

Minutes of Mersham Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday, 20th March 2023 in the Church room at St John the Baptist Church

Present	Geoffrey Fletcher (Chair)	Peter Hawkin
	Stewart Ross	Kenton Stewart
	Melanie Wells	

In attendance: Cllr Bartlett, 1 member of the public and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Murphy and Turley.</p>	
<p>To receive declarations of interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests). The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. Cllr Wells noted a personal interest in the Inland Border facility as a family member works on the site and a personal interest in the Village Hall.</p>	
<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2023 Minutes of the Meeting of Mersham Parish Council on 20th February 2023 were approved as a true record and were signed accordingly.</p>	
<p>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes not covered by the agenda. Paul Bartlett had provided an update regarding the Tithe Barn from the Borough Council Planning department. The Planning department had explained that they will be discussing the matter with Historic England. The Clerk reported that the telephone box adoption is nearly complete.</p>	
<p>To receive report from Borough Councillor A detailed report had been circulated; a copy can be found on the website: http://www.mershampc.org.uk/community/mersham-parish-council-18392/borough-cllr-reports/ The Planning appeal hearing for Chequer Tree Paddock had been cancelled. Mott and Highways England are finalising the IBF signage. The Borough Councillor has communicated with Wayne Latter and John Hockley regarding the Church Road repairs. The Borough Councillor has chased the archaeological report for Highfield. The Government has announced that additional funds for potholes will be released for Kent. It was noted with great sadness that Colin Kibble has passed away.</p>	
<p>To receive an update regarding the creation of a green buffer zone in Highfield and the current situation at the Inland Border Facility No further information.</p>	
<p>To receive an update on Highways Issues (Including the Highways Improvement Plan) The Parish Council is awaiting the additional painting of lines in the parish.</p>	
<p>Update on the JPF Cllr Turley has communicated with the Caretaker who is starting the maintenance required. The Clerk is chasing Strutt and Parker and KALC regarding the lease.</p>	TB
<p>To receive an update on the Village Hall Cllr Wells provided an update on the Village Hall.</p>	

Planning matters: to authorise a response to any application(s) and to note any recent planning decisions by Ashford Borough Council or any correspondence on planning matters.

a) The following applications required comments:

OTH/2023/0285

Delta, Laws Lane, Mersham, Ashford, TN25 7HG

Erection of two storey detached garage and office. Resubmission of application 22/01038/AS

No objections raised

PA/2022/2916

Chequer Tree Paddock, Colliers Hill, Mersham, Ashford, TN25 7HT

Lawful Development Certificate - Existing - change of use of a building to a dwelling house

Objections submitted

22/01086/AS

Burch Farmhouse, Quarrington Lane, Brabourne, Ashford, TN25 5NA

Proposed porch on the east (front) elevation. Demolish the extension to the west (rear). Proposed extension to the west (rear) on the footprint of the existing extension. Extractor fans to bathroom and kitchen with 2no. plain tile vents within pitched roof. Replace all windows with new double glazed painted timber units. Add cowls to the chimney pots. Addition of new boiler externally. Create an opening between the kitchen and the dining area. Additional sockets in the hallway and kitchen. Additional downlight style ceiling lights. Proposed garage and carport.

Parish Councillors to consider and respond.

Financial matters:

a) To note the Parish Council's financial position.

The financial position was noted as at 28th February 2023

b) To authorise any payments

Cheque No:	Payee	Amount
502251	Forest Homes	£ 7,631.51
502252	T Block	£ 66.53
502253	HMRC	£ 38.60
502254	I King (March salary)	£ 130.00
502255	T Block (March salary)	£ 409.04
502256	JRB Enterprise Ltd	£ 111.06

A copy of the budget v expenditure was distributed to all Councillors.

Any Other Business (for information purposes only):

It was noted that there has been a few issues near the shop, there is currently a van blocking a footpath.

Cllr Hawkins offered to tidy the noticeboard, the Clerk will purchase additional magnets.

There was some conversation surrounding what the criteria is for houses at Quarry View.

The APM on 17th April will start at 7pm.

Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.

Monday 17th April 2023

Monday 15th May 2023

The meeting closed at 8.20pm