

**MINUTES OF**  
**MOLASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ 7.30pm**

**Attendees:** Sarah Williams (Chair), Graham Wethered, Angela Goodsell,  
**Apologies:** Julia Phebey, Val Smith, Geoff Meadon (Ward Councillor)  
**Also present:** 1 member of the public

	Topic Lead	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies for Absence</b> – Julia Phebey – Holiday, Val Smith – Family commitment, Geoff Meadon (Ward Councillor) – ABC Meeting.</p> <p><b>2. Minutes of the last meeting.</b>  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 style="padding-left: 20px;">a) <b>Concluded item from minutes</b> – some items may be found in both matters and minutes:  (Reference relates to prior months’ minutes)  a) Foodari - Still no response from ABC.  6d) The No Entry signs have now been removed, MPC will not push for their reinstatement as it will necessitate part of The Green being considerably cut back.  c)Time Capsule. This is a project for Spring 2024.  e) Passing Bays on Knockwood Lane - No Parking signs still to be put up.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) <b>Christmas Tree Committee.</b> The tree has been erected and decorated.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) <b>Village Calendar</b> – Production has been delayed due to ill health. It was decided to donate any profits to The Cobbes Meadow Riding for the Disabled Group.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d) <b>Time Capsule</b> – see above.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e) <b>Ward Members’ Grant for the Coronation Party</b> – ongoing.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">f) <b>AirBnB Update</b> – See correspondence</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">g) <b>1-3 The Street</b>, Correspondence update. See Correspondence.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">h) <b>Salt Bag</b> has been delivered. New bins to be ordered, a replacement for the damaged one at the top of Shottenden Lane and a new one to be located at the top of Knockwood Lane.</p> <p><b>4. Planning</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">- <b>Northdowns House. 21/0548/AS.</b> Thought to have been bought by a Foster Care agency, plans for it’s future are not known.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AG</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SW</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>All</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SW/PC</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PC</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>All</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SW</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GW</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PC</b></p>

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<p>Planning cntd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Butchers Farm - PA/2023/1952</b> - Conversion of existing barn to holiday let and annex accommodation. MPC will comment as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concerns over the amount of extra traffic created on an already busy and fast road.</li> <li>- Limited use is acceptable, but should not be allowed to increase.</li> <li>- At no time in the future should it be permitted to become a permanent residence.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Forge House – PA/2023/2190 - Erection of front porch and Listed Building Consent PA/2023/2213</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MPC will reiterate all previous concerns voiced under previous applications.</li> <li>- The planned porch will obscure vision up the road for both pedestrians and drivers emerging from the property.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Pound Lane AirBnB</b> – ABC still investigating.</li> </ul>		<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
<p><b>5. Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Email from resident advising they had reported an incidence of fly tipping just off Knockwood Lane.</li> <li>- Forester report for September and October 2023 received from Challock PC.</li> <li>- Email from Challock advising that ABC Print Room are increasing the cost of printing the Forester.</li> <li>- AirBnB on Pound Lane – ABC have allocated the case to an officer.</li> <li>- Damage to cottage (4 The Street). Response from ABC, to our request for help to progress the repairs, asking for more information. However, in the meantime builders have been observed entering the property.</li> <li>- Email from ABC Enforcement advising that they have written to owners of Knockwood concerning the siting of the mobile home.</li> <li>- December 23 copy of the Ashford Policing Newsletter has been received.</li> <li>- Reply from KCC Highways asking for information on the proposed Lorry Watch Scheme on Knockwood Lane.</li> <li>- Following a request to Cllr Clair Bell (KCC) requesting help with funding the purchase of the two salt bins. She advised she had no funds left. Also advised that KCC request privately funded salt bins are not yellow, so that they don't get confused with theirs.</li> </ul>	<p>SW</p>	<p>PC</p>

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<p><b>6. Any other matters:</b></p> <p>1). Declaration of Interests – It was decided to adopt the inclusion on the Agenda to be the new Item 2 as follows “Note Declaration of Interest and DPI by Members in Agenda Items”.</p> <p><b>7. New items of information from Councillors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Geoff Jenkins (Church Warden) advised of the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The Vicar currently in office retires as at 01 January 2024. The Church will then be in a period of interregnum (between vicars) whilst her successor is sought. There will be a Carol and Christmas Day service. David Potter, the other Church Warden is to retire. The Church is looking for a Treasurer. A former resident of the village has complained that horses are being ridden through the Churchyard, over her father’s grave. MPC will provide a sign advising that there is not a Public Bridleway through there.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- KCC Have sent out posters “We Are Beside You”, advising of their stance on breastfeeding.</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>SW</p>	<p>SW</p>
<p>The meeting closed at 21.30</p> <p><i>Next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall</i>  <a href="http://www.molashpc.org.uk">www.molashpc.org.uk</a></p>		