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MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 3 November @ 7pm via Zoom – for login details please contact the Clerk

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can arrange to speak to the Council through the Clerk or by requesting the Chairman before the start of the meeting. There is also a 15-minute period allowed at the end of the formal business to take questions from the public. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk or the Parish Council website and are posted on the Parish Noticeboard in Monkton Road Car Park.

Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Assistant Clerk is Clare Wilsdon.

The Council Office, above the library, is normally open from:

9am – 3pm weekdays; however due to commitments that require staff leaving the office it is better to ring first to ensure the office is manned.

Telephone: 821 339 : Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council Minutes are available on their website at

www.minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALAN BLAKE

After a long wait because of Covid-19, Minster Bowls Club managed to play one of last season's Short Mat competition games.

Adhering to government guidelines and strict rules laid down by the East Kent Short Mat Bowls Association (EKSMBA) the two players who had won their semi-finals, earlier in the year, prepared to play their final game on Saturday 17th October to attempt to win the Morphew Cup.

Finalists were Chris Richardson and Alan Blake. The game was played with 4 woods over 15 ends. In the early part of the match there was not a lot between both players, but by the 7th end Alan had started to pull away - with 2 ends still to play and with Alan leading 15 - 5 Chris knew he was defeated and so conceded the game to Alan.

COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT

Another month and its getting colder and darker.

I have spoken to a few people this past month and one of the things I was asked to do was to explain how to report problems and to whom, so I've compiled a far from exhaustive list for you

DISTRICT COUNCIL via their website or you can phone 01843 577000

Report a missed bin, Litter bin problems, Fly-tipping, Fly-posting, Abandoned vehicles, Anti-social behaviour, Nuisance dog, Dog fouling, Missing dog, Noise, Nuisance and Parking.

KENT POLICE 101 or online for non-urgent matters, but remember this is police advice...

Does it feel like the situation could get heated or violent very soon? Is someone in immediate danger? Do you need support right away? If so, please **call 999 now**.

Crime, Road traffic incident, Missing person, Antisocial behaviour, Report fraud, Lost or stolen vehicles, Civil disputes, Breach of coronavirus (Covid-19) measures.

Of course, lots of things can be helped locally by myself, your local P.C.S.O. or the Parish Council and we are always happy to help, but please remember if you "just put it on Facebook" chances are we won't get to know about it.

Keep safe and look out for each other

Regards

Karl Aylett Community Warden 07811 271 299 Email: Karl.aylett@kent.gov.uk

PCSO's REPORT

October is the start of the cold and dark early evenings. I would like to take some time to remind everyone that is you are out and about to wrap up warm and wear something that will make you visible to vehicle traffic. A lot of people generally wear dark clothing and in particular school uniforms are predominantly dark in colour. This becomes a problem for most vehicle drivers as in the low light conditions you cannot be easily seen and this in turn makes you vulnerable to being involved in an accident. If you have to go out try and wear something that can reflect light and possibly carry a torch to increase your chance of being seen.

This time of year is also the Halloween and firework season if you are out at these times please remember that not everybody enjoys this time and some elderly residents can become frightened.

All I ask is that you have a fun time and stay safe organised events are usually the safest option.

Trick or treaters should respect persons who do not wish to engage in their activities.

If you notice anyone acting suspiciously contact the police on 999 or 101.

For further advice and guidance ask to speak to your PCSO.

Adrian Butterworth

COMMUNITY PROJECT - ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS TREE FOR MINSTER

Just to keep everyone informed – our Christmas trees have now been built and sewn together and are ready to be moved into their Christmas positions.

We are hoping to do this on Tuesday 24th November weather permitting. This date would have been late night shopping and light switch on day. Timing will be dependent on the weather.

If anyone is interested in being there, could they please let me have contact details, or drop a note into Attwells so that I can let you know on the day.

Again, many many thanks go to everyone who have made this possible.

My contact details are:-

07874 214 279 or barbaraquittenden@hotmail.com

MINSTER SHED PROJECT

We are looking to set up a “Minster Shed” as a place for the retired to get together to be involved in various projects and activities which not only gives a chance to meet new people, it is also intended to help stop loneliness.

There are shed projects all over the UK so we thought why not one in Minster.

To get the project off the ground we need to see what interest there is in the village for this type of activity, plus we need those people who would be prepared to join a committee to steer the project forward.

If you are interested please either send us an email to minstersheds@gmail.com or ring Roy on 07463 385 526

Colin Hulks

We would like to say a big thank you to family, friends, neighbours and cricketers for making Colin's final journey through Minster so special. We felt very proud and honoured that so many of you took the time to pay your respects.

Thank you to both Minster Surgery and Pilgrims Hospice Margate for the care and kindness shown to Colin throughout his short illness.

A special thank you to Jonathan Cole and his team for going out of their way with their personal touches and making it a fitting tribute to Colin. Thank you also to Pat Oliver for the beautiful service and Vanessa for the lovely floral tributes.

Finally thank you for the cards, flowers, letters and donations we have received since Colin's passing, it has been overwhelming.

