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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 21 JANUARY IGHTHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Willingham (Chairman), Cllr Holden (Vice Chairman), Cllr Burgham, Cllr Cracknell, Cllr Emmett, Cllr Fielder, Cllr Hall, Cllr Hogarth, Cllr Mitchem, The Parish Clerk, County Councillor Rayner and 11 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Borough Cllr Betts.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** - All Councillors declared an interest in Ightham Mote as National Trust members. Cllr Holden declared an interest in Leys Cottage and Cllr Mitchem declared an interest in Warren Farm House.
3. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 December 2019 were approved and signed as a true record. Cllr Hall queried whether we had received the VAT information from Mr Murray and Cllr Holden said that we hadn't but would chase it up. The Parish Clerk said that she would contact Tom Tugendhat once we had received the information. Cllr Emmett said that he thought that the restriction on commercial rentals only applied for 12 months rather than 10 years.
4. **UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR** – Cllr Rayner said that he was working with smaller Parishes with a precept under £30k, as their current arrangements with website providers were coming to an end.

Cllr Mitchem said that there had been another accident at the A25 Oldbury Lane junction today and asked for Cllr Rayner to report it on the accident log.

Cllr Rayner reported that there had been severe flooding in various locations in Kent before Christmas but the Busty seemed to be okay following the works to the culvert.

Cllr Rayner said that there was nothing substantive on the Local Plan and we have heard nothing from the Inspectors. The Parish Alliance had circulated a model response to the latest Consultation which should have received. Cllr Willingham said that TMBC didn't appear to be forthcoming with the information that the Inspectors had asked for. Cllr Rayner said that the Parish Alliance had had to make a Freedom of Information request and Wrotham Parish Council had written to the Inspector to notify them. This related to a report from 2008/9 from Jacobs about the line of the old Borough Green Bypass which had flagged up a number of issues; as it was new made ground there would be a significant cost in putting in a new road. This information has not been included in the Local Plan.

Cllr Emmett reported that Common Road had flooded again and although contractors had been out with a tanker to drain the water the drainage hasn't been fixed. There needs to be a long term solution to the drainage at this location in advance of resurfacing the road. This has been reported via the portal and via email several times and Cllr Rayner advised that if we notified him separately, he would expedite the works. It was agreed that we would email him with the details and photographs.

Cllr Willingham reported that there had been some flooding in Busty Lane and that our landscape contractor had attended Busty Stream on the day in question to clear a blockage after which the water levels dropped.

Cllr Holden reported that the press commentary on the Sevenoaks Local Plan alleged that there had been no consultation between the planning authorities and that there had been prejudice from the Inspectors. Cllr Rayner said that this point had been raised at KCC and thought that it may cause difficulties for neighbouring Boroughs, ie TMBC; how can there be a situation where one Borough doesn't co-operate and another does?

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5. **PUBLIC** - Several members were in attendance and some wanted to speak about the Ightham Mote application. The Chairman decided that the Parish Councillors should give their views first and then take comments from members of the public.

A resident who lives in Common Road reported that there was an ongoing issue with parking on the double yellow lines opposite The Harrow. She has been in touch with TMBC and the lines have been refreshed however there have been a number of near misses as the parked cars are close to the junction with Copt Hall Road. PCSO Mark Thomas has been notified but as this usually occurs on the weekends there are no civil enforcement officers that are available to attend. The Clerk will email Cllr Betts to see what can be done.

Mr Hitchcock from The Football Club attended to report that the first team had folded but confirmed that there was still a full team playing at Platt. They are in touch with contractors about pitch levelling. There is a question about the future of the Ightham Football Club but there is now an opportunity for local members to form a locally built second team. The Club are keen to get back to the recreation ground as soon as possible. The Club feel that there is a question about whether it is worth investing in pitch levelling but if something isn't done to improve the pitch, it will cease to be viable as a sports pitch. Mr Hitchcock has received information about funding which is available for maintenance of pitches of up to £2,000 per year, he will forward this to Cllr Holden.

6. PLANNING

6.1 Planning Applications

TM/19/02842/FL - The construction of a relocated Car Park in the lower section of the field to the east of the Walled Garden and the existing parking area; the restoration of the North Drive, the removal of the temporary Visitor Reception building, the reinstatement of the Walled Garden and the erection of a replacement Visitor Reception and Shop, Glasshouse and Bothy within the restored Walled Garden together with associated landscaping and drainage works - Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0NT.

