

MINUTES OF MOLASH PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

On Thursday 13th July 2017 @ 7.30pm

Attendees: Julia Phebey, Sarah Williams, Tony Dodd

Apologies:

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

	Action
1. Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.	
2. Matters arising Parking at the garage – The sign is on order and expected in the next couple of days..	SW
Annual Governance Statement - The auditors (PKF Littlejohn) have requested more information - They would like copies of the Acceptance of Office declarations for each serving council member.	PC
The Forester – the clerk is trying to arrange a date for the next sub-committee meeting. Suggest a date in August if July is not possible.	PC
Noise disturbance – Peacock in Pound Lane – no news.	
Laptop – A laptop for council use has now been purchased.	
3. Planning – Shadoxhurst Parish Council have drafted a lobbying letter to be sent to the Minister of State for planning concerning Ashford's Local Plan 2030 and requests the support of all local councils – MPC have agreed to support the final draft.	PC
Wytherling Court – 17/00939/AS – Conversion of redundant stable block to a 4 bedroom house. Conversion of current garage to a farm office. Decision – to raise no objection.	
Ashford Borough Council 2030 Plan (amended) – has been received. This does not impact upon Molash specifically, the nearest proposed development sites are Challock, Chilham and Charing.	
17/00610/AS – 3 Pound Lane – Erection of timber framed outbuilding (retrospective). This application has been passed by ABC with conditions, to prevent it going to appeal and be passed without any restrictions.	
Foodari – Update from the ward member – this “is moving forward”. KCC have been asked to define the size and weight of an HGV.	
4. Declarations of Acceptance of Office 2017/2018 were signed by the councillors.	
5. Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none">A Circular has been received from the Chairman of the ABC Overview and Scrutiny Committee requesting areas requiring investigation. MPC suggested a review of the Planning Department was needed.	

6. Any other Business

- It is thought that new noticeboards should be sourced for outside the village hall, one outside The George and a small one, for Parish Council use only, at the church.
- The clerk suggested the possibility of a shopping bus service being set up, primarily for Molash residents, due to the absence of any public service being available. Possibly using Wealden Wheels or Dave Smith (a village coach operator).
- Caretaker Scheme – Nothing has been heard on the matter and possible grouping with other local parishes since 10th April 2017. SW to follow up on this.
- Reports from the Ward Member:-
- ABC have produced an Ashford Heritage Strategy, a report that is worth reading.
- Chilham Chase was a great success.
- Northdowns House- he enquired what was happening there. Reponse – it has planning permission for a care home, but is falling into disrepair and becoming quite derelict.
- The footpath on the junction of Church Lane close and Church lane proper needs repair due to large lorries turning over it – he will investigate the possibility of ABC carrying our this work.

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The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Next meeting Thursday 7th September 2017 at 7.30pm