

**MINUTES OF**  
**MOLASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 @ 7.30pm**

**Attendees:** Sarah Williams (Chair), Tony Dodd, Chris Drage and Angela Goodsell.  
 Graham Wethered

**Apologies:** None

**Also present:** No members of the public due to CV19 restrictions.

|  | <b>Topic Lead</b> |           |
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| <p><b>1. Apologies for Absence - none</b></p> <p><b>2. Minutes of the last meeting.</b><br/>           The minutes were read and it was unanimously resolved to accept them as a true and fair representation of the meeting.</p> <p><b>3. Matters for discussion</b></p> <p><b>a. From minutes May 2021</b> – some items may be found on both matters and minutes:<br/> <b>Pavement along the A252</b> – KCC Highways has cleared the pavement.<br/>           The Clerk has spoken to Cllr .... From Chilham Parish Council re their proposal to get <b>a bus route from Chilham to Faversham</b> and expressed Molash’s interest.<br/> <b>The Signs</b> following the A252 improvements have now been erected.<br/> <b>Speed Indicator Sign</b> we are not aware if it has been adjusted to recognise the new 40mph speed limit. The recent roadworks have slowed traffic down.<br/> <b>Double white lines</b> are needed outside Queens Cottages.</p> <p><b>b.</b> The MPC welcomed Graham Wethered to the council. The clerk will get both GW and AG on the first suitable Dynamic Councillor course with KALC. It was the last meeting to be attended by Christine Drage following her resignation. The councillor thanked her for her work during her tenure as a councillor. By unanimous vote, Julia Phebey was co-opted to fill the last remaining vacancy.</p> <p><b>c.</b> The council agreed to accept the Annual Governance statement.</p> <p><b>d.</b> Parking bay – Various methods were discussed as to how to ensure that the spaces are only used by residents who have no off-road parking at their properties. Those residents are to be approached to see if they have any ideas or views on how to achieve this.</p> <p><b>e.</b> There have been complaints about the litter outside Howletts Farm, thought to have emanated from Foodari, Clerk to write to them to ask that they do not allow their waste to spread.</p> |                   | <b>PC</b> |

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| <p><b>4. Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Coppins Farm House</b> – 21/01197&amp;8 - MPC to raise no objection.</li> <li><b>b. Northdowns House</b> – 21/00548/AS The planning officer is waiting for water and bat reports (the latter delayed because bat surveys stopped during lockdown).</li> <li><b>c. 2 Wells Cottages</b> – 21/00593/AS. MPC raised concerns over the dangerous siting of the entrance. ABC has passed the AirBnb application.</li> <li><b>d. Forge House</b> – An Enforcement Officer has visited.</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forester Report received from Challock PC</li> <li>• Confirmation of the addition of the Speedwatch Equipment to the insurance policy.</li> <li>• The Chair received an email was received from a Church Warden, saying the locks on the noticeboard at the church ‘have become defective’. The reply said that this board is the responsibility of the Church.</li> <li>• A further grant of £1500 was received from ABC for the Coved Restart Scheme. This is to be transferred to the village hall committee to go towards the cost of the new drainage system.</li> <li>• The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – the lighting of beacons on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. MPC felt that, having investigated a similar idea in the past, it was not a project for Molash to get involved with.</li> <li>• The clerk inquired about the costs associated with the Opus Xenta project to digitise church records. The starting point for up to 500 records is free. It is hoped that MPC can attend a future demonstration of the system.</li> <li>• Notice of the Vacancy in the Office of Borough Councillor for Downs North Borough Ward has been placed on the noticeboard.</li> </ul> <p><b>6. Any other information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a). Flooding Church Lane</b> – Works have been completed.</li> <li><b>b). Speedwatch</b> – the first session has been completed.</li> <li><b>c). WW1 fallen commemorative plaques</b> – ongoing research.</li> <li><b>d). Ruck Charity</b> – ongoing</li> <li><b>e). Litter Pick</b> – item carried forward</li> <li><b>f). Coffee morning</b> – item carried forward</li> <li><b>g). Calendar donations</b> – still to organise delivery of goods to a suitable organisation.</li> <li><b>h). 2022 Calendar photo requirements</b> to be launched in the next issue of The Forester.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Topic Lead</b></p> | <p><b>PC</b></p> |
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## **7. New items of information from Councillors**

**1. Annual meetings** - It is hoped to hold the Annual General Meeting of Molash Parish Council on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm (Covid restrictions permitting).

**2. Book swap/village library** - either a cabinet in the village hall porch or via a book club swap on the website

**3. Village Party** – to celebrate the end of lockdown, when safe.

### **Any other business**

- GW to take over posting general notices to the website.
- A suggestion has been received to plant up the top soil laid along the A252 verge opposite Church Lane after the soakaway was constructed.

**The meeting closed at 21.50**

***Annual meetings to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 from 7pm  
Next meeting of the council 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm***