

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JULY 2024 AT 7:30PM AT HUNTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr D Heaton in the Chair, Cllrs M Summersgill, T Stanbridge and A Trought, and Mrs S Goodwin, Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Cllr C Russell was in attendance. The Tree Warden was in attendance until Item 8. One member of the public left after the Open Session.

OPEN SESSION:

A resident asked to speak about the broadband issues in the village. He works from home and needs faster, more reliable broadband. BT Openreach have put back their plans for investing in roll outs across the whole country and do not have a date for the Hunton exchange; it depends on the Hunton exchange being upgraded. There is a government rural broadband grant scheme which cannot be accessed because Openreach and Trooli (previously Call Flow) have said they are going to provide the service, but neither are interested in delivering fibre to Hunton at the moment.

Cllr Stanbridge advised that Trooli do deliver fibre to some houses in Hunton but are not connecting to any additional properties. He was aware of the government grant scheme but did not realise it was not accessible. The resident advised that he applied for the grant but was refused because there are suppliers who will provide the service in the area (Trooli, Openreach and one other). The grant could be used for Starlink, but it costs £75 per month, which is expensive.

Cllr Summersgill asked if the kiosk at the bottom of Hunton Hill belongs to Trooli; it does. He advised that, during Covid, Openreach cleared the ducts from Chainhurst to the bottom of Hunton Hill, presumably to put fibre through, but then nothing happened.

Cllr Stanbridge advised that the Parish Council enquired about connecting the Village Hall to the Trooli kiosk, which is only 100m away, but was told by Trooli that they have no plans to expand in the village. The information that Trooli/Openreach have the local licence but no plans to extend the network is worth further exploration as it is not acceptable. Cllr Stanbridge contacted the Strategic Development & Place project manager at Kent County council (KCC) and was told that Building Digital UK have signed a contract with City Fibre to connect premises that will not benefit from telecoms providers' own upgrade programmes, but they have not released any information on timeframes. The resident advised that the problem is that providers are upgrading the service for those who already have fibre but are not interesting in extending the fibre to those who do not.

Cllr Stanbridge will contact Trooli and KCC to apply some pressure as Hunton is being missed out.

The resident stated that the government proposal was to cover rural areas with no fibre and Hunton should not be missed because it is a small village.

Cllr Summersgill asked about the Openreach scheme where, if there were ten or more BT subscribers, they would put fibre in. Cllr Stanbridge advised that this is no longer on offer.

The resident was thanked for the helpful information he had provided.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs I Simmons and J Goddard.

2. FILMING, RECORDING AND PHOTOGRAPHING

The members of the public did not wish to film, record or photograph the meeting.

3. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS

3.1 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

3.2 Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

4. MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH MAY 2024 AND ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH JUNE 2024

The minutes of the meetings held on 13th May 2024 and 13th June 2024 had been previously distributed and were agreed as an accurate record. The Chairman signed the official copies of the minutes.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA

Item 2 – Cllr Summersgill completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Item 6 – Members' Disposable Pecuniary Interests forms have been submitted to Maidstone Borough Council (MBC).

6. POLICE

6.1 Police

The following crime has been logged on the e-watch website since the last Parish Council meeting: 18-19/05/24 – George Street – Somebody stole both number plates from a car parked in the road.

6.2 Huntonwatch

Huntonwatch have provided the following report:

Following a meet and greet with Kent Police at Yalding Library we have now made contact and established a communication path with our beat police officer. The officers attending the Yalding session were not sure exactly where Hunton was nor who our beat officer was - but they did find out after the session and asked the beat officer to contact us – which he did.

We are now receiving twice weekly emails from Kent Neighbourhood Watch in the form of an electronic newsletter (e-watch) produced in conjunction with Kent Police. This will allow us to inform members of crimes committed in the local area and other items of potential interest (eg scams, product recalls, missing persons, etc). We have already circulated advice on how to recognise and deal with phishing emails and texts.

We have completed our mid-summer membership audit and although most members responded confirming whether they still wished to receive our emails or not, about 15% did not reply at all. As we advised in the emails we sent out, anyone who did not respond has now been removed from our mailing list.

We have asked for a short update to be placed in the August Herald.