As this was such a large application, Cllr Willingham asked Councillors around the table to give their views:

Cllr Mitchem said that she valued Ightham Mote as a great asset to the parish and she appreciated the National Trust's care and conservation of the countryside around the Mote which we all enjoy. She said she recognised the huge amount of work that had gone into the proposal and welcomed the idea of opening up the walled garden, restoring the drive and updating the visitor centre. The position of the new car park and the possible increase in traffic remained a concern. However, given the low-lying location and the NT's intention to landscape and screen the area, she thought the visual impact could be mitigated, although she had a concern about the number of spaces. Potentially, the extra traffic could cause an issue in Mote Road and for the residents in Ivy Hatch.

Cllr Holden said that it was broadly a balanced proposal; there are gains to be had from the walled garden but will obviously lead to a loss of parking spaces that will have to go elsewhere. The volume of traffic is a concern, however Ightham Mote is an asset. He raised concerns about the loss of metropolitan greenbelt and the impact on the AONB. An alternative suggestion for parking would be the lower field but we are aware there are problems with drainage and therefore the most local alternative is near East Mote Oast. As regards other suggestions of transportation to and from the Mote, he would be surprised if a cultural shift could be achieved, currently there are only 2 buses a day. Cllr Holden was broadly supportive of the application.

Cllr Cracknell said that she would endorse this, unfortunately heritage and cars do not go together. Cllr Cracknell has understood all of the issues, she encourages guests from her B&B to visit the Mote and would like to see them walk however recognises that it isn't safe. There is therefore a need for the extra parking but said that we should be encouraging sustainable travel.

Cllr Burgham said that he saw the plus points of restoring the walled garden and drive but felt that the proposal would be intrusive to the footpaths. He was not convinced of the benefits of the historic

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views as he thought that the current outlook was nice and therefore didn't see the merit in reverting to the old layout. He didn't think that the Ivy Hatch roads could support the extra traffic. Cllr Burgham suggested that the National Trust should think creatively on how visitors could travel there. Overall he was not in favour of the proposal.

Cllr Fielder thought that the proposal should go ahead. There aren't big groups of cars arriving at the same time so the impact on the local roads isn't too great; the traffic is disbursed throughout the day and the new car parking arrangements will improve the flow of traffic.

Cllr Emmett said that he is usually against building in metropolitan greenbelt but given what is being put back, including the addition of wetlands and increased bio-diversity that the additional planting will bring in to the area, that he is supportive.

Cllr Hall felt that there was a lot of detail and legal ease in the application. Normally he would be fundamentally against development in metropolitan greenbelt and felt that there wasn't enough consideration given to an alternative locations for the car park with specific reference to the poor quality woodland further up North Drive. He thought that there was room elsewhere and wasn't convinced that the Consultants had thought it through. Cllr Hall was against the location of the car park but is not against Ightham Mote. Cllr Hall felt that alternative means of transport were wishful thinking however there was scope for thinking about timed visits. On balance he was against the proposal.

Cllr Hogarth raised concerns about the impact of extra traffic in the local area and wasn't sure that the roads were equipped to accommodate it. Cllr Hogarth noted that in the paperwork it had stated that all local National Trust members had been informed however she hadn't received the information. Cllr Hall reiterated this by saying that not all neighbours had been consulted and therefore felt that the consultation comments were inaccurate (we had subsequent correspondence from Ightham Mote confirming that emails and flyers were distributed).

Cllr Willingham said that he had visited Ightham Mote again twice this week. He suggested that if the lower field could be properly drained, and the north section of the current car park cleared, that the extra cars could be accommodated. Cllr Willingham was totally opposed to the car park location and felt that there would be adequate parking elsewhere. He felt that the new visitor building could go by the existing café and that the current ticket office was adequate. He also felt that Mr Bate from Shipbourne who had submitted a comprehensive response, had made some very good points.

Mrs Gillow, General Manager at Ightham Mote attended with 2 Architects and asked to respond to some of the consultation comments online. Ightham Mote had prepared some additional documentation including a response to a submission by Mr Bate from Shipbourne. Mr Bate's paper and Ightham Mote's additional documentation had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Mrs Gillow confirmed that the whole Estate fell within Ightham Parish. The plan has evolved over several years and coincides with the house celebrating its 700 year anniversary. The current facilities were implemented as a temporary measure when the property first came into the care of the National Trust so that resources could be dedicated to conserving the dilapidated mansion at the time.

