

MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2009

Present: Cllr Robins (Chair)
Councillors March, Fletcher, Stevens, Parker, Hughes, Cheesman, Clemson and Kerrigan.

In attendance: Lucy Noakes (Clerk)
10 members of the public
1 member of the press

It should be noted that Cllr Kerrigan resigned and left the meeting at approximately 9.05pm. As items 8.11 Path across Fromandez Drive and 8.8 Horsefair were brought forward for discussion in this order immediately after the public session, Councillor Kerrigan was present for the discussion on these items ,but left the meeting immediately afterwards and took no part in the discussions which followed.

Declarations of Interest:

Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct were invited.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

KCC Cllr Alex King
TWBC Cllr Callow

2. PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Swan had asked to address the Council about the proposed footpath across Fromandez Drive, which was on the Council's agenda to be discussed under item 8.11.

Mr Swan explained that he had first proposed the idea of a footpath across the Green area about ten years ago as a shortcut to the Doctors Surgery. Mr Swan said that many people used the shortcut across the green, but in the winter it gets rather muddy and slippery and being on a slight slope this is a hazard for those using it.

Mr Swan had contacted residents form Fromandez Drive recently to see if they were still in favour of the footpath. There had been one objection to the idea form a resident who felt that the footpath may encourage people to park in Fromandez Drive if the Doctors surgery was full, and this would narrow the entrance to Fromandez Drive and block resident's driveways; however most residents had been positively in favour of the idea.

It was mentioned that a couple of the wooden posts around this Green area were broken.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 22nd June 2009 were taken as read and proposed for approval by the Chair. Carried.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 2009 were taken as read and proposed for approval by Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr March. Unanimous.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 18th August 2009 were taken as read and proposed for approval by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Stevens. Carried.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Robins informed the Council that the wall outside the Institute was soon to be lowered, to prevent anyone from climbing over to the back of the property. Cllr March said that this would be done as soon as possible and had been delayed slightly for reason outside the Councils control. Councillors Kerrigan, Clemson and March had met to discuss the gypsy sites discussion paper and had decided that the Council had no comments to add to this.

5. **PLANNING**

5.1 **Planning Applications**

Planning Application No:	TW/09/02460/FUL/SJM
Proposal:	Demolition of an existing 2 storey 4 bedroom house and replacement with a 2 storey 4 bedroom residential dwelling
Location:	Parkfield, Grovehurst lane, Horsmonden, Tonbridge.
Recommendation:	Refusal
Proposed:	Cllr Clemson, seconded Cllr March. Carried.

Planning Application No:	TW/09/02538/FUL/SEP
Proposal:	Detached double garage
Location:	Drum & Monkey Cottage, Grovehurst Lane, Horsmonden
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposed:	Cllr Stevens seconded Cllr Clemson. Unanimous.

Planning Application No:	TW/09/02537/CEU/SJM
Proposal:	Lawful development certificate (existing) – open storage of wood chips prior to collection for use as fuel.
Location:	Broadford Oast, Goudhurst Road, Horsmonden
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposed:	Chair. Unanimous.

5.2 **Report of Permissions Granted and Refused**

Permissions Granted.

TW/09/02241/FUL/GM2 – Churn Farm, Churn Lane, Horsmonden

Permissions Refused.

TW/09/01989/FUL/SJM – Capel Manor House, Grovehurst Lane, Horsmonden.

Appeals Dismissed

Appeal APP/M2270/A/09/2101463 – TW/08/02230/FUL/CP3 – Spelmonden Farm, Spelmonden Road, Goudhurst, Kent

New Appeals Lodged

TW/09/00084/FUL/TA1 – Land West of August Pitts farm (Mouse Trap Farm) Churn lane, Horsmonden. Appeal lodged under reference APP/M2270/A/09/2101401 was dismissed August 09 and an enforcement issue was served to remove the caravan. Mr Wayne Calpe was now appealing against the Enforcement notice.

5.3 Tunbridge wells borough Local Development Framework: Non-minor change(paragraph 4.21) to the core strategy.

The Clerk read out a piece of correspondence received from TWBC regarding the Local Development Framework and some changes which were being made to this. The Council had no comments to make on these changes.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Parish Council Accounts to 6th September 2009

The following accounts in respect of the period up to 6th September 2009 were presented to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Stevens to accept the accounts as shown. Unanimous.