Most of our time has been spent dealing with the membership audit and trying to keep track of, and notify members of, road closures – not an easy job given that Highways and their contractors hardly ever do what they say they will when they say they will do it.

Cllr Heaton advised that the quality of service by the police in response to a 999 call in the village was poor - in time taken to respond, their response when they arrived and the lack of action taken.

Cllr Summersgill noted that one of the beat officers has changed.

7. LOCAL COMMUNITY

7.1 King George V Playing Field Committee

The Chairman of the Playing Field Committee, Colin Slattery, is unable to attend the meeting. The following is a summary of the Playing Field AGM and Committee meeting on 11th July 2024:

The Committee held its AGM after the annual walk round the field to look at the general condition and identify any areas for improvement. The main actions identified were: some cutting back; removal of weeds on the play area surfaces; filling potholes at the car park entrance; and tightening one of the posts holding the netting near the Bowls Club.

At the AGM, all present confirmed that they were happy to continue standing as trustees. Simon Taylor stood down as chairman and Colin Slattery was elected as chairman for the year. Sharon Goodwin will continue as the secretary.

At the Committee meeting it was noted that the low post on the adventure trail has been replaced and a gate has been ordered for the gap in the fencing near the cricket pavilion. Work to be completed includes: remedial work on the multiplay; fixing the Community Orchard gate; and filling the potholes in the car park. The potholes in the car park and at the entrance to the car park will be filled during the summer. The new bench has been received for the fenced play area and will be fitted during the summer. The water bills have been high recently, which appears to be due to a leak which will be investigated. The Playing Field Committee currently has funds of £7,627.

The Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) has been received from Q-Tec Solutions Limited, which has four C3 points raised (improvement recommended but not required).

7.2 Traffic & Road Safety Working Party/Highways

7.2.1 Update

Cllr Summersgill advised that more residents are needed for the Traffic & Road Safety Working Party (T&RSWP); he will put an article in the Hunton Herald.

Items from the last T&RSWP include:

- The signpost at the bottom of Barn Hill needs to be reinstated.
- Two new 'Tractor' signs have been erected by KCC Highways on Redwall Lane.
- Two new '7.5T lorry restrictions' signs have also been erected by KCC Highways.
- The new KCC Drainage technician has left. Cllr Summersgill will write a letter to KCC Drainage about blockages which have not been dealt with on East Street, Redwall Lane and George Street.
- Cllr Summersgill asked Linton Parish Council if traffic recording strips on Redwall Lane had been initiated by them; they had not.
- Residents had reported a noisy Clock House Farm tractor.
- Most items on the Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) have been completed; other items will need to be brought on to the HIP. Cllr Goddard will speak to his contact at KCC Highways.

The next T&RSWP meeting will be in the latter half of October.

Cllr Stanbridge pointed out that there is a sign at the bottom of Hunton Hill pointing the wrong way.

7.2.2 Hunton Safer Streets & Lanes Steering Group

Members provisionally agreed the terms of reference provided by Cllr Simmons but as Cllr Simmons was not present at the meeting it was agreed that they should be considered at the next full council meeting in September.

Cllr Simmons will be consulting parishioners again at the Beer Festival on 31st August.

7.3 Tree & Pond Wardens

7.3.1 Update

The Tree Warden, Sam Andrews, reported that the last Visual Tree Assessment had identified nine trees as requiring attention. The lime trees near the Village Hall were dealt with quickly, the Tree Warden agreed to do some of the work and a quote was obtained from Hood's Tree Services Ltd for work on two poplar trees and the turkey oak tree (a separate climbed inspection on the turkey oak had recommended that there should be a reduction). The Tree Warden was able to cut one of the poplar trees down and dealt with an overhanging branch behind the cricket pavilion. Hood's Tree Services have quoted £800 plus VAT to cut the other poplar tree as it will require a cherry picker; they can do the work in August. Members **Agreed** that the quote should be accepted. Hood's Tree Services also quoted £800 plus VAT for reducing the turkey oak, although they do not think this work is required. When asked for justification, the Tree Warden was shown a hole in the tree where fungus is growing but the wood behind the fungus is solid and there are two columns of new growth outside the hole which are solid. Members **Agreed** that they would need to receive a report in writing to say that the turkey oak does not need to be reduced and why.

Members **Agreed** that the Tree Warden should obtain a quote for an inspection from Hood's Tree Services. The Tree Warden will also: cut back a lime tree brushing the roof of the Bowls Club if he is able to do so; remove dead branches from a walnut tree near the play area; and clear brambles in the north-east corner of the field in winter/next spring.

The Pond Warden, Cllr Summersgill, had nothing to report on ponds. He has attended a Tree Council meeting on new hedgerow laws.

7.3.2 Tree Surgery

Covered under Item 7.3.1.

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

8.1 County Councillor

County Cllr Simon Webb was unable to attend the meeting.

8.2 **Borough Councillors**

Borough Cllr Russell reported that a Hunton Road resident had contacted her to say that a telephone line had been knocked down which Openreach had made safe but not fixed. Cllr Russell followed this up and the phone line is now working.

The Greensand Place outline planning application on Heath Road has been approved.

The Shaun the Sheep art trail is now in place in Maidstone.

There will be performers in Jubilee Square on Saturdays and Sunday afternoon concerts in Brenchley Gardens throughout the summer.

The lighting will be improved in the town centre.

Cllr Summersgill had provided a written report. He is now the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Climate Transition & Nature Recovery. A motion about nature recovery is going to Council in the next week.

9. **PARISH MATTERS**

9.1 **Parish Councillors**

Cllr Trought asked if the Parish Council would consider funding a street naming plaque for The Square. Members **Agreed** that it should be included as an agenda item for the September full council meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

9.2 **Flooding**

Cllr Summersgill did not have anything to report for Hunton.

Work on the Leigh Barrier will finish next year rather than this year now.

One of Cllr Summersgill's roles as an MBC Cabinet Member is to be a representative on the Upper Medway Internal Drainage Board.

Cllr Summersgill has been assessing a problem in Collier Street.

9.3 **Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainability**

Items to be taken to Council (MBC) include natural flood management, solar panels on three MBC properties and improvements to Maidstone House.

9.4 **Speedwatch**

Cllr Summersgill reported that the Speedwatch team has two new volunteers.

There will be a Kent county-wide Speedwatch day on 26th July, so teams should be out in Yalding, Marden, etc.

New Lorrywatch signs have been erected. Cllr Summersgill stopped a lorry attempting to travel down Redwall Lane which was also reported to him by residents.

9.5 **Broadband Services**

This item was covered in the Open Session.

Cllr Stanbridge will follow up with Trooli and KCC.

ACTION: CLLR STANBRIDGE

9.6 **Village Hall and King George's Field**

The Clerk has found the following to help clarify ownership:

Village Hall:

- Conveyance of the land from James Campbell Bannerman to The Trustees of The Hunton Village Hall dated 24th February 1927.
- Deed of Gift from The Trustees to Hunton Parish Council dated 10th December 1938. The land/hall is to be used for the benefit of the inhabitants of Hunton.
- The title register shows that Hunton Parish Council is the registered owner with 'Title absolute'.
- In the Hunton Parish Hall Charity Commission Scheme, Hunton Parish Council is referred to as the Custodian Trustee.

King George's Field:

- Conveyance of the land from the Personal Representatives of James Campbell Bannerman (deceased) to Hunton Parish Council dated 29th October 1937. It also states that the land is to be used for the benefit of the inhabitants of Hunton and has restrictive covenants.
- The title register shows that Hunton Parish Council is the registered owner with 'Title absolute'.
- In the King George's Field Hunton Charity Commission Scheme, Hunton Parish Council is referred to as the Custodian Trustee.

The sole function of Custodian Trustees is to hold the title to the property. They are not involved in the day to day running of the charity; it is the responsibility of the charity to insure the charity and its assets against loss.

Members **Agreed** that the Clerk should contact the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) to clarify the responsibilities of the Parish Council when it actually has the title to the Village Hall and King George's Field as opposed to when charities appoint a Parish Council as Custodian Trustee.

ACTION: CLERK

9.7 Clerk's Report

Two residents have expressed an interest in co-option on to the Parish Council. One of the candidates is away for the July full council meeting. A provisional date of 19th August was agreed for the co-option meeting if both candidates are available.

The Clerk will be attending a free Scribe 'Cloud Computing Made Simple for Town and Parish Councils' webinar in July which will hopefully provide more guidance on use of the Cloud.

10. POLICIES

10.1 Scheme of Delegation Policy

The Parish Council last reviewed the Scheme of Delegation Policy on 17th May 2021. No changes have been made to the policy.

Members reviewed the existing Scheme of Delegation Policy and **Agreed** to adopt it.

10.2 Complaints Procedure

The Parish Council last reviewed the Complaints Procedure on 17th May 2021. No changes have been made to the policy.

Members reviewed the existing Complaints Procedure and **Agreed** to adopt it.

10.3 Code of Conduct Complaints Policy

The Parish Council last reviewed the Code of Conduct Complaints Policy on 17th May 2021. No changes have been made to the policy.

Members reviewed the Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure and **Agreed** to adopt it.

10.4 Document Retention & Disposal Policy

The Parish Council last reviewed the Document Retention & Disposal Policy on 19th July 2021. The Clerk has made some small changes to the policy.

Members reviewed the Document Retention & Disposal Policy and **Agreed** to adopt it.

10.5 Subject Access Request Policy

The Parish Council last reviewed the Subject Access Request Policy on 19th July 2021. No changes have been made to the policy.

Members reviewed the Subject Access Request Policy and **Agreed** to adopt it.

10.6 Privacy Notice

The Parish Council adopted the Privacy Notice on 19th July 2021. No changes have been made to the policy.

Members reviewed the Privacy Notice and **Agreed** to adopt it.

11. CONSULTATIONS

11.1 Maidstone & Swale Borough Councils – Planning Validation Checklist Changes – Local Validation Requirements (2024 Review)

The Planning Validation Requirements set out the plans and documents that must be submitted with a planning application so that it can be registered.

Cllr Summersgill noted that it was a prescriptive list which will result in more consistency.

Members **Agreed** not to respond to the consultation.

11.2 Kent County Council – Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2024-2034

Cllr Summersgill advised that not much has changed in the Strategy.

Members **Agreed** not to respond to the consultation.

12. FINANCE

12.1 Budget Monitoring Report

The Budget Monitoring Report to 30th June 2024 was **Noted**.

12.2 Income Received

Members **Noted** that the following income has been received since the last meeting:

MBC – Parish Services Scheme grant (1 st half)	£827.56
HMRC – VAT reclaimed for 2023/24	£590.06
S Heaton – Use of gazebos	£50.00

The bank reconciliation was reviewed and signed by Cllr Trought.

12.3 Payments Made

Members **Approved** the following payments made since the last meeting:

SO – Sharon Goodwin – Salary & office allowance – May	£545.81
Unity Trust Bank – Service charge	£18.00

The following payments were authorised at the Planning Committee meeting on 30th May 2024:

Q-Tec Solutions Ltd – Cricket pavilion EICR	£336.00
Sharon Goodwin – Food for Annual Parish Meeting	£65.16

12.4 Electronic Payments

Members **Approved** the following payments. Cllrs Stanbridge and Summersgill will authorise the payments set up in Unity Trust Bank using online banking:

Npower – Street light electricity	£29.04
CPRE – Annual membership subscription	£36.00
NALC – Training – Climate Emergency webinar	£39.22
Sharon Goodwin – Travel expenses / Stationery / Land Registry title registers	£82.69

Members **Agreed** to a transfer of £1 to the new Redwood Bank account as a test, after which further funds can be transferred.

12.5 CIL Neighbourhood Receipts

At the Parish Council meeting on 13th May, Members asked for the deadline for spend of CIL funds and what would happen if the CIL was not spent.

CIL must be spent by the parish within five years. If it is not spent, the CIL Team may serve a repayment notice on the Parish Council. There are exceptions, for example, if the Parish Council can prove that the CIL income has been allocated to a particular project for which funds are being accumulated before spending. If the Parish Council receives a repayment notice, the unspent CIL must be returned.

Hunton Parish Council received £6,107.37 on 02/11/22, so it will need to be spent/committed by 02/11/27.

The Clerk has submitted the CIL Spend Report for 2023/24 to MBC.

Members suggested that CIL monies could be spent on road improvements.

12.6 Solar Panels

Invicta Cleaning Group have provided a quote of £65 to clean the solar panels on the hall roof.

Members **Agreed** that the quote should be accepted.

