

# CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Members Present. -Parish Councillors Blaydes (Chairman), Searle, & Hovenden  
In Attendance - 4 members of the community, Cllr Brenda Rogers and A Jackson  
Clerk,

## **079/17-18 Welcome & Apologies**

Apologies from District Cllr Townend, Cllr Lyon, Tony Gander and Cllr  
Messenger

**Cllr Blaydes** opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures.

## **080/17-18 Declarations of interest**

No members declared an interest.

Vatenfall attended and gave an over view of the current situation. Procurement for a replacement cable for the existing windfarm is currently taking place – project has been delayed installation will start 2019. Windfarm extension is mid way through. One more consultation event to take place mid January. Survey to take place in the nature reserve January next year.

## **081/17-18 Adoption of minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> November as being a true record. Cllr Searle proposed minutes be adopted, Seconded Cllr Blaydes – all in favour.**

## **082/17-18 Matters arising from the above minutes.**

6ft width sign issue in Foads Lane with KCC still outstanding.

## **083/17-18 Reports**

**F & GP Committee Report** – as F & GP minutes.

**No County Cllrs present –Cllr Messenger** sent an update – the consultation for the no 42 bus service which is due to be reduced due to the KCC subsidy is currently underway. He is investigating other ways to provide a service to Cliffsend if it is withdrawn.

Manston Airport – Two consultation events taking place shortly – the conservative party will be voting against the local plan in January – if the local plan is not agreed then this will prevent any housing being allocated on the site. Port – a ferry service will not resume to Ostend. KCC are looking at alternative options.

**Community warden** sent an update - advised he has dealt with a couple of issues of fly tipping.

One car removed from Old Hall drive and will continue to look for others.

**Cllr Hovenden** asked for an update on the Beacon event on November 2018 to be placed on the agenda in January. Has a response been received from stagecoach re the bus shelter on Canterbury Road West? Clerk to chase.

**Cllr Hovenden** asked what happened to the grant given to the Cliffsend Community plan group Grant – clerk had written to find out. Establish value before further decision. .

**Cllr Hovenden** advised that the sink holes and protective fencing are still on Hugin Green which were previously reported to TDC – clerk to chase TDC.

**Cllr Hovenden** advised she had attended the KALC AGM at Ditton. Speakers were very informative. Wingham PC asked for 20mph speed limit to be put forward to NALC for consideration.

**084/17-18 Public Questions – no decisions made**

Resident advised he had asked KCC to put a slow sign on the blind bend at Cliffsend Road. KCC refused this request. **Cllr Blaydes** confirmed that the community warden is in the process of setting up speed watch monitoring within the village. Resident also advised the road is wrong on the Asparagus Field development plan, there is a bend in the road – he has reported this to planning enforcement.

Resident asked has there been an accident on the new footpath along the Asparagus Field development and why was it cordoned off? **Cllr Blaydes** confirmed it is not finished.

**085/17-18 Financial Matters**

**Due to lack of Cllrs in attendance – chqs cannot be countersigned  
Payments checked Cllr Hovenden and Cllr Blaydes  
Chqs signed by Cllr Searle and will be given to Cllr Lyon for signing.  
Proposed and Seconded**

Chq No 779	A Stacey £453.42 -Wages
Chq No 781	A Stacey £47.92 -Expenses
Chq No 780	HMRC £92.14
Chq No 782	V Hovenden £41.40
Chq No 783	J Hughes £50.00
Chq No 784	Mitchells Electrical £526.00

Clerk advised CPC have received a chq from Transparency Code for £540.00 from KALC for Transparency Code website work

**086/17-18 Current Topics**

**General Maintenance Person** – Clerk confirmed she has had one enquiry currently.

**Meadow Lease** - Email received from landlord's solicitor and he offered a swap of land. Public footpath would be removed as the new pavement on the other side of Cliffsend Road provides a suitable replacement. Hedge removed from play area and joined to the meadow and offered a substantial part of the meadow. There was discussion about the exact land mentioned in the letter. Cllr Searle said the asparagus field was not directly named, but it was the land in questions. **Cllr Hovenden** advised that she felt the PC should meet with him to discuss the offer. **Cllr Blaydes** advised that this has already been discussed and that **Cllr Hovenden** must not suggest it again. **Cllr Blaydes** proposed the response be sent which was unanimously agreed at the committee on 4th December. **Cllr Searle** seconded, **Cllr Hovenden** abstained. **Cllr Hovenden** stated that **Cllr Blaydes** should not speak to her like that and requested an apology. **Cllr Blaydes** responded that he had not acted inappropriately.

**Cllr Hovenden left the meeting.**

**Cllr Blaydes closed the meeting due the council not being quorate.**

**All outstanding items carried over to next meeting.**

Meeting closed at 20.45 hrs. Date of next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm,  
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