MINUTES OF MOLASH PARISH COUNCIL On Thursday 14th September 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

	Topic Lead	Action
 Apologies for Absence – Geoff Meadon (Ward Councillor) – Diary error. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were read and it was unanimously resolved to accept them as a true and fair representation of the meeting. 		
3. Matters for discussion a) Concluded item from minutes – some items may be found in both matters and minutes: (Reference relates to the previous month's minutes)		
a) Foodari - Still no response from ABC. MPC to escalate the matter to the ABC Scrutiny and Overview Committee in an attempt to get an update on any action being taken to address the		sw
breaches by Foodari. 4) Forge House – Still no reply. Clerk to phone the listings authority. 6d) Exit from Pound Lane via the no entry lane – no		PC
update. b) Forester advertising rates to increase with effect from 1 st October 2023. Many invoices have been sent out in August for the forthcoming year, we are not sure if they are charged at the old or new rate, or on a pro rata basis.		
c) Time Capsule. The container will cost around £278 for a 25 litre (65cm x 28cm diameter) unit. Suggestions for contents included the photo from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee party, a map of the village, any history of houses that the residents		
would like to share, a copy of a newspaper from the Coronation Day +1, a copy of the Forester, maybe some copies of historical postcards of the village. It will be buried on the Village Green and a plaque will be positioned over/next to it. GW will		GW
arrange it's purchase. b) Rural EV Charging Unit – most resident owners of such vehicles have charging points installed at home. It is not thought, therefore, that there would be a need for a public facility.	All	
be a need for a public facility.		

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c)	Street Lighting – The project to decommission some street lights in the borough has been shelved.	PC	
d)	PROW – Footpath off the Green – An officer from KCC is to come and inspect the overgrowth.	All	
e)	No Parking, Passing Bay ONLY signs on Knockwood Lane. In an attempt to stop drivers using the passing bays for other uses, signs will	All	sw
f)	be erected – "Passing Space only. No Parking". Speedwatch Update – There have been some successful sessions throughout the summer. More sessions planned.	All	
4. Planning	י		
	Northdowns House. 21/0548/AS This application has now been passed, following agreement on the level of the s106 monies payable.		
-	The Old Woodyard. 23/PA/2023/1291. An application has been submitted to erect 3of 4+ Bedroom houses. After much discussion, MPC unanimously declared to Object to this application based on its comments, that		SW/PC
	are still relevant, pertaining to the previous application (22/00559/AS) and those comments raised by ABC on this same application (concerning ownership of some of the land on which the development is proposed).		
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5. Corres	spondence: Forester Committee minutes received from Challock PC		
-	Communication received re an overnight rental in the village – see Any Other Matters below.		
-	Various emails re the appointment of Val Smith to the Parish Council.		
-	Parking outside Forge House on the A252. Following a meeting with our new Beat Officer, she spoke to the		
	property owner and reminded him of the rules about parking opposite/near a junction. (18 th July 2023).		
-	SID device on the A252 - now obscured by vegetation. GW Landscaping to be asked if they could once again assist.		sw
-	Reports have been received that further work is being carried out at Forge House, possibly requiring Planning		
-	Permission. Report of a van parked outside Forge House, from		
_	8.30am to 5.0pm (at least) on 31 st July 2023. Communications between the owners of Northdowns		
-	House, Cllr Meadon (ABC) and MPC in an attempt to get the Planning Application decided upon. See Planning above.		
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- Rural EV Charging Points – See Matters for Discussion (b) above Forester Report from Challock PC – May 2023 - Forester Report from Challock PC – June 2023 - Forester Report from Challock PC – July 2023 - From Ashford Beat Team (Kent Police) – Speed	on
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checks have been performed at the Green.	
- Invoice received from Town and Parish Council	II.
Websites for site maintenance for the forthcoming	
year SGN Network invitation to discuss future plans for the	
gas network. No reply from them when the clerk asked	
if this means there is any likelihood of mains gas being	
distributed to the village.	
- Newsletter from Ashford Policing Network	
- Email received from ABC advising of the "Call for	
Sites" to be considered in the Ashford Borough Local	
Plan 2041.	
- A request has been lodged, with KCC Highways, for an update on the perceived/actual effectiveness of the	
A252 Improvement Scheme.	
- Distribution of 1 Tonne salt bags to the Parishes. MPC PC	
is to request one.	
- Advice received from ABC – Streetlight	
decommissioning project has been put on hold.	
6. Any other matters:	
1). High Fencing and High Gates – no news.	
2). AirBnB style accommodation is being advertised in	
the village (and reviews received, so being used). It is	
thought no planning permission is held (for ancillary	
accommodation) and this should be sought.	
7. New items of information from Councillors:	
- Suggestions for Molash Matters page in The Forester	
requested – The Time Capsule.	
- Ruck Charity – GW has had no luck finding out where	
the bank statements are being sent. A form has been	
obtained and will be completed for signatories to sign.	
The meeting closed at 21.30	
Next meeting 12 th October 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall www.molashpc.org.uk	