



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021** AT 19:30. THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO THE COVID:19.

Present: Cllr S Barker, Cllr C Bridger, Cllr M Colman, Cllr A Petty, Cllr N Sherlaw,

Apologies

Also in attendance: Mrs G Jackson (Deputy Clerk)

**PTE20/332. Chairman's Announcements – to receive announcements.**  
The Chairman advised that the meeting will be recorded. The Chairman also advised that the meeting will follow the protocol adopted in April 2020 and if you would like to speak please use the reaction icons.

**PTE20/333. To receive and accept Apologies for Absence**  
There were none.

**PTE20/334. To receive Declarations of Interest & Lobbying**  
There were none.

**PTE20/335. Minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning, Transport & Environment Committee meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 be approved and the minutes will be physically signed at the earliest opportunity. **SMB**

### Transportation

#### Speedwatch

**PTE20/336.** To note that the recruitment drive is taking place this month and the results will be reported at the next meeting.  
It was **noted** that the Speedwatch recruitment campaign had been released on the parish council website, social media and noticeboards. It was **RESOLVED** to approach the Oracle and Kings Hill Mums to see if they could share the poster providing there is no cost. **Deputy Clerk**

**PTE20/337. To receive update on Kent Street Improvement Scheme.**  
An update was received and it was **noted** that Kent County Council are awaiting a cost estimate of different options and once this has been received the designs will be reviewed, discussion will take place with the landowner and then the options for improvements will then be considered by Members of the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Joint Transport Board (JTB).

**PTE20/338.** It was **RESOLVED** to forward the response from Kent County Council to Mereworth Parish Council. **Deputy Clerk**

### Planning

**Planning applications – to consider applications and agree responses**

**PTE20/339. TM/19/2396/R4 – Blaise Farm Quarry, Kings Hill**  
Details of a maintenance manual for the proposed sustainable drainage scheme pursuant to Condition 4 of planning permission TM/19/2396.  
This planning application was **noted**.

**PTE20/340. KCC/TM/0259/2020 – Blaise Farm Quarry, Kings Hill**  
  
Section 73 application to enable the operation of the established in vessel composting facility to its approved capacity for the same duration as the adjacent anaerobic digestion facility permitted under planning permission TM/19/2396 on 15 October 2020.

Kings Hill Parish Council has No Comment on this planning application. **Deputy Clerk**

**PTE20/341. TM/20/02830/RM - Kings Hill Phase 3**  
Reserved Matters application (appearance, access, landscaping, layout and scale) for Areas 4-8 of Kings Hill Phase 3 comprising the erection of 140no. dwellings, means of access and associated landscaping, parking, levels, drainage and ancillary works involving the discharge of conditions 1, 12, 13, 19, 20, 23, 24, 37, 38 and 39 pursuant to outline planning permission TM/13/01535/OAEA.

It was **RESOLVED** to consider this planning application at the February Planning, Transport & Environment Committee meeting. **Deputy Clerk**

**PTE20/342. To consider setting up a working group to respond to TM/20/02830/RM - Kings Hill Phase 3.**

It was **RESOLVED** not to form a working group but the members of the Planning, Transport & Environment Committee would circulate a draft response to the Deputy Clerk before the meeting papers are circulated for the February committee meeting. **PTE**

**PTE20/343. To receive update on Clearheart Lane planning application.**

It was reported that Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council have invited a withdrawal for this application for reconsideration and a revised application for TM/20/01401/OA has been requested.

**PTE20/344. To report on Planning decisions.**

The planning decisions were **noted**.

**PTE20/345. To receive update on Forty Acre appeal.**

There was no update on planning application TM/20/01738/OA and this will be obtained for the next committee meeting to be held in February. **Deputy Clerk**

**Local Plan**

**PTE20/346. To receive any updates on the Local Plan.**

An update was given regarding the last letter from the Planning Inspectorate to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council where it set out the following:-

“We will not reach a final decision until you have had chance to consider and respond to this letter. However, in light of our serious concerns regarding the DtC, as set out above, we consider it a very strong likelihood that there will be no other option other than to invite you to withdraw the plan from examination, or, failing that, for us to issue a final

report recommending that the plan is not adopted because of a failure to meet the DtC in accordance with our duties under Sections 20 (5) (c) and (7) of the Act.”

## Section 106

### Motion from Cllr Barker

**PTE20/347.** To consider the S106 Procedure for Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to compile a list of open spaces the parish council have along with any proposed improvements. It was also **RESOLVED** to list open spaces throughout Kings Hill and to clarify what is outstanding from the Phase 3 planning obligations.

Deputy Clerk

## Environment

**PTE20/348.** **To receive the highways parish portal fault report.**

The parish portal fault report was **noted**. It was **RESOLVED** to promote the portal on social media.

Deputy Clerk

### Climate Change

**PTE20/349.** To note that the climate change working group are meeting on 11th January 2020.

This was **noted**.

