

ULCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 9 January 2025 at 7.15pm at Ulcombe Village Hall.

Those Present: Cllr Titchener (Chairman), Cllr Barlow, Cllr Diamond and Cllr Sharp.
Clerk: Helen Anderson

Maidstone Borough Councillor, Z Trzebinski. There was 1 resident present.

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(a) **Apologies for absence** from Cllr Boland (Work Commitments) and Cllr Charlton (Illness) were received and accepted.

(b) **Declarations of Changes to the Register of Interests** There were no changes to the register of interests.

(c) **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or other Interests as defined by the Kent Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011 on any items on the agenda** There were none received.

(d) **Requests for Dispensations** No requests were made.

(e) **Declarations of Lobbying** None were received.

(f) **Intention to record or film the meeting** Cllr Titchener recorded the meeting.

2. **Public Session** – No issues were raised.

3. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 5 December 2024. It was RESOLVED that the minutes were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. **County Councillor** – No report was received.
Borough Councillor Report –A short report was received.

5. **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting.**

1. A response was submitted to the Maidstone, Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Development Plan Consultation.
2. A meeting with Esquire Development has been arranged for 17 January 2025 to discuss a development infrastructure plan.
3. Ulcombe School has confirmed that they are willing to participate in the Great Big School Clean initiative.
4. An update was received from Borough Councillor Summersgill on the Kingswood/Ulcombe Disposal Site, Lenham Road.
5. The multipurpose moss-algae remover for the play area wet pour surfaces has been received.

6. **Planning**

(a) The following planning applications were considered:-

APPLICATION REF: 24/505032/FULL PROPOSAL: Conversion of existing store building to provide a single self-build dwelling, including erection of a single storey

rear extension with glazed link, alterations to roof, insertion of solar tiles to South elevation, alterations to fenestration, and creation of a basement with 3no. parking spaces and 2no. cycle spaces (resubmission of 21/505774/FULL). ADDRESS: The Land at The Old Apple Store Pye Corner Ulcombe Kent ME17 1EH
It was RESOLVED to approve this application with comments for noting. It was agreed not to take this application to committee if contrary to the officer's decision.

(b) No planning appeals were received.

(c) No planning decisions were received from Maidstone Borough Council; however, it was noted that planning application 24/501759/FULL, Plot 1 The Meadows, Lenham Road, Headcorn, is being heard by the MBC Planning Committee on 16 January 2025, and confirmation on attendance from parish level is being sought.

7. Finance

(a) There were no receipts of income.

(b) It was RESOLVED to agree that the following payment was made:-

DD	IONOS	Council Email Address Fee	30.00
002459	Commercial Svs	Grounds Maintenance	286.87
002456	Helen Anderson	Salary & Expenses	766.60
002457	HMRC	Tax & NI	<u>166.11</u>
Total			£1,249.58

(c) The Bank Reconciliation was presented at the meeting. The closing balance per the cash book as of 13 December 2024 was £11,288.90 for the main current account and as 24 December 2024 it was £31,926.23 for the deposit account.

(d) The budget was presented for the financial year 2025/2026. It was RESOLVED for the precept to be set at £26,590. This equates to £64.34 per Band D Property or an additional 97p per year. A 1.5% increase from 2024/2025.

8. Correspondence

(a) An email was received from Maidstone Borough Council regarding a Housing Needs Survey. It was RESOLVED to place this item on the February agenda for further discussion.

9. Village Hall

(a) It was RESOLVED that a significant contribution would be made towards the cost of painting badminton tram lines onto the village hall floor surface but this would be dependent on the final costings being provided to the Council by the Village Hall Management Committee. The ballpark figure the Council suggested is in the region of £750.

- (b) It was RESOLVED for an additional £1,500 be put towards the resurfacing of the car park entrance due to work specifications being altered. A total of £3,000 has been granted towards this work.

10. Kent Highways

- (a) An update from Greg McNichol of Kent Highways was received following a recent meeting regarding items raised on our Kent Highways Improvement Plan. Potential action points have now been passed to Kent Highways planners for review. It was also agreed that some small additional comments should be forwarded.

11. Play Area/Recreation Ground

- (a) A play area inspection raised no new issues.
(b) It was RESOLVED that a request to place a bench on the recreation ground in memory of Malcolm Crawford be agreed.
(c) It was RESOLVED to accept a quote for the clearance of scrub by the stream and the adjacent ditch.

12. Matters for information, urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman for noting only or any items for further discussion at the January 2025 meeting.

Agenda Item – Play Area Upgrade (Written Proposal for Stage 1 for the renovation, repair and replacement of existing equipment).

Agenda Item – Planning Enforcement

The Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Approved by:

Date: