23 and a Draft 2022 - 2025 Medium Term Financial Plan, which will need to be approved by the Full Council, on 10th February. This scheduled to be an eight-hour meeting and things are going to be very tight next year.
- The Government has asked Local Authorities, at all levels, to come up with ideas for how more powers could be devolved from Whitehall and given to groupings of Local Authorities, to enable better delivery of various services, within 'sensible geographical areas'. The budgets would go with the powers. This is called a 'County Deal' and KCC is working with Kent District Councils and Medway to try and flesh out what this might mean for Kent. This is tied up with the 'Levelling -Up' agenda, and we are studying what this means, now that the White Paper has been published this week.
- KCC is also in the process of producing a new Strategic Plan. The last plan was produced in March 2020, but could not be implemented, as COVID became the main priority, and an interim plan was produced in December 2020. However, as we move out of COVID and back to normal, a new Strategic Plan is required, and the intention is to have this in place by mid - 2022. It is obviously connected with the 'County Deal' work referred to above.
- The online booking system for Kent Household Waste Recycling Centres will become permanent and will soon include the ability to make same day bookings, which has been trialled in two of the centres and will now be rolled out to the rest. This is in response to the Public Consultation, in which same day booking was the biggest improvement that people wanted, by a huge margin. Overall, the new system has resulted in a service that is better for residents, more cost effective for KCC, better for road safety, since queuing is eliminated, better for KCC staff, who have more time to help residents, as well as increasing the amount of material that is being recycled.
- The latest round of the Early Help Grant has resulted in £54k being allocated to a number of organisations across the Borough. Following final checks, letters will go out to the successful applicants on 14th February.
- The aggregates business has now left Duck Lane, which is to be repaired. There are still one or two issues to be resolved, but this does represent some progress.