These plans will enhance the setting of the Mote and remove the damage caused by the existing parking. All of the improvements are in metropolitan greenbelt and AONB and will undo the current harm and resolve some of the sites challenges including disbursed parking and congestion in North drive and on Mote Road. The current overflow car park is misplaced, waterlogged in wet weather and has a high risk of flooding. The current parking arrangements detract from the setting of the house.

The plans have been prepared over 10 years and recognise the past and future of the whole estate and have involved members, visitors and stakeholders. There has been extensive media coverage and consultation and 90% of respondents have given support to the plans. The very special circumstances necessary to justify development in metropolitan greenbelt have been outlined.

Fourteen sites were considered for the relocated car park and the site outlined in the application was felt to be the least impactful; an extra 59 spaces will be created and there will also be a new shop and visitor centre. Removal of the cars from the North drive is vital to the restoration of the driveway and orchard. The historic setting of the Mote will be improved and the traffic can be better managed; the

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current one way system can be removed on busy days, views will be maintained and there will be flood mitigation to the house.

Ightham Mote contributes to the local economy and as the National Trust celebrates 125 years, they have a responsibility to deliver for the public benefit. This is a unique building and the developments will conserve the house.

The owners of the Oast House said that they had been in contact with the National Trust about mitigating the impact on their property. They are concerned about the spoil taken from the proposed car park and site development being dumped next to their property. They are concerned that it will increase the risk of flooding to their property due to the slope of the land and the barrier that the spoil will make to the field's natural runoff. The property has been flooded in the past due to water and soil runoff from the field. The National Trust have said that this will be considered as part of their detailed design review. The owners strongly object to the dumping of soil adjacent to their property and to the increased risk of flooding to their property.

The owners of Oast House also raised concerns about the number of visitors that has risen to 200,000 from the 100,000 that had been originally predicted. The numbers are likely to increase further and the concern is that Mote Road is already at capacity. Cllr Mitchem said that we haven't received any complaints about traffic in Mote Road or around Ivy Hatch. The resident had spoken to Ivy Hatch residents and some were unaware of the plans. He reported that approximately 60 objections have been made to the application online and there is also a petition opposing the car park in circulation.

Cllr Holden said that there was some confusion about the numbers in the application and asked whether the numbers referred to related to visitors or cars? One of the Architects who had worked with Ightham Mote since 1989 said that it was the number of vehicles. In the previous application, the numbers of cars had been estimated, on best knowledge, at 100,000 per annum and although this figure has been referred to, there were no forecasts or formal statements as to a limit on the numbers of cars. He said that there has been a major growth in the number of vehicles and this hadn't been predicted. Cllr Rayner confirmed that KCC does not enter into contractual arrangements to limit traffic although will look at whether the highways are suitable for type of planning application made. Cllr Rayner recommended that if we were minded to object on grounds of highways that we should have a highways survey to back up any objections. The Architect confirmed that they had done a pre-application highways survey and no objections were raised by KCC. He also confirmed that they had looked at alternative locations for the car park and the ecological impacts of the alternatives were too great. The existing overflow car park (Mill field) cannot accommodate the additional number of cars required, only 150 spaces, not 184 in the document. It is also too small and too steep.

Cllr Willingham asked about the car park surface (it will be surface chipping, tarmac and gravel) and questioned whether the same surface couldn't be used in the overflow car park? The Architect said that it was prone to flooding and that cars would still need to go down North Drive, which they are trying to avoid. He said that all spoil would be kept on site and that they would manage the flood risk to the property.

Following an earlier comment, Mrs Gillow confirmed that the Greensand Way does not go through the proposed car park. The number of additional car spaces will be 59. The timescale for the work will be 18 months. During construction they will balance conservation and access.

A question was raised about the carbon footprint of the works as the new Director General of the National Trust was recently quoted as stating that the National Trust wanted to become carbon neutral by 2030. Cllr Cracknell said that the works were incompatible with the carbon neutral statement. Mrs Gillow said that they are working towards sustainable transport. The work is to try and preserve the building for future generations. They have explored every alternative option, there were 14 options and they believe that this is the best one. The new proposals aren't necessarily to entice more visitors but to make provision for the existing demand. There will be electric charging points.

