

**MINUTES OF**  
**MOLASH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 @ 7.30pm**

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

**Apologies:** Graham Wethered

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

	Topic Lead	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies for Absence</b> –Graham Wethered (holiday ), Geoff Meadon, ABC meeting</p> <p><b>2. Note Declaration of Interest and DPI by Members in Agenda Items</b> – None Expressed</p> <p><b>3. 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>4. Matters for discussion</b></p> <p>a) <b>Concluded item from minutes</b> – some items may be found in both matters and minutes: All finalised or covered elsewhere in the minutes.</p> <p><b>5.1. Planning application 1 Wells Cottages</b> – decision date extended for a second time to 28Nov24.</p> <p>b) <b>Time Capsule</b> – 60/70% of the sheets have been returned, a few more to collect. In reality, the remainder probably don't wish to take part.</p> <p>c) <b>Land Titles for the Ruck Field and Village Hall.</b> – No change as GW on holiday. Clerk has filed the Charities return for the period to 31Dec23.</p> <p>d) <b>Church Footpath Gate and fencing update</b> – SW &amp; PC met with KCC PROW Officer and a representative from the Lees Court Estate. They agreed on a design and the location for a new chicane, which KCC will construct and pay for. Also discussed the possibility of altering the other footpath gate into a kissing gate.</p> <p>e) <b>Village Green Bench</b> – Original online offer for the replacement bench has expired, but another has been identified.</p> <p>f) <b>Calendar theme for 2025</b> – It was decided to change the theme for the calendar as some property owners were not keen to have their property included. The new charity is NSARDA (National Search and Rescue Dog Association) Kent branch which has links to the village.</p> <p>g) <b>Internet Banking</b> – JP &amp; GW still need to be set up to authorise payments.</p> <p>h) <b>Speedwatch</b> – More volunteers are needed. It is hoped to have a session before Christmas.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>All</p> <p>GW</p> <p>SW</p> <p></p> <p>All</p> <p></p> <p>All</p> <p>SW</p> <p>SW</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>SW</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>JP/GW</p> <p>SW</p>

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<p>i) <b>Christmas Tree</b> – still to ask our normal donor for a tree. Decorations to be checked.</p>	AG	AG
<p>j) <b>Progress on Planning Issues</b> – No update as GM not at meeting.</p>	GM	GM
<p><b>5. Planning</b></p>		
<p>1. <b>Stable Block, Orchard Farm, Church Lane. PA/2024/1850 -</b>  The applicant attended that meeting so we were able to get her input and clarification on the following points:  1. Light and power within the building - The applicant confirmed that light within the building would be supplied via clear plastic panels set in the roof. No mention was made of power being run to the building.  2. Ventilation - The applicant advised that ventilation would be effected via two means. The roof construction would allow rising hot air to escape through roof ridge vents, and at ground level by having the large end door open.  Both 1 &amp; 2 above would in the opinion of the council be aided by installing opening windows/half doors to the walls of the stables, and create a far more pleasant environment for the horses.  3. Removal of waste from the stables - The council asked where stable waste would be stored and how it would be removed. The applicant advised that all "muck" (i.e. droppings and bedding) would be taken to their fields on a daily basis and tipped there to improve the condition of the soil.  4. Surface water - The applicant said that they could not see how any additional surface water would arise. We are presuming that the building will be built on a new concrete base, therefore, exchanging a water permeable surface for a hard, non-permeable surface. The applicant then advised that rainwater, to be used in the stables, would be collected from the roof via guttering and stored in water butts .  5. Current stabling facility - The applicant advised that they currently have no other building used or suitable for stables.  6. Future conversion of the property - Molash to request that a condition of planning is imposed stating that this building should never be allowed to be used for residential habitation.  Molash Parish Council support this application.</p>		

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<p><b>6. Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Email exchange with KCC Highways. They will only supply details of the costs involved in the frequent repair of Knockwood Lane if a Freedom of Information request is submitted.</li> <li>- Insurance renewal received from Zurich Insurance. The premium remains the same as last year - £277.</li> <li>- Email from KCC asking if we would like another bag of road salt this year. It is thought we still have supplies left.</li> <li>- Email to KALC – advert for replacement clerk.</li> </ul> <p><b>7. Any other matters:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1). Advert submitted to KALC – no applicants as yet.</li> </ol> <p><b>8. New items of information from Councillors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggestions sought for Molash Matters. The Walk and Talk Movement.</li> <li>- UK Power Networks – the job to upgrade the power supply to Harbour Farm has been cancelled/postponed.</li> <li>- Church Lane close Cesspit issue (no maintenance since April 24), still no response from ABC. SW to pursue.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PC</b></p>	<p>SW</p>
<p><b>The meeting closed at 20.35</b>  <b>The next meeting of MPC will be on:</b>  <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.molashpc.org.uk">www.molashpc.org.uk</a></p>		