ACTION: CLERK

12.7 Heath Road Speed Limit Reduction

The Clerk to East Farleigh Parish Council has sent an email concerning the reduction in the speed limit to 40mph on a section of Heath Road, from where the 30mph speed limit ends leaving Coxheath, to just after the junction with North Folly Road. A request has been made to neighbouring parishes, including Hunton, to contribute £1,000 to the £7,500 cost as it would benefit those parishes.

Members agreed that a reduction in the speed limit is a good idea, but that it would need to be policed to be effective. Hunton has an active Speedwatch team. Members **Agreed** that the Clerk should reply to ask

whether East Farleigh will be actively undertaking Speedwatch sessions on the section of Heath Road if the speed limit is reduced. Hunton Speedwatch members would be happy to assist. ACTION: CLERK

12.8 Contribution to Village Hall Running Costs

Hunton Parish Hall Committee have advised that the Village Hall running costs have increased, particularly energy costs, and have requested an increase to the £1,000 annual contribution from the Parish Council.

Members **Agreed** that the annual contribution should be increased to £1,500.

12.9 Risk Assessment

The Parish Council last reviewed the risk assessment on 17th July 2023. A few minor changes have been made. Members **Agreed** that cyber risk should be included in terms of the bank accounts. The Clerk will amend the risk assessment for adoption at the September full council meeting. ACTION: CLERK

13. PLANNING

13.1 South Lodge, Lughorse Lane – 24/502253/LBC

Replacement of 2no. timber dormer windows with slim double glazed units and leaded lights to modern rear extension.

Parish Council recommendation: Do not wish to comment.

13.2 Planning Enforcement

Members **Noted** the following update on current enforcement cases:

Smithfield House (planning condition not met) – The Enforcement Officer has visited the property and will contact the owners to seek regularisation.

Building in the grounds of Riverside House, West Street (no planning permission) – The Enforcement Officer has advised that there is an ongoing process relating to the building – an application for advice from a Planning Officer has been submitted which is still in progress.

13.3 Planning Decisions

Members **Noted** the following planning decisions, made by Maidstone Borough Council since the last Planning Committee meeting:

13.3.1 Linton Growing Land At Burford Farm, Redwall Lane, Linton – 23/503752/FULL

Erection of polytunnels with year round coverage. Concreting of the existing access track over a 40m section and the construction of 2 no. concrete bin pads with partial grain walls, with associated landscaping, drainage infrastructure and engineering operations.

Parish Council recommendation: Refuse. If the Case Officer is minded to approve the application, the Parish Council would like it to be considered by the MBC Planning Committee. The reasons for the objection are:

- The lack of data on increased traffic, especially the number of heavy vehicle movements through Hunton Parish to other growing sites, or transport for all year round site personnel, etc.
- Visual impact of the polytunnels from public footpaths and other viewpoints, especially George Street, Redwall Lane and East Street, particularly as the proposal is for the polytunnels to remain covered all year round.
- Siting of a drainage facility (attenuation pond) in a functioning flood plain (Flood Zone 3b). When the pond is flooded it will not hold the surface water.
- The site is within a Natural England Strategic Opportunity Area for Great Crested Newts, which is not mentioned in the documentation, nor does the documentation refer to Biodiversity Net Gain (applicable since the Environment Act 2021) or assess the local/adjacent ecology of woodland and riverine environments in sufficient detail.
- The footpath KM129 is often flooded in the winter and sometimes impassable. The flooding will worsen with the erection of the polytunnels, causing direct faster run-off arriving at a French drain alongside the footpath.
- The polytunnels will be used to produce soft fruit for market, as well as provide a nursery for plants (Supporting Planning Statement – 2.9). This will result in a further increase in traffic.
- The proposed landscaping is insufficient as the land slopes upwards so the polytunnels will not be hidden by hedging, when viewed from the South. The proposed hedging will also take 10 years to grow.

- The application does not meet the 'rotational requirement' for polytunnels stated in Maidstone Borough Local Plan Policy DM36.2(ii).
Maidstone Borough Council decision: Permitted.

13.3.2 The Bothy, Lughorse Lane – 24/501405/FULL

Conversion of 2no. vacant rural buildings to a 3-bedroom residential dwelling, including erection of single storey link, with associated landscaping and parking.