Horsmonden Parish Council Accounts as at 6th September 2009

	Balances
Current account b/fwd 13.07.09	£ 7,252.99
Deposit account b/fwd 13.07.09	£ 12,482.50
Interest received (Deposit Account)	

Item	Ref	Receipts	Payments
Mr CJ Couchman - June Play and clock	400638		£ 78.92
Mr S Jones - June scavenging	400639		£ 60.36
Mr C J Couchman - July clock and play area	400640		£ 98.65
Mr S Jones - July scavenging	400641		£ 75.45
Mrs L Noakes July salary	S/O		£ 608.61
HM Inspector of Taxes (tax & NI Mrs L Noakes)	400642		£ 52.46
BT Payment services PC telephone to 6.07.09	400643		£ 135.96
EDF Energy customers Plc	400644		£ 27.71
Mrs L D Noakes - refund for speedwatch batteries	400645		£ 36.54
Mrs LD Noakes - reimbursement for PC security	400646		£ 39.99
Southern Electric contracting Ltd	400647		£ 80.41
South East Water Ltd - Toilets- Supply	400648		£ 4.82
KALC - annual secretarial honorarium	400649		£ 30.00
Maidstone signs -signs for play area	400650		£ 107.43
SHS - June and July cleaning of PC's	400651		£ 328.90
SHS - August cleaning of PC's	400652		£ 164.45
Southern Electric Company LTD - installation of col 10	400653		£388.70
Mrs L D Noakes - August Salary	S/O	25.08.09	£ 608.61
HM Inspector of Taxes (tax & NI Mrs L Noakes)	400654		£ 52.46
Mr CJ Couchman - August Play and clock	400655		£ 78.92
Mr S Jones - scavenging August	400656		£ 60.36
EDF Energy - Bill for Public conveniences	400656		£ 168.00
Payment from KCC for Fromandez Drive	06.08.09	£ 280.81	
Interest Current account	05.08.09	£ 2.39	
Vat reclaim for 01.04.08 - 31.03.09 (2nd half)		£3,067.89	

TWBC - grant for play area -to deposit a/c	28.08.09	£ 10,000.00
Interest Current account	04.09.09	£ 0.74

Current Account as at 06.09.09 £ 7,317.11
Deposit Account as at 06.09.09 £ 22,482.50

TOTAL
BANK: £ 29,799.61

7. HIGHWAYS AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

7.1 Highways

The Clerk had received correspondence and photographs from Mr Knapp a resident at the Manwarings, who was making a complaint about his neighbour's hedge which was overgrown and prevented him from having a clear view when reversing out of his driveway. Mr Knapp had explained in his letter that there had been a covenant upon the Manwaring's regarding the upkeep and maintenance of the properties and that he believed his neighbour to be in breach of this covenant.

Cllr Robins stated that the Council had no jurisdiction to enforce covenants, as this was a legal matter and neither could the Council get involved in neighbourly disputes. The Clerk had already informed Mr Knapp that the Council's authority in these matters could only extend as far as asking someone to prune back the vegetation from their property if it was encroaching onto a public path or Highway. From looking at the photographs there was evidence a small amount of vegetation overhanging and obstructing the pavement originating from the property on the corner of the entrance to the Manwarings. The Clerk will clarify which property this is and write to the residents asking them to ensure that all vegetation is cut back to the boundary of their property.

The Clerk will also write back to Mr Knapp and advise him of the Council's actions and limitations in how they can assist him.

The Clerk reported that Mr Howard –Williams had been most co-operative in arranging for his hedge at Heathside to be pruned back and that this work had now been carried out. Clerk to write and thank Mr Howard –Williams for his co-operation.

The Clerk had received a complaint from a parishioner about Cllr Robins Fir trees and hedge which boarder the pavement in Oast View. The Parishioner had requested that Cllr Robins reduce the height of his hedge in order to allow some sunlight to the pathway, as she felt this was responsible for the growth of moss and lichens on the pathway making it slippery.

Cllr Robins said that he would be taking the tops off of his hedge soon, however, he felt that this was unlikely to resolve any problems which may occur on the pavement here, as his hedge was north facing and without taking out the hedge and fence completely this area of pavement would never get any sunlight anyway. The Clerk had approached Richard Kaupert from KHS about this matter and he confirmed that the pavement had been treated to kill moss and lichen and he now believed the problem was resolved.

