

Minutes

Meeting held in Studdal Church Hall on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7.30 pm.

1. Present and Apologies Present

B Merriman (Chair)
G Akhurst
H Densham
A Calthorpe
L Steger
D Willet
KCC Member Steve Manion
A Nigol (Clerk)

4 Members of the public

Apologies

DDC Member Nick Kenton
Noted that as a resignation letter had been received just before the start of the meeting Graham Smith is no longer a councillor

2. Declarations of interest

CLlr Merriman declared an interest on item 6. Finance.
CLlr Densham declared an interest on item 6. Finance.
CLlr Steger declared an interest on item 7. Chocks Go Away request for donation

3. Approval of the minutes 5th July 2022

The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by CLlr Merriman seconded by CLlr Akhurst and all members voted in favour.

4. Matters arising from the minutes 5th July 2022

Defibrillator. It has now been registered by the parish Clerk and is in the national database.
The auto pension enrolment letter was sent to the new clerk. The clerk confirmed that he did not wish to opt in at this stage.

5. Visitors

None

6. Finance

CLlr Merriman and CLlr Densham left the meeting

- i) To approve the payment schedule for August was proposed by CLlr Akhurst and seconded by CLlr Calthorpe and all members voted in favour.

Chq No.

001508 Clerk check cancelled due to an error

001509 Clerk	Clerk wages July-August A Nigol	£797.12
001510 Clerk	July-August ex - Onedrive	£27.36
001511 B Merriman	Expenses. Gift card for S Smith on her retirement	£50.00
001512 ROSPA	Annual inspection on playing field	£168.00
001513 Cllr Densham	Concrete bill	£31.64
001514 Clerk	Clerk wages July- August S Smith	£452.31

Cllr Merriman and Cllr Densham returned to the meeting.

ii) Bank mandate change. New clerks details added. Cllr Steger has been added and Cllr Willet request is in progress.

7. Chocks Go Away request for donation

Appeal Letter from Paul Osbourne from Chocks Go Away requesting a donation towards consultants' costs incurred in objecting to the planning application 21/00626 (air strip at manor farm). It was pointed out a) as the PC had objected to this application originally and when it went out to consultation for a second time, b) when discussed at PC meetings all members of the public present had also objected and c) when canvassed a vast majority of the residents of Little Mongeham (the area of the parish most directly affected) were against the application it was decided to make a donation. Three hundred pounds donation was proposed by Cllr Akhurst and seconded by Cllr Willet and all councillors voted in favour other than Cllr Steger who did not take part in the vote due to her declared interest. Payment cheque to be issued and details to be reported to the October meeting.

8. CPRE The Countryside Charity membership renewal

CPRE is the countryside charity we signed up last year. Question was raised whether we would like to extend it. All members agreed that we are renewing our membership for a further year. It was proposed by Cllr Merriman seconded by Cllr Densham and all members voted in favour. Payment to go on October agenda.

9. John Foche charity new representative needed

With Graham Smith's resignation from the PC, Cllr Calthorpe to investigate if the Council must be represented. To be discussed next meeting and to go on October agenda.

10. KCC Allotment rental

All councillors agreed that direct debit payment should be made once a year rather than once a month. Clerk to ask KCC to clarify. After that a direct debit can be set up. To go on the agenda for October.

11. Local Planning

For consideration by Councillors:

To note:

i) DOV/22/00408 Koringi Downs Road, East Studdal CT15 5DB

Non material minor amendment. Erection of a front extension and porch to allow for increase the size of extension from 7m to 7.6m. Refuse non material AMD

ii) CON/22/00138/B Pumping Station Forge Lane Sutton Kent 7 - Biodiversity Method Statement. DDC Condition approved

iii) CON/21/00879/DD Forge Farm House, Forge Lane, Sutton, Kent CT15 5DG

Landscaping DDC Condition Approved

iv)DOV/21/01360 Site At Chapel Lane Chapel Lane Ashley Dover Kent CT15 5HY
Construction management plan - Condition approved.

