

Waltham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th of April 2022 at Waltham Village Hall

In line with the Transparency Code all documents relating to the meeting are published in an Agenda Pack on the Parish Council Website at <https://walthampc.org.uk>

Present: Parish Councillors: John Barry (Chair), Jane Robinson, Sue Browne and Ben Grillet.
Parish Clerk: Tony McCord

In Attendance: Ward Councillor Robert Thomas.

The meeting commenced at 19.30 with a welcome and introductions.

22/23.001 Apologies for absence:

Apologies from Cllr Chris Crowley were received and accepted.

22/23.002 Declarations of any Disclosable Pecuniary interests or Other significant Interests:

There were no declarations of interest.

22/23.003 Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on the 1st of March and the Extraordinary Meeting on the 15th of March were approved.

22/23.004 Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

22/23.005 Reports from County and City Councillors:

- a) A report from County Councillor Mike Sole had previously been sent to the Parish Council and published on Facebook, giving a summary of his activities representing Canterbury South at KCC and also Nailbourne Ward at the City Council.
Main points were attendance at parish council meetings; participation in KCC meetings; and gaining support at City Council to find land to create a Jubilee Wood
- b) City Councillor Robert Thomas presented his report:
 1. Both KCC and CCC, as partners of the Kent Resilience Forum, are continuing to assess the challenges of the fall out from the invasion of Ukraine. Obviously, first and foremost the health and wellbeing of those who arriving here as refugees or with visas. There are a whole host of potential knock on effects and these are considered through various forums including that directly between the Leader of KCC and Government. If anyone has a question or concern do get in touch. The government has issued its own guidance as to have KCC and CCC
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-frequently-asked-questions>

2. A well meaning Public Spaces Protection Order for the coast is out for consultation. As with any potential rule change the enforcement aspect is always food for thought.

<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultation-item?id=1&r=54>

3. The council has received additional funding to help provide Changing Places toilets. A new one is planned for Reculver

<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/294/changing-places-toilet-coming-to-reculver>

4. Several council car parks in the city centre are up for

sale <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/296/car-parks-go-on-the-market>

22/23.005 Financial Matters:

a) **Financial Report** : The Clerk/RFO presented a report on the Accounts for the financial year 2021/22 which had previously been published in the Agenda Pack. In brief, Council had overspent its £10,529 agreed budget by £1,481 but carried forward a balance of £10,942 into the new Financial year. Members unanimously **Resolved** to approve the accounts **Action: Clerk/RFO**

b) **Timetable for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR):**

Members discussed and Resolved to approve proposed management of the AGAR timetable, commencing at the next Ordinary meeting on the 3rd of May and ending with a formal report at the 6th of September meeting. **Action: Clerk**

22/23.006 Planning Matters CA//13/00909:

Members expressed continued concerns about developments at Dene Meadow over the past two years which appear to be in breach of planning consent. On reporting those concerns to the Planning Authority, Council has received a response indicating that enforcement will not be pursued unless there is evidence of residence. It was Resolved that the clerk should compare the current CCC Enforcement Policy with 'best practice' in other areas prior to communicating with City Councillor Ashley Clark. **Action: Clerk**

22/23.007 Annual Parish Meeting:

21/22.129 Date of next meeting:

It was confirmed that the next Ordinary Meeting would be held as planned on the 5th of April 2022

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm.

Chairman's Signature:

5th of April 2022