Cllr Stevens said that the Council should ask for a copy of the verge cutting plans from Jacobs, as the contractors Clear Track did not seem to hold plans which incorporate all of the sites needing to be cut. Clerk to obtain copies for Cllr Stevens to look at.

It was mentioned that the blocks were still positioned on the verge outside Sandhole Cottage. Richard Kaupert of KHS had said that this property belonged to Sprivers and he would contact the owners to see if

they could enforce the residents to remove the blocks. However the councillors believe that sandhole Cottage is privately owned and requested the Clerk to report this to Richard Kaupert so that he can ask the correct parties to remove the blocks.

Cllr Stevens remarked that the Horse Chestnut tree on the crossroads corner of the Village Green looked remarkably healthy and this should be remembered if the Council were approached asking for it to be pruned or dealt with in any way.

It was mentioned that the finger post at the Spelmonden triangle still has fingers missing. Clerk to chase again.

Clerk to report two pot holes in Brick Kiln lane which appear to have been marked up but not filled in.

Cllr Hughes reported that he had noticed lots of rubbish and litter had been exposed now that the hedge by Noakes' Cold Stores had been cut. It was requested that the clerk contact TWBC and ask them to do a special litter pick here, as they had indicated that they would do, earlier in the year.

7.2 Street lighting

The Clerk reported that SEC had replaced the light sensor on column 39 at the crossroads as it had been reported to be on at very strange times of day.

Column 10 on the Brenchley Road has now been replaced by SEC but needed reconnection of the electrics by EDF Energy before it would work. The Clerk had obtained an estimate from EDF Energy for the reconnection and this was £601 (net). It was proposed by Cllr Hughes that this be accepted, and this was seconded by Cllr Clemson and voted for unanimously.

7.3 Soil sampling on Village Green

The Clerk had received the results of the soil sample from Bournes via Dukes and it was noted that the green seemed to be deficient in all recommended nutrients. Clerk to obtain a quotation from Bournes to apply the recommended substances to the Green, as it was considered that Bournes were the specialists in this field. Councillor Stevens left the meeting at this point.. The time was 10.11pm

8. PARISH COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Play area – retrospective agreement to cost of new signs. Registration of lease.

The Clerk explained that it had been necessary to obtain new notices for the play area as a matter of urgency and these had been prepared by Maidstone Signs and put up by Cllr Stevens. Cllr Robins proposed from the Chair that the council accept the costs of £93.42(net) incurred in providing the signs. Unanimous. The Clerk said that she was now proceeding with the registration of the lease for the play area and this would probably involve a registration cost of £50 plus costs associated with her travelling to Tunbridge wells to register the lease with the land registry.

The Clerk had been asked by the insurers Allianz if we wished to insure the fencing and gates against damage by animals or vehicle. It was suggested that the Clerk obtain a quotation for this and bring it to the next meeting.

8.2 Public conveniences – agreement of cleaning contract/ invoices. Maintenance of external area.

The Clerk read aloud the Cleaning Contract prepared by Specialist Hygiene services. It was proposed from the Chair that the contract be agreed to and signed and returned accordingly. Unanimous. The Clerk reminded this present that the Council were in need of the funds promised by TWBC, comprising of £3000 demolition costs and a £600 per annum community toilets scheme. This would be reported at Thursday evenings Chairman's meeting. Clerk to ask Cllr Callow to remind TWBC, as she had not heard back from Julie Mellor on this.

The Clerk was still awaiting a quotation from Dukes to add the area in front of the toilets to the maintenance contract as the weeds in that area were now growing across the path and needed urgent attention.

Cllr Cheesman said that in the meantime he would look at the possibility of removing the weeds if he had time.

8.3 Renewal of Village Hall lease

It was arranged that Cllrs Robins, Parker and March would meet with the Clerk at her house at 7.45pm on 21st to discuss a suitable wording for the new lease.

It was proposed from the Chair that the Parish Council give authority to these Councillors to finalise the lease and agree it with the Village Hall committee. Unanimous.

8.4 Speedwatch update/Interactive speed signs

The Clerk is to meet with Isobel Kerrigan and Robert Dicketts, the new coordinator at her house on Thursday afternoon to go through the handover of Speedwatch to the new coordinator.

