

MINUTES OF
MOLASH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
On Thursday 13th September 2018 @ 7.30pm

Attendees: Julia Phebey, Angela Goodsell, Sarah Williams, Tony Dodd

Apologies: None received

Also present: Six members of the public

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<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.</p> <p>2. Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WW1 Commemorations – The Parish Church have agreed a permanent location inside the church to house the statute, which must be freestanding as no wall space is available. - Hedge cutting – The hedge at Martin Lodge Farm has been cut three times this year. It future growth will be monitored. - Speed Sign – The area around the sign has been cleared by Gary Waters (GW Landscaping) without charge and he will continue to keep the sign visible for the community. A financial gesture will be offered at the end of the year. - Speeding on Pound Lane – A reduction in speed on the lane has been noticed, but some drivers (particularly delivery van drivers) are still speeding. - Footpath (PROW) next to The George – the overgrown weeds have been reported to the KCC. They are also aware of a broken stile on path number AE34. - The mirror at the A252 end of Church Lane was provided by MPC many years ago, so the council will look to get it replaced. - Village Noticeboards - The clerk commented that the Annual Returns documentation had at some point been removed. Investigations to take place into providing a lockable board/area of current board for Parish Council use only. <p>3. Planning</p> <p>Foodari</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report/update from the Ward councillor (not present). - ABC are waiting for KCC to approve disclosure of the traffic date information. <p>Cardboard/waste compactor. Waste fruit and vegetables are being put through the machine, causing a flood of rotting juice to leak down the yard. Foodari have been asked by the Landlord not to do this, but are continuing.</p>	
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3. Planning cntd:

The container held up to two months waste before it was emptied.
Environmental Health Department of ABC to be contacted for advice

The Woodyard, Pound Lane.

- o <http://planning.ashford.gov.uk/Planning/details.aspx?systemkey=110534&pageindex=0>

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- Demolition and change of use from commercial to Residential. Erection of 7no. dwellings with associated access, parking, private amenity space, and refuse storage.
- The Parish Council have listened to the views of the residents of Molash and will object to this application for the following reasons:
 - Too many properties for the site
 - The proposed height of each property
 - Lack of parking
 - No clear sewerage plans/provision for dealing with waste water
 - Infrastructure of the area
 - It would double the housing stock of that immediate area
 - Poor access to the A252 from the Pound Lane junction, more traffic would increase the likelihood of accidents
 - The site lies within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the buildings would not enhance the village.

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5. Correspondence

- The monthly report on the Forester finances etc has been received from Challock PC
- Rug Solutions, Smarden – enquiring if Molash have a suitable site for a textile recycling bin, which could generate funds for the village.
- Notice of KALC Chairmanship Conference, 13th December 2018
- ABC website to list details of all WW1 commemoration events if parishes would like to advise them of local plans.
- Letter to Mr D Ransley concerning his visit to Cllr Williams home address to voice his frustration at being reported to ABC for a possible planning breach. He was invited to attend a meeting to discuss the matter in open forum, if he so wished.

6. Any other Business

- None offered by the councillors
- Mr. David Ransley of Puddleduck Farm attempted to use the Council meeting as a platform to have an angry rant at the Councillors before the meeting convened. The process for discussions and adding topics to the agenda at parish meetings was explained by the Chair to Mr. Ransley and he was also asked to remain quiet until the end. (See reference to letter above concerning his visit to Cllr Williams home, when he angrily complained about his treatment by the council, for two hours).

At the end of the meeting Mr. Ransley was invited to voice his grievances which included feeling persecuted by the Parish Council as MPC had reported to ABC that Mr. Ransley no longer had any ducks on the farm

which were his agricultural purpose for the land – a condition imposed by ABC when granting permission for the property at Puddleduck Farm. The Chair explained that it was the role and obligation of MPC to report all number of issues within the community, including any breaches of conditions, to ABC and KCC. Mr. Ransley explained his reason for the ducks being removed from the farm was in reaction to an Avian Flu scare earlier in this year, where he kept the ducks housed and it then caused health issues and death of the birds.

Mr Ransley also referred to a complaint about Puddleduck Farm supposedly made by Mrs Reardon at the July meeting, which is totally refuted by the council and all the members of the public who were at that meeting. He was advised to take this matter up with whoever made the comment, but not at the council meeting.

He was eventually appeased and left the meeting on civil terms with the members of the Council, but said he would continue to use his contacts to ascertain the reasons behind his victimisation by the council, and informed of his intention to replace duck farming with sheep.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting Thursday 11th October 2018 at 7.30pm

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