Maureen, Julie, Kevin and families

SYLVIA FLORENCE GIBBS

Sylvia passed away on 19th August 2020, my partner of 18 years.

I would like to thank the many people of Minster, who gave her such a send off through the village, and the many people who stood outside the Salvation Army shop, a place she loved to work on a Monday afternoon.

Also, many thanks to Jonathan Cole and his staff for their professional and friendly help.

It made me proud to live in Minster

Roy

THANK YOU !

Betty Hulks, a long-standing Minster resident, would like to say 'A Big Thank You' to all her family and friends for their get well wishes and cards.

Betty also celebrated her 94th birthday on 13th October and she would also like to thank everyone for the lovely cards and gifts she received.

Betty says she is very grateful to you all.

MINSTER ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minster and Monkton RBL Social Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on Monday 16th November at 7.30pm

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Summary of Meeting on 6th October, 2020 via Zoom

Yet again, our meeting was held remotely via Zoom. We could socially distance our own Councillors but we would need a very large venue to cater for County & District Councillors and members of the public, so for the time being we remain on line. The good news is that two members of the public did join us this month and were able to contribute in the 15 minute period at the end of the meeting. (Anyone can join by requesting the Zoom link from the Parish Clerks by midday on the day prior to the meeting.)

We opened the meeting by welcoming our new Councillor Paul Torbett to his first meeting.

PCSO Butterworth and Community Warden Karl Aylett reported that September was a quiet month with the only crime of note being a theft of cooking oil from outside Minster Kebab. There has also been a reduction in anti-social behaviour including a door to door salesman, who was persuaded to leave the area, and youths on the Cheney Estate playing 'knock down ginger, as well as a few calls to the skate park relating to drugs and noise. The good news is that two vulnerable missing persons were located following local leads. County Cllr. Liz Hurst reminded us that, although waste and recycling sites still need to be accessed by appointment, households are now allowed 4 visits a month.

District Cllr. Pugh advised the meeting that the deadline for the feasibility report on Ramsgate Port has been extended to 18th December; East Kent Housing has been brought back in house including 30 staff, with additional staff being employed; and he is also pursuing the question of the post box removed from Greenhill Gardens.

District Cllr. Hart was thanked for his assistance in relation to Minster Skate Park. He then advised us that during October shoppers in Birchington can have 30 minutes free parking so he encouraged people to take advantage of this; he hoped that this could be extended to Christmas.

The Chairman said that, although there would be no parade or church service on Remembrance Sunday, the Royal British Legion would be holding a brief ceremony at the cemetery.

The Clerk confirmed that she had passed on a request to KCC Highways to improve the signage for HGV's coming off the Minster roundabout heading for Laundry Road. The turning is so near the roundabout that lorry drivers using satnavs often miss it and this results in large lorries trying to manoeuvre in the village.

Cllr. Burden was disappointed in the poor response he had received following his advert in last month's Minster Matters asking for expressions of interest in creating a Shed Project in Minster. He will re-advertise this month and only progress the project if there is sufficient interest.

The Chairman set out the plans that had been agreed to address the anti-social behaviour at the skate park. The large bund or ha-ha will be constructed by Thanet Waste, and a drainage channel will be built, and the surface of the bund will be covered in topsoil ready for planting. The planting will be planned to avoid incursion but encourage insects. The park will be closed for a short while when the work takes place. We await a reply from a developer about assistance with planting but consideration will also be given to making this a community project.

In the interest of promoting a more ecologically friendly environment Cllr. Jones proposed the placing of bee houses, purchased at his own cost, in the cemetery. A debate took place as to the suitability of the location and the question of ongoing maintenance. It was agreed that a small group be formed to look into the issues in more detail and report back to the meeting.

Furthermore, Cllr. Jones suggested planting wild flowers on the village green area in Hillhouse Drive, creating a meadow area. Members did not support the planting at this location but considered that there was a more suitable area at the far side of the cemetery.

In the public question period Lt. Luke Johnson of the Salvation Army informed us that he is exploring the possibility of engaging with a community sponsorship scheme to re-home a refugee family in Minster and assist in their resettlement in the UK.

Mr. Gareth Brett of Oval Sport wished us to know that they are no longer developing the former go-kart track at Ebbsfleet as a motor racing site. It is now in the hands of a developer and may initially be used for motor cycle training.

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP**SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS 2020**

Patients who are over 65 but not yet been vaccinated and UNDER 65 who are "Shielding" or considered "At Risk", would have already received a text message or a telephone call inviting them to make an appointment, but If you have any concerns about your eligibility please contact Reception as soon as possible. For Patients aged 50 - 64 vaccinations are expected towards the end of November and will be advised accordingly.

For all your questions and answers such as:

Why are there Vaccine shortages? Why do I have to wait? Who is entitled?

Please see: www.gov.uk/ and search flu vaccinations

CONTACTING THE SURGERY - IMPORTANT CHANGES

Please note, that with immediate effect, the following changes will take place:

Calls made between 8.00 and 11.00 am will only be accepted from those patients who need to make an appointment or seek medical help or advice.