The clerk had received a letter from Paul Thrower at KCC explaining the differences between the two different types of interactive speed signs. It seemed that the two types of sign were for use in differing circumstances and positions within village centres. Bearing this in mind it was proposed by the Chair that the Council accept the type of sign being offered on the Goudhurst Road and ask for its implementation as soon as possible. Unanimous.

8.5 Publicity/advertising for meetings.

Cllr Robins had prepared as an example of what could be used to advertise meetings for the Council. He said that he had been investigating the possibility of using polycarbonate boarding for this purpose. He would report back any further findings at future meetings.

8.6 National Trust allotment scheme.

The clerk had received an email from the National Trust saying that they would look into the possibility of releasing land at Sprivers for use as allotments however; they had made it clear that such a scheme would need to be managed by the Parish Council. Members of the council were not keen to take on any further responsibilities at present as the Council already has a very full agenda over the next year or so.

8.7 Institute – Kitchen project

The Clerk had received communications from Ewen Kellas to say that the central heating system and boiler at the Institute had been fully serviced and repaired and that the Bar Chillers had been serviced. These had been carried out with Social Club funds. A further letter from Mr Kellas had explained that plans were progressing for a new kitchen facility in the building and said that as things progress, the plans and specifications would be passed to the Council, as owners of the building, for agreement. Members of the Council were very pleased to see things progressing with the building and asked the Clerk to clarify if the Social club had yet managed to find someone willing to act as a Trustee representing the Club, when the Trust was formed.

8.8 Horsefair 09

Sergeant Masters introduced himself and explained that he had come to the meeting to try and assist the Parish Council with discussions regarding the Horsefair which would take place on Sunday. He explained that as a local Police officer he had concern for the Parish welfare and would be actively involved with the event itself.

Councillor Cheesman said that the major concern of the public is the large number of people who turn up on the day of the Horsefair, as the village is simply unable to cope with them

Sergeant Masters said that the police were aware of this problem and as a result have increased their negotiations with the gypsy community regarding the event. He went on to say that it had been explained to the gypsy community that if they wanted the event to go ahead without problems they must take some responsibility for the event, and he believed that in response to this the gypsy community had stepped forward and for the first time in the event's history, and presented a booking form and insurance to the Parish Council. He said that the police had tried to keep tighter control on the event by arranging for trotting to take place on Green Road, which was to be closed during the event.

Councillor Robins explained that the Council in considering the booking form had to assess the risks involved with the event and had asked TWBC and KCC for advice on the matter, as well as the Council's insurance company. A particular point which was of concern for some of the Councillors was that if trotting was organised to take place on Green Road, as the police had arranged, and an accident occurred in this vicinity, then Councillors could potentially find themselves personally liable as having allowed the event to go ahead, as the organisers insurance would only cover the Green. Cllr Robins went on to say that this was a consequential loss which he believed the Councillors could potentially be found personally liable for if an accident occurred off the Green, as this would not be covered under the Parish Councils insurance.

TWBC had said that they were unable to provide advice, but suggested that if the Council did accept the booking, they should make it clear that the authority would be given in respect of the event on the Green only and that the organisers should not allow the event to spread off the sides of the Green. They also suggested that the Council write a formal letter to their Insurers explaining the event and the risk involved and stating that these risks are outside the Council's control as per the policy terms and conditions.

KCC legal department had advised not to accept the booking as they felt the Parish Council could be setting themselves up for a legal liability which their insurers may not cover if they felt that insufficient steps had been taken to minimize risk.

KCC legal department had said that in future years (it was too late this year), the Parish Council could obtain a Court Injunction against persons unknown to prevent the event from going ahead and this could be served upon the police to enforce. The police would then be obliged to try and prevent the event taking place. KCC Legal department had also suggested that although the road closure had been authorised by KHS they may not have been fully aware of the factors involved, as they were doubtful that KCC's insurers would want to take on this risk. The Clerk had later received a telephone message from Richard Highgate to say that he had spoken to CI Wilson and was fully aware of the event.

Cllr Clemson asked the Council if in giving consent for the event to go ahead, it could be specified that such consent was for the green only.

