

**MINUTES OF**  
**MOLASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 7.30pm**

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

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

**Also present:** 1 member of the public

	<b>Topic Lead</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. Apologies for Absence –</b> 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)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Foodari - Still no response from ABC. A Long running case within the enforcement department has concluded, so we are hopeful that they will soon be in a position to act. Clerk to investigate the countywide Lorry Watch scheme</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">6d) The No Entry signs have now been removed, they should not have been erected as the reshaping of The Green, part of the A252 improvement project, was cancelled.. Lorries are unable to turn right at the Challock end of the green due to it's shape.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c)Time Capsule. A sample Property Information Sheet had been prepared. One will be done for each house in the Parish.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">e) Passing Bays on Knockwood Lane - No Parking signs still to be put up.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) <b>Planting of the Green flower beds for Remembrance Day –</b> the plants have been purchased and will be planted in time.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) <b>Christmas Tree Committee.</b> Chilham Farmshop (Peter Higgs) has kindly offered a tree. Decorating party scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d) <b>Time Capsule –</b> see also above. We are looking for old photos of the village, possibly with the addition of Then and Now comparison photos. A copy the Times newspaper giving details of the Kings Speech on the opening of Parliament 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, it being his first.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e) <b>Ward Members' Grant for the Coronation Party –</b> no update.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JP</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AW</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GW/AG</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PC</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>GW</b></p>

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<p>f) <b>Air BnB Update</b> – Correspondence received from the ABC Enforcement Department asking for details. The URL to the booking website has been supplied.</p> <p>g) <b>1-3 The Street</b>, Correspondence update. ABC approached, awaiting response.</p> <p>h) <b>Ruck Charity</b> - Returns are up to date. Bank correspondence details still to be updated.</p> <p>i) <b>Salt Bag</b> – no further details received from KCC regarding a delivery date. Two new bins are required, one to replace the broken one at the top of Shottenden Lane and the other to be located at the top of Knockwood Lane. SW to ask KCC Member if there is any grant money available.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>SW/PC</p> <p>All</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>SW</p>
<p><b>4. Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Northdowns House. 21/0548/AS.</b> Has been sold at auction. No details of the new owner or their plans for it's future are known.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>5. Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Notice received of the KALC AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>- An email was received by a village resident saying that some drivers are ignoring the No Entry signs when exiting from Pound Lane. See also section a).</li> <li>- Notification of an Alleged breach of condition 1 of 17/00055/AS Mobile home at Knockwood, Knockwood Lane received from ABC enforcement team. Permitted term has expired.</li> <li>- Ongoing communication with KCC Highways concerning the SID on The Street.</li> <li>- Request from ABC to submit our Parish Precept Claim for 2024/25</li> <li>- Following our email to KCC Highways concerning a relocated (by unknown persons) salt bin at the A252 end of Church Lane, they advised that the new location was satisfactory.</li> <li>- Following our email to KCC Highways concerning a damaged salt bin at the A252 end of Shottenden Lane, they advised that bin is not publicly maintained – it is MPC's property.</li> <li>- Following our email to KCC Highways concerning a request for a new salt bin at the A252 end of Knockwood Lane, they advised that they are no longer funding new bins.</li> </ul>	<p>PC</p>	<p>SW/PC</p>

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<p><b>6. Any other matters:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1). Calendar – SW to call the Window Cleaner to see if he wants to renew his advert this year.</li> <li>2). No entry sign – covered earlier</li> <li>3). Declaration of Interest to be established at the beginning of meetings – rules to be ascertained.</li> </ol>	<p><b>SW/JP</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>	<p><b>SW</b></p> <p><b>PC</b></p>
<p><b>7. New items of information from Councillors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Molash Matters content for December – Christmas Tree decoration, followed by mulled wine. Race Night social event – Spring 2024</li> <li>- Calendar profit – charities to be explored, suggested ex-servicemen or children charities</li> <li>- Following advice from NALC it was agreed to increase the clerk’s hourly rate by £1</li> </ul>		<p><b>SW</b></p>
<p><b>The meeting closed at 21.30</b></p> <p><i>Next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall</i>  <a href="http://www.molashpc.org.uk">www.molashpc.org.uk</a></p>		