### Motions from Cllr Barker

**PTE20/350.** To consider response to the NALC Climate Change Survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HVNZMR6>

**PTE20/351.** Has your council declared a Climate and/or Biodiversity Emergency?

It was **RESOLVED** to answer no declaration planned or made to this question.

**PTE20/352.** Has your council carried out a carbon footprint calculation? Please select all that apply:

It was **RESOLVED** to answer no to this question.

**PTE20/353.** What carbon-reducing measures are you working on in the community? Please select all that are applicable.

It was **RESOLVED** to answer the following to this question:

- Electric Vehicle charging points
- Expanding network of bicycle lanes and footpaths
- Supporting public transport (e.g. subsidising rural bus service)
- Energy efficiency incentives (e.g. insulation)
- Tree and shrub planting
- Working with local landowners to manage land for wildlife
- Cutting the use of pesticides
- 'Buy local' incentives
- Local produce markets
- Working with local businesses

**PTE20/354.** What carbon-reducing measures are your council working on within their own operations? Please select all that are applicable.

It was **RESOLVED** to answer this is to be discussed to this question.

- PTE20/355.** In order to work towards carbon neutrality/sustainability, do you need support with any of the following? Please select all that are applicable  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer the following to this question:
- Locating and applying for relevant grants and subsidies
  - Raising money
  - Relevant knowledge, skills and training
  - Understanding behaviour change
  - Outreach and publicity
- PTE20/356.** Has your council or community met any barriers to progressing your climate emergency work?  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer no, the climate change working group is work in progress to this question.
- PTE20/357.** Please provide details of any ways you may have overcome these barriers to your climate change activities.  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer not applicable to this question.
- PTE20/358.** Has your council or community come up with any innovative carbon-cutting actions that you would like to share with us?  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer no to this question.
- PTE20/359.** Do you have a neighbourhood plan, and does it address issues such as renewable energy or other sustainable activities?  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer no to this question.
- PTE20/360.** Has your council passed a resolution to exercise the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011?
- The General Power of Competence gives Councils the power to do anything an individual person can do, provided that is not explicitly prohibited in law.
- Local Councils can declare the General Power of Competence when they meet two tests: (1) having a CiLCA qualified Clerk, and (2) 2/3 of Councillors publicly elected.  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer no to this question.
- PTE20/361.** Has your council set up a community Climate Emergency Working Group (or similar)?  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer yes, a climate change working group has been set up to this question.
- PTE20/362.** Is your council working with any of the following climate action groups?  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer no, this is work in progress to this question.
- PTE20/363.** If your council is not interested in acting on the climate emergency, please describe why you think that might be:  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer a working group has been created to this question.
- PTE20/364.** What is the most significant change that you would like to retain after the COVID-19 pandemic?  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer the following to this question:

- Supporting residents to cycle and walk more
- Community spirit
- Appreciation of local green spaces
- Reduction in the use of paper

**PTE20/365.** If your council has no plans to act on the climate emergency, what might help to change the councillors' minds? Please tick as many boxes as are applicable.  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer don't know to this question.

**PTE20/366.** To note that a visit will be set up to the anaerobic digester when it is safe to do so and that a liaison group is being set up with Bio Construct New Energy to take place in January 2021.  
It was reported that the liaison group meeting has been set up for 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**PTE20/367.** To note that a recruitment campaign for a tree warden is taking place this month and the results will be reported at the next committee meeting.  
This was **noted**. It was **RESOLVED** to approach the Oracle and Kings Hill Mums to see if they could share the poster providing there is no cost.

**PTE20/368.** To receive update on the re-routing of the footpath surrounding Blaise Farm.  
It was **noted** that this is with the Planning Inspectorate for determination.

**PTE20/369.** **To report external meetings with representatives of the Planning, Transport & Environment Committee**  
03/12/2020 – Gatwick Meeting. Cllr Colman attended.

**To report Correspondence and matters for information**

**PTE20/370.** 30/11/2020 – Email regarding Tonbridge & Malling Ramblers out and walking again from 3 December. **Noted.**

**PTE20/371.** 04/12/2020 – Website enquiry form from resident regarding Pippin Green lychgate. **Noted.**

**PTE20/372.** 04/12/2020 – Email from Kent Highways regarding Kent County Council - A228 Malling Road, Mereworth - Road Renewal Notification Letter. **Noted.**

**PTE20/373.** 07/12/2020 – Email from T&M KALC Area Committee regarding notification of meeting to enable officers at TMBC to update Parish Councils on TMBC Parking Procedures. **Noted.**

**PTE20/374.** 08/12/220 – Email regarding Southern Trains. **Noted.**

**PTE20/375.** 10/12/2020 – Email from resident regarding Pippin Green lychgate. **Noted.**

**PTE20/376.** 21/12/2020 - Community Impact Assessment Reporting. **Noted.**

**PTE20/377.** **Date of next meeting** – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

**Questions from committee members and future agenda items**

**PTE20/378.** Cllr Barker asked for Broadwater Farm to be on the next agenda so that the parish council can prepare for the application when it is submitted.

The meeting was closed at 20.29

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