

MINUTES OF MOLASH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On Thursday 9th March 2017 @ 7.30pm

Attendees:

Tony Dodd, Julia Phebey, Sarah Williams, Geoff Court

Apologies: None

Also present: Stephen Dehnel (Ward member ABC) One member of the public

	Action
1. Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.	
2. Matters arising	
Defibrillator – There are over 10 attendees for the training on 16 th March.	
Pot holes – The Knockwood Lane potholes are to be repaired with a temporary surface week commencing 27 th March	
Overgrown hedge – There has been no response received from the KCC Highways official despite two emails requesting an update.	PC
Forester – The next meeting of the Forester sub-committee is due to be held in April. Suggestions for the “Molash Matters” pages include summary of the Police crime report if it affects Molash and local business feature.	PC
Nextdoor App – GC is still having problems getting the app to recognise Molash as an area, he hopes to have an update at the next meeting.	GC
Parking at the garage/Church Lane – No quotes received as yet for the no parking sign (SW now to provide). Vehicles parking at the junction of Church Lane and The Street are also causing a visibility issue and present a hazard. The KCC member (Andrew Wickham) is to be approached to request funds to install bollards on the end of the pavement to try to discourage parking here.	SW PC
3. Planning –	
No new applications	
Possible breach 3 Pound Lane – A Planning enforcement officer has visited the site and will issue a report to his line manager and a decision will be made on the course of action to be taken. The Ward Member will contact the line manager in an attempt to hurry the process.	PC SD
Foodari – The question was posed to the Ward Member – “Why is the application not up for decision at the next planning meeting at ABC?” – The response was that the application “is right up there” in the planning department i.e. it is being treated as high priority. The ward member felt that it should be before committee in the next two months.	
4. Correspondence	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for ABC have no implications for Molash.• January police report for Molash stated there were 3 cases of criminal damage and one of theft from a motor vehicle.• February police report for Molash stated there was one incident – “burglary other than dwelling” (believed to be from a garden shed).• Clerk is to attend a “Preparing for your Audit – Best Practice Workshop” on 30th March.• Clerk is to attend a website training course along with Ray Loftus on 27th March.	

5. Any other Business

- **Fast Broadband** – no official notification has been received from Openreach.
- There has been recurrence of the flooding at Nut Trees
- There has also been flooding at the top of Church Lane. Approach to be made to John Jenkins to see if a soakaway can be put in his field.
- **Reports from SD – Ward member –**
- The Great British Spring Clean – If Molash are interested in holding an event SD will investigate whether KCC can provide free equipment.
- The new Little and Often buses in Ashford are proving to be a success – we should lobby to see if this service can be extended out to the villages.
- Claire Bell is the Conservative candidate to hoping to replace Andrew Wickham on the KCC at the next local elections in May
- Chilham Chase on 1st July is to host a Chill music event.
- Kent Challenge - a schools athletics event, will be held on 14th July in the Julie Rose stadium.
- There will be a £1000 Ward members grant available again in the forthcoming year.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Next meeting Thursday 13th April 2017 at 7.30pm