Parish Council recommendation: Do not wish to object.

Maidstone Borough Council decision: Permitted.

13.3.3 Land At Barn Hill – 24/501390/FULL

Erection of a single storey dwelling with detached car port, parking and associated landscaping.

Parish Council recommendation: Wish to see the application refused and request the application is reported to the Planning Committee for the planning reasons set out below:

- Visual effect on views from the Greensand Way and properties to the Northeast.
- Creation of an additional building in the countryside.
- Change of use of agricultural land.

Maidstone Borough Council decision: Refused.

13.3.4 Burford Farm, Redwall Lane, Linton – 24/501440/FULL

Construction of concrete access track for tray field and concrete yard area.

Parish Council recommendation: Wish to see the application refused but do not request the application is reported to the MBC Planning Committee. The reasons for the objection are:

- There is an error in the application form as the applicant states that the proposal is not within 20 metres of a water course when it is within 20 metres.
- There are no details of how the drainage will work, ie where the run-off from the concrete will go.

Drainage details and the potential impact on the environment need to be specified.

Maidstone Borough Council decision: Permitted.

Cllr Summersgill advised that, several weeks after the Parish Council's objection, a 244-page design document/drawings was placed on the planning portal and a week later the application was approved.

Despite specifying in the objection that drainage details are required, the Parish Council was not advised of the document and given the opportunity to review it. KCC Drainage was not consulted to check the calculations (the storage pond is in a flood plain). Members **Agreed** that an email should be sent to the Head of Planning, copying in Borough Cllr Harwood.

ACTION: CLERK

13.3.5 Little Clock House, George Street – 24/501100/FULL

Change of use of the land for the stationing of 4no. static homes and 2no. touring caravans for a single Gypsy/Traveller family, and associated hard and soft landscaping (part retrospective).

Parish Council recommendation: Wish to see the application refused for the planning reasons set out below and request the application is reported to the Planning Committee if the Planning Officer seeks to permit the application:

The application is erroneous as it infers that there are two mobile homes on the site in accordance with planning approval, which is not the case. Although there are two mobile homes physically on the site, they are not there legally as there is no existing planning permission for them. Since 1977, planning permission has only ever been given for the stationing of mobile homes on this site for a temporary amount of time. Following the applicants appeal against the Maidstone Borough Council refusal of planning application MA/12/0152, the Planning Inspectors decision (dated 23rd September 2014) attached conditions which allowed Mr Wayne Lee (Junior), grandson of Mrs Olive Lee, to live on the site for as long as Mrs Lee continued to occupy the site. This was an addition to Mrs Lees personal permission from the 1995 appeal decision. Once Mrs Lee leaves the site, the permission requires the land to be cleared and restored to its former condition (agricultural). Mrs Olive Lee no longer lives on the site, and has not for some time, so there is no existing planning permission for any mobile homes on the site. The application does not reflect the facts. Little Clock House is situated in the Greensand Ridge Special Landscape Area and is surrounded by listed and period buildings. The proposed development would result in a harmful impact on the character and appearance of the open countryside and the Greensand Ridge Special Landscape Area. The existing site is already visually intrusive and out of keeping with the surrounding area and buildings. Development of the site would cause further harm to the setting of the surrounding listed buildings, detrimentally affecting their character. The change of use of agricultural land will not safeguard the open, rural character of the countryside. The development would put additional pressure on the local highway

infrastructure. George Street cannot sustain the proposed development as it is a narrow country lane with no pavements, a ditch running alongside and poor visibility. The Inspector stated in his appeal decision of 2014 that little had changed since 1995 to persuade him that the needs of gypsies and travellers in general would outweigh the harm (to the listed buildings and countryside) he had found or that a permanent permission for gypsies and travellers should be granted. Maidstone Borough Council agreed in their decision on application 16/503625/FULL for the same site and nothing has changed since that time. Maidstone Borough Council decision: Refused.

13.3.6 Meadowside East Street – 24/501869/FULL

Erection of single storey side extension to replace existing fully glazed conservatory (Revised scheme to previously approved planning 23/505254/FULL).

Parish Council recommendation: Do not wish to object.

Maidstone Borough Council decision: Permitted.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 16th September 2024 at Hunton Village Hall.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 9:42pm.