All other calls, such as results, prescription and general enquires, should only be made after 11.00 am. This will enable our receptionists to answer more calls, more quickly, from those patients who require more urgent help. Thank you for your understanding.

THANK YOU!

Once again, we would like to thank all our patients and friends for their support, generosity and encouragement. It really means a lot to everyone in the team, especially considering the difficult times that may be ahead of us all.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will be closed from Midday on Thursday 19th November for staff training.

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times.

Remember it can take up to 72 hours to process prescriptions and that pharmacies can also be extremely busy, so please submit your request in good time.

Should you need to see a doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service direct on 111, to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For Covid-19 testing and information dial 119 or book online via: www.gov.uk/
For urgent/life threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

PATIENT GROUP MEETINGS

Due to the limited access to the surgery, we are currently holding our meetings using video conferencing. However, if you have any issues you would like to raise or require further information on any of the above, then please contact either Ken Self on 821200, Jeanne Lawrence on 821049 or email kenself@me.com

AMBER'S ADVICE

Don't worry about avoiding temptation as you grow older, it will avoid you. (Winston Churchill).

TIGER'S TIP

To ward off garden pests without pesticides – garlic is an excellent natural remedy. Put 6 cloves garlic in a litre of boiling water, let it stand to room

WANTSUM BENEFICE

We are open for prayer and worship – join us online or in church!

Services of said Holy Communion in the Wantsum Benefice:

Sunday 1 November 9.30 Monkton : 10.30 Minster
 Sunday 8 November 9.30 Chislet : 10.30 St Nicholas
 Sunday 15 November 9.30 Monkton : 10.30 Minster
 Sunday 22 November 9.30 Chislet (non HC) : 10.30 St Nicholas
 Sunday 29 November 9.30 Monkton : 10.30 Minster
 Sunday 6 December 9.30 Chislet: 10.30 St Nicholas
 Sunday 13 December 9.30 Monkton : 10.30 Minster
 Sunday 20 December 9.30 Chislet (non HC) : 10.30 St Nicholas

Midweek Service of said Holy Communion (BCP) held at Minster Wednesday 10.30am:
 4 November, 18 November, 2 December, 16 December

Churches open for prayer and reflection

Minster: Sunday 2-4pm; Tuesday & Thursday 10am-12pm
 St Nicholas: Sunday, Tuesday 2-4pm & Thursday 10am-12pm
 Monkton: Sunday 2-4pm

Church Online

Church online - informal worship

on our YouTube Channel (Wantsum Benefice) – every Sunday

Daily Newsletter – with reading & reflection and links to other events –

To receive this, email: info@wantsumchurches.org

Monday-Friday Morning Prayer 9.00am & Evening Prayer 5.00pm on Facebook Live
 Facebook: St Mary's Church, Minster-in-Thanel or St Nicholas at Wade Church

If you wish to talk to someone, need support or would welcome prayer

please contact: Reverend Richard Braddy

01843 821250 www.wantsumchurches.org info@wantsumchurches.org

A season to remember... All Souls Day – Sunday 1st November
St Mary's Church Open for Prayer and Lighting a Candle 1.00pm-4.00pm

2020 has been a difficult year in so many ways and there have been times when we have not been able to mourn the loss of someone we love or know in the usual way. All Souls' Day is a special time when we can remember a loved one or friend who is no longer with us and, particularly this year, all those who have died in recent months.

This year, on All Souls' Day, Sunday 1st November between 1.00pm and 4.00pm St Mary's church will be open and you are welcome inside to take a moment to reflect and pray and light a candle for someone special. There will be a member of the ministry team present too if you would like someone to pray with or for you.

This will replace our usual 'Always Remembered' Service this year.

If you are not able to come but would like us to light a candle in memory of someone please contact Revd Richard (01843 821250).

Remembrance 2020

St Mary's Church will sadly not be able to host the Parish Remembrance Service this year. However, we are keen to ensure that there is time and space for people to commemorate and honour the service and sacrifice of the armed forces community.

The Church will be open on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 November between 9.30-3.30pm. You are welcome to come inside to pause and spend some time; and, if you wish, lay down your poppy on the war memorial.

There will be an Act of Remembrance at the Cemetery War Memorial earlier in the day on Sunday 8th November with limited members of the Royal British Legion, Parish Council, St Mary's Church and The Salvation Army.

Due to current restrictions unfortunately, this will not be open to the public.

CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Reece Pugh tel: 07740 288 713

District Councillor David Hart tel: 07976 830 171

District Councillor Trevor Roper tel: 07787 860 381

Kent County Councillor Emma Dawson tel: 07976 804 113

Kent County Councillor Liz Hurst tel: 07453 328 104

Contacting your MP - Sir Roger Gale MP tel: 01843 848 588

Email: galerj@parliament.uk - write: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Thank you for listening - your readers this month were:-

Musical interludes supplied courtesy of
Brenda Saker, Daryl Booth and Richard Spendlove MBE