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Cllr Burgham asked whether they had considered timed visits? Mrs Gillow said that they would consider this and the visits to the house are already controlled. However not all visitors go to the house so it would still be difficult to manage the flow of traffic.

Historic England are supportive of the plans and they feel that they have demonstrated the very special circumstances necessary to justify development on green belt.

Cllr Hall asked about the second application for moving the gardeners compound and restoration of the farmyard. Mrs Gillow said that this had recently gone in to TMBC.

A vote was taken and there were 5 votes to 4 in favour of the application.

This was our agreed response to TMBC:

The following comments were raised:

- Ightham Parish Council appreciate that Ightham Mote is a great asset in the village.
- The majority of Councillors are in favour of opening up the walled garden and restoration of the drive.
- At least one councillor was encouraged by the addition of wetlands and increased bio-diversity that the additional planting will bring in to the area

Some Councillors raised the following concerns about :

- The loss of Metropolitan Greenbelt and the impact on AONB, although it is understood that some of the greenbelt will be regained by moving the car park.
- The intrusion to and views from the footpaths, although some councillors opined that the selected field maximises the topography to minimise the car park's impact.
- The increase in the number of parking spaces and the increase in the number of visitors.
- Climate change; encouragement should be given to sustainable means of travel to reinforce the NT's stated aim of becoming carbon neutral.
- The impact of the volume of traffic in Ivy Hatch and in the surrounding area.
- Whether enough consideration had been given to using the poor quality woodland further up North Drive?

There were also some comments about lack of consultation with neighbours but subsequently Ightham Mote provided evidence that the consultation of neighbours was as published and this comment was therefore excluded from our response.

Cllr Willingham said that he was not happy about the impact on metropolitan greenbelt and AONB.

TM/19/02903/RD - Woodford Old Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9AH. Details of condition 4 (foul and surface water drainage) and 8 (position of touring caravans) submitted pursuant to planning permission. TM/18/01240/FL (Section 73 application for the variation of conditions 1 (time limited and personal condition), 2 (restore site when temporary consent expires) and 4 (number of caravans) pursuant to planning permission TM/11/01444/FL (Variation of conditions 1 and 2 on TM/07/01238/FL: Change of use for stationing of two caravans for residential use, fencing and sheds for occupation by a single gypsy family). No Comment.

TM/19/02944/FL - Leys Cottage, Back Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9AU. Erection of conservatory; replacement dining room window with double doors. "No objection."

TM/19/02953/FL - Stone Acre, Copt Hall Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9DT. Demolition of dwelling and garage and erection of dwelling. "No objection, we leave to TMBC to determine due to its history."

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TM/19/03022/FL - Warren Farm House, Tonbridge Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9AP. Single storey side extension. "No objection."

TM/19/02993/FL – The Old Cottage, Common Road. Repairs and alterations to grade 2 listed building. "No objection."

6.2 Planning Decisions Approved

19/02667/TPOC - Various works to trees at Oldbury Hatch - Oldbury Hatch, Oldbury Lane.

19/02707/TNCA - T28 (Tag 56) Cherry twin stem to fell the canker infected stem - Ightham County Primary School, Oldbury Lane.

19/02678/FL - Convert half of the double garage into living space - 14 Fen Meadow.

Withdrawn

TM/19/02433/FL 7 Walker Place - Erection of single storey rear extension with access to rear terrace area and amendments to existing rear fenestrations.

TM/19/01574/FL - Crown Point Nursery, Sevenoaks Road. Retention of new agricultural/nursery dwelling and associated works. Revision to scheme approved under TM/13/01382/FL.

6.3 LOCAL PLAN – Borough Green Gardens Update - New Consultation - Nothing further to report.

6.4 LEGAL OPINION – Judicial Review - We are awaiting an update but it was felt that the Parish Council should give full support to this if the lawyers think that there is a good chance of success. The Clerk reported that the lawyers are preparing an invoice with the Parish Council as payee but we wouldn't be able to reclaim the VAT as we aren't officially the Client. If this does go to a Judicial Review we should consider making the direct instruction. Fees to date are approx. £8,000 and the Parish Contribution will be £5,000 as agreed as the last meeting. The Judicial Review application is now in the public domain.