Cllr Robins said that the Council's booking form needed to be altered for future events to specify that permission was being given for the event to take place on the Green only and that the event should not be allowed to spill off the Green. The Clerk was to add this to the agenda for next month's meeting

Councillor Kerrigan said that he felt that if the Council explicitly gave permission for the event to take place just on the Village Green, then the Council could only be responsible for the Village Green. He said that the Council had asked for the organiser to fill in a booking form and provide insurance and that they had fulfilled this. To then qualify the booking or ask them to provide something else would be moving the goal posts and would be something which the Council had not asked others to do.

Cllr March voiced concern that in the past the Police appeared to have been monitoring the event rather than taking constructive actions.

Cllr Robins reminded those present that in 2000 the Police had attempted to stop the event. They had now changed their stance so that they appeared to be almost promoting the event, as a cultural event.

Sergeant Masters reminded everyone that the event would be likely to go ahead whatever decision the Council made about the booking form.

Some heated discussions followed this prior to Councillor Robins asking each Councillor in turn for their opinion on the subject.

Cllr Hughes said that he was in favour of approving the booking form subject to clarification that the event would take place on the Green only, as he was happy with the event on the Green, but not off the Green.

Cllr Parker agreed largely with the opinion of Cllr Hughes and suggested that the Council accept the booking form but followed the suggestion from TWBC in that the council should make it clear that the booking was for the Green only and does not allow the event to spread off the Green.

Cllr Fletcher agreed with Cllrs Parker and Hughes and said that the Council should also write to inform their insurers that they had done this.

Cllr March said that she was very concerned about the advice given by KCC and that it should be noted that it was too late in the day for the Council to try and obtain proper written legal advice. She felt that the event was covered by insurance on the Green, but that the Council could appear negligent if they did not do everything they could to keep the event on the Green. Cllr March felt that the Clerk should write to the insurers saying that we were doing everything we could to try and keep the event on the Green, and that the Council should also ask the Police to restrict the event to the Green only.

Cllr Clemson agreed largely with Cllrs Hughes and Parker and said that he felt that if the Council gave their consent it should be stated categorically that the Council have no liability whatsoever for anything which takes place off the Green.

Cllr Stevens said he thought the event should go ahead.

Cllr Kerrigan stated that he was in agreement with Cllr Hughes. He also stated that he was very surprised by the KCC advice which was to refuse this application under all circumstances as this did not appear to be a sensible response. He said that he felt that the Council were only considering the booking for the Village Green and could only consider the Green and not the surrounding roads over which they had no authority. He went on to say that he thought it was very encouraging that the Vine family had taken it upon themselves to fill in the booking form and obtain insurance. Cllr Kerrigan pointed out that he felt it would be discriminatory and inflammatory to now ask the organisers for further assurances that would not be required of any other event organisers.

Cllr Cheesman said that he felt that it was too big an event for too small a place and that the vast majority of parishioners did not want the event to take place. He explained that over the years the event tends to get bigger and bigger. His opinion was that in accepting the form we would be condoning the event and if something then happened who would know who was liable.

Cllr Clemson suggested that if something did happen a court of law would take into account that the Parish Council had done all it could to minimise the risk if the event were limited to the Green.

Cllr March reiterated that she felt that this was purely an insurance and liability risk being considered.

It was proposed from the Chair that the Council accept the booking of the Village Green on 13th September by the Horsefair organisers, subject to a signed statement from the organisers stating that the event will be held solely on the Village Green. In addition to this a written statement should be obtained from the police requesting that they would attempt to keep the event on the Green. The vote was 3 in favour, 2 against and 3 abstaining. Proposal refused.

Cllr Hughes then proposed that the Council accept the booking form and that it be pointed out to the organisers that the Council were authorising an event on the Green only and to the extent that the event may spill over onto surrounding roads was entirely a matter between the organisers and the police, and would not be the responsibility of the Council. This was seconded by Cllr Stevens, however the vote was 3 in favour, 4 against and 1 abstained. Proposal refused.

Cllr March gave a third proposal to accept the booking of the Village Green on 13th September by the Horsefair organisers, subject to a signed statement from the organisers stating that the event will be held solely on the Village Green. In addition to this a written statement should be obtained from the police requesting that they intend to keep the event on the Green. This was the same as Cllr Robins proposal, but replaced the word 'attempt' with 'intend'.

During discussion prior to this vote Cllr Kerrigan again stated that to ask the organisers to provide such a letter would be discriminatory as no other event organisers are ever asked to do so. He also stated that the council had a duty under race relations and anti-discrimination laws to treat all people equally and that to vote for this proposal would mean that the council was not adhering to this duty.

