

**MINUTES OF**  
**MOLASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 @ 7.30pm**

**Attendees:** Sarah Williams (Chair), Graham Wethered, Angela Goodsell, Julia Phebey

**Apologies:** Geoff Meadon (Ward Councillor)

**Also present:** 3 members of the public

	Topic Lead	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies for Absence</b> – Geoff Meadon (Ward Councillor) – clash of meeting dates with Chilham PC</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><b>Concluded item from minutes</b> – some items may be found in both matters and minutes:</p>		
<p>a) An email has been sent to the Enforcement Department ABC to get an update on any action being taken to address the breaches by Foodari.</p>		SW
<p>4) Forge House – No response has been received from Historic England explaining why the listing has been amended. Clerk to phone them.</p>		PC
<p>6d) Contact has not yet been made requesting Highways try to stop road users exiting out of the eastern end of the green (No Entry signs being ignored – possible solution paint instruction of the road).</p>		SW
<p>a) Two potential candidates for the vacancy of Parish Councillor introduced themselves to the meeting. Val Smith’s primary objective would be to preserve Molash as it is, a rural community. Chris Main advised that he stood for election to ABC as an Independent candidate (May 2023). He thought his contacts within the borough could be useful and declared his intention to stand again at borough level.</p>		
<p>b) A meeting was held with Challock PC to discuss the finances and future plans for the Forester. The meeting suggested that each council return to their respective meetings and request authorisation for a £5 a year increase in all advertising charges. Molash PC agreed, but thought that an increase of £10 would not be unreasonable.</p>		
<p>c) Time Capsule Update – GW to resurrect the idea.</p>		GW
<p>d) Parking on The Street - SW and AG to go to Chilham to meet the new Beat Officer and ask for assistance in getting this issue escalated.</p>		SW/AG

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<p><b>4. Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Northdowns House. 21/0548/AS</b> The property owners are struggling to get approval and the s106 payment agreed. GM has now got involved. As KCC are also involved there is the possibility of involving Clare Bell (our KCC Member).</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KALC Dynamic Councillor Training event, hosted by Stone PC on 22<sup>nd</sup> July</li> <li>- Update from ABC re diseased trees, adjacent to the A252, near the bottom of Bakers Hill. Honey Fungus is widespread and it is up to the landowner to manage its impact. No action from MPC as this falls within Chilham parish.</li> <li>- A report on the state of all the PROWs in our area was received from Ian Harrison (Volunteer officer for Molash). He reports that he is getting some positive responses/actions from KCC.</li> <li>- An email was sent on a Sunday morning to a resident requesting that a van be removed from its parked location along The Street. If it remained there, it would prevent a Speedwatch session from being carried out.</li> <li>- Advice received from the new Beat Officer for our area advising a meet/greet session in Chilham Square on 18<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>- An email was received from a village resident expressing concern over the speed of vehicles passing through the village. A reply was sent advising of our attempts to tackle this problem, and invited them to join the Speedwatch Team.</li> <li>- Notification received from KALC of an initiative for a nationwide celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landings. MPC thought that this was unlikely to be as successful as the two recent Royal occasions celebrated and decided that it would not be holding such an event.</li> </ul>		

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<p><b>6. Any other matters:</b></p> <p>a). A252 Speedwatch – 1 new volunteer has been enrolled, with 3 more people to approach. During recent Speedwatch sessions, 31 speeding vehicles were recorded out of approximately 200 monitored.</p> <p>b). Any Grant availability available? Most of the village have high speed broadband, but there are still some areas without. A resident in the audience said she would enquire.</p> <p><b>7. New items of information from Councillors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A fence, set back from the pavement, along The Street has been reported (by an unknown third party) to ABC as being too high.</li> <li>- One of the Lampposts along The Street is to be decommissioned. Clerk to establish which one.</li> </ul>		PC
<p><b>The meeting closed at 21.00</b></p> <p><i>Next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall</i>  <a href="http://www.molashpc.org.uk">www.molashpc.org.uk</a></p>		