7. MATTERS ARISING

Highways & PROW Matters - Cllr Betts had chased up clearing the leaves on the footpath alongside the A25 from Common Road to the farm shop. Cllr Fielder reported a fallen birch tree on MR230. Cllr Emmett reported further flooding on Common Road and is concerned that the drainage is fixed before the road is resurfaced. Cllr Rayner asked for the Clerk to send the information so that he could chase this up.

Cllr Cracknell reported that the drain cover outside Elmhurst was lifting during heavy rainfall. Clerk to report and also let Cllr Rayner know.

The road surface breaking up on Borough Green Road by the stream from the culvert to the A25, this has been reported but the clerk will chase this up.

Village Traffic Matters - Les Henry Associates - Update. Leathercote Corner – Nothing to report.

Scout Pavilion – It was reported that the lights seemed to be on at night and very bright. There is still some building material on site that needs clearing, Cllr Willingham will speak to Mr Reid. Cllr Holden will speak to Mr Murray about the VAT documentation and the Clerk can then email Tom Tugendhat.

Ightham Football Club – Update – pitch levelling - Cllr Holden confirmed that we have reserved funding for pitch levelling in the draft budget. Cllr Cracknell asked whether it was a valid point that the pitch will become unusable and is deteriorating if not levelled. Cllr Holden said that the slope is quite big and it doesn't fit with the current style of football. Levelling it would be of benefit to the school and the village as a whole. We should also support a Club that has a local interest. A decision on the next step will be deferred until March and we should look at the ground as a whole. Cllr Hall asked about timing, Cllr Holden said that the pitch would be out for a whole season as it would have to be reseeded as this is much cheaper than turfing.

The Clerk said that she had received an enquiry from Ightham School PSA to use the recreation ground for their summer fayre. It was agreed that they could, as any work to the pitch would be after the school breaks up for the summer. The Clerk will reply to the PSA.

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We have also had an enquiry about using the pitch for juniors but Cllr Holden said that it was an adult pitch. We only have one goal post at the moment.

Tennis Club - Update - Cllr Mitchem said that Harpers had been out to look at the water pressure which has definitely dropped. This is ongoing.

Ightham Cricket Club – Update - Cllr Mitchem reported that the Cricket Club had responded to an email from the Clerk to say that the fence would be fixed but they hadn't given any information about refurbishment or further funding requests.

Busty Stream/ Flooding – Update - Flood Action Group - Emergency Plan. Cllr Cracknell reported that the Busty was close to flooding shortly before Christmas and residents were grateful for the new culvert and to James Hayward who had attended on that day to clear some debris. There were some blockages near to Mr Durlings field and this gave rise to how we deal with riparian obligations which occur intermittently. A few members of the Flood Action Group met with Cllrs Cracknell and Holden and the Parish Clerk last week to talk about the Emergency Plan and put together a check list with a summary of emergency action and emergency contact details. It was suggested that we do a table top exercise. The ongoing maintenance of the stream is the main issue and we need to mitigate the flood risk. It was decided that members should do a quarterly inspection and follow up with a letter suggesting contractors.

Cllr Willingham asked whether we could get some guidance on clearing the stream as there were trees growing in it. Cllr Cracknell suggested that Emma Burdett from KC would be able to do another site visit. The Clerk asked whether James Hayward could be the named contractor? This was agreed and the Clerk will email him to ask. The Clerk also suggested getting some spare keys for the village hall for Cllrs Holden and Cracknell as this will be used as an emergency building if there is another flood.

Recreation Ground –Wet pour repairs – We have received 2 further quotes for wet pour; one of £7,611 and another for £8,284. The higher quote included Heras fencing and a new path from the top gate to the play area. It was agreed that we would accept the higher quote from Redlynch as they had been recommended by Ryarsh Parish Council who have recently used them. The Clerk will email them to accept the quote and find out when work can be done, it would be preferable to have the work done during the school holidays and in the next financial year. Redlynch also supply adult gym equipment. **New signage** -the Clerk has ordered 2 new signs for the car park and is waiting for a price. Cllr Willingham reported that the roundabout had been repaired.

Bus Stop Back Lane - Update - Cllr Willingham will ask James Hayward to clear a strip along the A227.

Village Hall - Refurbishment and car park access – ongoing. **Recycling area** – following the issues with the new rubbish collection it was suggested that we should try and retain the cardboard recycling bin for the next 6 months although are still concerned that it may attract fly tipping. The Scouts currently have the contract but the arrangements are about to change; the Parish Council may be able to take over the contract but we may have to pay. The Clerk will check with TMBC and find out what the arrangements are.

Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch - Cllr Hall reported that there had been a Neighbourhood Watch gathering last Friday that had been well attended. There is a new liaison officer at Kent Police who attended the event.

Climate Change - Farm Waste - no response has been received from the Environment Agency and the Clerk was asked to email Cllr Betts to see how to take this forward.

Old Scout Hut – Cllr Willingham reported that this has now been emptied. Cllr Fielder suggested that it should be knocked down as it would cost too much to repair. Cllr Willingham will get the keys and do a site visit with Cllr Fielder to do an assessment.

Allotments behind Common Road – Renewal of agreements - The Clerk reported that the allotment agreements were with Warners. Cllr Willingham will visit the Paddock as there is a shed/outbuilding that needs to come down. Cllr Emmett reported that there was also a shed belonging to no. 11 which he believed to be on Parish land, Cllr Willingham will go and check.

8. FINANCE & POLICY

Bank Mandate – Update - Clerk to chase up.

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Precept 2020/21- Due 17 January 2020 - Agreement of budget. Cllrs Hall and Holden and The Clerk had met to put together a draft budget and this was circulated prior to the meeting. Our running costs are approx. £60k. Cllr Hall outlined the budget which has a projected capital spend of £275,000, all items are identified. We will have a funding deficit of £196,000 and will be left with £27,000 in reserves at the end of March 2021 if we increase the precept by 2%. The deficit will be covered by our current reserves. There was some discussion about whether we should be increasing the precept but it was decided that it would be better to make a small increase now to build our reserves to avoid a large increase in the future. We have reserved some funding for rebuilding the village hall which is coming towards the end of its life. Cllr Mitchem suggested that we put some funding towards a "green project" to address climate change. The Clerk confirmed that we had put some money aside for planting trees in the recreation ground but we could consider other options.. It was agreed that we would increase the precept by 2% to £125,052 – Proposed by Cllr Fielder and seconded by Cllr Hogarth. The Clerk will return the paperwork to TMBC.

Data Protection and Website Accessibility – New email addresses - The clerk has circulated the new email addresses and passwords with full instructions on how to set them up.

The following accounts were submitted for payment: Cllrs Hall and Mitchem signed the cheques.

A Willingham – repair to gutter and tiling at village hall (paid)	£1,074.00
Parish Clerk Salary & Expenses January	£683.90
HMRC – Employer Tax December (<i>nil to pay as credit on account</i>)	£4.60
E-on – Unmetered supply recreation ground electricity	£56.42
Gel Creative - December (OLT)	£50.00
Anthony Edwards – Churchyard & Parish Council Maintenance December	£945.64
Zen Internet - Business Full Fibre 2 (OLT)	£46.20
Ightham Village Hall - Hire facilities	£240.00
Legal Fees – legal opinion for judicial review (inc VAT) Defer until invoice is received	£5,000.00
Keemlaw – Repair to dishwasher in village hall	£117.60
Clerk & Councils Direct – Subscription	£12.00
Repairs to roundabout	£310.00
Edward Tyrell - New locks to gate	£54.00
Transfer to Unity Bank	£10,000.00

Income

Allotment Rental £50.00
 Scout Pavilion Rental £340.00
 Donation legal Fees £50.00

Deposit Account: £185,091.09 Current Accounts: £47,597.04

9. CORRESPONDENCE – (items circulate prior to the meeting)

KALC News - December 2019

KALC Community Awards Scheme 2020

KCC – Consultation Strategic Statement – Five Year Plan - Clerk to circulate

Request for donation from Counselling Centre – defer until February

10. ITEMS REPORTED PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING

The Clerk said that we should confirm the date of the annual parish meeting.

Cllr Hogarth reported that the school were doing a project with "kindness stones"; this can go onto our website.

Cllr Burgham asked about the plans for the Memorial stone; the Clerk will chase up. He also asked about the schedule for replanting at Chapel Farm. Cllr Burgham reported that he was helping on the Ightham Mens' Club Committee.

Cllr Willingham reported that Cllr Fielder had trimmed the beeches at the rec and calculated that we need 60 more plants to fill the gaps. Cllr Willingham will order the plants and Cllr Fielder will replant them.

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The meeting closed at 10.20pm.

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