This was seconded by Cllr Fletcher, and the Council voted 4 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions. Proposal carried.

At this point in the meeting Councillor Kerrigan said that he felt that this decision was discriminatory and that the Councillors were opening themselves up to criticism under race relations and anti-discrimination laws. The gypsy community had submitted in good faith both a completed booking form and also the public liability insurance certificate as the council requested and now the council was raising the bar even higher for them by asking for further letters of assurance. He stated that as this was the case he was resigning from the Council with immediate effect as he could not continue to be part of a council which he felt were acting in a discriminatory manner.

Cllr Kerrigan then left the meeting.

Clerk to email CI Wilson with the Council's decision the following day.

It was then discussed by the Council that in the event of these assurances not coming back from the event organisers and the police, the Council would have to prepare and erect the usual disclaimer signs around the Village Green, as they would be unable to accept the booking in this event.

8.9 Update on Housing needs project

The Clerk had received communications from Orbit to ask if they were still willing to use them as their chosen RSL for the Housing Needs project as they had a full programme until 2012. The Council seemed content to continue negotiations with Orbit as their chosen provider.

Cllr Robins and March to try and meet with the Fitzgerald's who own the Gibbet Lane site to discuss possible options if Cascade do not get planning permission for this site.

8.10 Conservation board.

John Naylor said that he had arranged a meeting with personnel at TWBC to speak further about possibilities for this on Thursday.

8.11 Path across Fromandez drive

Following discussions within the Public Session about this matter earlier in the meeting, the Chair proposed that the Parish Council recommended that KCC proceed with the proposal of the path across the Green at Fromandez Drive as soon as possible. Unanimous

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Kent.gov.uk film office.

The Clerk had received correspondence from the Film Office at KCC asking them to advertise for candidates for a TV programme which was being made. The Council felt that their notice board was too small to accommodate such notices at present.

9.2 KCC introduce the permit scheme for road works

Alex King had sent an email regarding this new scheme which is to come into force from January.

9.3 KCC Speed limit reviews order 2009 – Maidstone Road B2162

The Clerk had received correspondence saying that it had been recommended from the reviews that the section of road from the parish boundary to the entrance for Gafford's Cottages on the Maidstone Road should be given a revised speed limit of 50mph.

9.4 Co-op bank merger notification

The Clerk had received correspondence to say that the Co-op bank had now merged with Britannia Building Society.

9.5 BT – Invitation to adopt red kiosk opposite junction of Churn Lane & Maidstone Road.

The Clerk had made enquiries about this and BT had informed her that if the box were adopted it would be the property of the Parish Council although the land upon which the box stood was part of the Highway. The Council would be at liberty to move the box to anywhere they wished and could sell it if adopted. The box at Churn Lane is not one of those which are listed. If the adoption does not get up taken by the Council at present then BT have stated that they do not intend to remove the box at present.

The Council did not wish to adopt the box at this stage, but would like to be kept informed of the situation by BT.

9.6 Kent Fire & Rescue Service Performance Plan 2009/10

The Clerk informed the Council of the availability of this performance plan on the website.

9.7 ACRK – 85th Annual Meeting – 1st September 2009 – BC attended.

Cllr Cheesman had attended the meeting on the Council's behalf. There had been nothing of consequence for him to report back.

9.8 TWBC draft Statement of Principles – Gambling Act 2005 Request for comments

The Clerk presented this request to the Council who did not wish to comment on this at present.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Cllr March explained that the Livingstone Foundation is currently preparing the bronze work for the Millennium plaque and it is hoped that the installation will take place over the winter.

Cllr March relayed a concern which several parishioners had expressed to her, regarding the high number of badgers which had been run over near the Sports ground on the Maidstone Road. It had been suggested to her that the Council might erect signs saying 'Badger's crossing' or something to this effect. The Council did not wish to take any actions on this at present.

Cllr Robins said that in light of Cllr Kerrigan's resignation, the Clerk should now advertise the vacancy in the normal way and take the necessary actions.

The meeting closed at 11.15pm

Next Meeting Dates

Monday October 5th 2009 – Parish Council Meeting

Monday November 2nd 2009 – Parish Council Meeting

Monday December 7th 2009 – Parish Council Meeting

Monday December 14th 2009 – Finance Committee Meeting