v)DOV/22/00591 Land Off Stoneheap Road East Studdal CT15 5BU
Erection of a detached dwelling, with associated parking DDC Refused permission

vi)DOV/22/00560 The Stables Roman Road Maydensole CT15 5HR
Certificate of Lawfulness (existing) for the continued use of storage building as dwellinghouse DDC
Certificate existing granted

For consideration:

i)DOV/22/01106 Land Adjacent Greenways Forge Lane Sutton CT15 5DG
Erection of a detached dwelling, car port with solar panels, excavations to facilitate widening of
vehicular access, relocation of entrance gate, car parking, installation of ground source heat pump,
waste water treatment plant and surface water storage (existing barn demolished)
The Council decided not to make a comment on the application.

12. Report from DDC/KCC

KCC member Steve Manion reported on the following:

Residents have been asked to update electoral register information in advance of next year's elections.

Cost of living crises website set up by the council for vulnerable people. Helping the local community.

For more information visit [Household Support Fund \(dover.gov.uk\)](https://www.dover.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

KCC 2023 budget consultation finished 5th September and discussion is on going.

The local school bus services. The KCC is meeting to discuss this and identify if there is any government funding available and to come up with a solution.

13. Allotments

- i) Discuss grant funding application. Application to be made by Cllr Steger in relation to element (iii).
- ii) New plots (3 people on waiting list) The new measurements for two plots to be taken again with marking out to be done. Then to be offered to the first two on the list. Clerk to action.
- iii) Quotations for allotment work received for which an application to the allotment fund will be made by Cllr Steger. 3 quotes received and were presented by Cllr Steger. It was proposed by Cllr Merriman that we go with the lowest quote (H.G Tree Surgery and £1000 for hedge cutting and £600 for gate post replacement) seconded by Cllr Densham and all members voted in favour.
- iv)Future grass cutting contract. Contractors work has now improved to acceptable levels. The three year contract comes to an end in the spring. Clerk to find out when. Then to be decided whether any areas of long grass in the recreation ground to be left for wildlife in the growing period. To be added to October agenda.

14. Orchard.

Apple picking September/October not taking place as there aren't many apples this year.

15. Programme of Maintenance for Physical Assets Inspection List.

To list was presented by Cllr Merriman and reviewed by the Council and actions were agreed.

16. Local community

- i) Verge bollards opposite Canton. Cllr Merriman thanked Cllr Densham for the work. The Council decided that they will be painted white. Cllr Calthorpe to complete the work.

ii) Tree cutting along the Millennium Bank.

Cllr Akhurst and Cllr Willet will do it after the leaves come down.

17. Correspondence

Response from Highways about the tree opposite Fir Tree farm Chapel Lane affecting the visibility of the next door property. They met the owner, who promised to cut the tree back. Follow up beginning of September. Clerk to action and to go on October agenda.

18. Property list for website

List provided by Cllr Akhurst which will be uploaded to the website. Clerk to action.

19. Any other business to report/matters to discuss

Cllr Merriman thanked everybody who have looked after all the flower boxes at the Parish.

Drain outside the nursery blocked, to be reported to the council. Clerk to action.

Cllr Graham Smith resignation letter. Clerk to contact DDC Democratic services about the vacancy to find out what needs to be done before we can advertise for co-opting new councillor.

Comments were made about the poor cutting quality of the hedges and verges on Roman road and Chapel lane. KCC to be told our verges needs to be done again. Clerk to contact KCC.

SAAA opt out to go on October agenda.

ROSPA annual inspection report to go on October agenda.

Apologies for the October meeting by Cllr Calthorpe.

Apologies for the October and November meeting by Cllr Merriman.

Apologies for the November and December meeting by Cllr Akhurst.

20. Date and status of next meetings.

Monthly Tuesday 4th October 2022 7.30pm – Studdal Church Hall

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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Clerk