

Cliffsend Parish Council

Financial & General Purposes Committee

Meeting held on 2nd April 2015 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall

Present Cllr, Hovenden, Chair, Cllr Searle, Cllr Ratnasingham, Cllr Wendholt, Vice Chairman, Cllr Lyon
A Stacey, Clerk, and 5 members of the community

Acceptance of the minutes from the meeting of the F & GP meeting on 5th March 2015 as a true record.

Proposal Cllr Searle Seconded Cllr Ratnasingham, all in favour
All Cllrs in favour.

Meadow Working Party report

No more horses have been seen. Scots pine has now been removed. Silver Birch has been pruned and caged. The Sorbus has also been pruned. Grass cutting has recommenced. **Cllr Ratnasingham** proposed the weeds be dealt with by way of weedkiller. There was not a seconder for this proposal.

Neighbourhood Working Party

A meeting took place on 24th March and 8 people including 4 volunteers checked that the data in the database was consistent with the information on the returned forms.

21 blank questionnaires were checked as being blank. 35 questionnaires which had a comment in the data base of 'No More Houses in Cliffsend' were then completely checked for accuracy of all the data. The volunteers selected one random form for checking from each of the 22 bundles. Total forms delivered 815, total returned 407, forms checked 78, blank forms – 19. Site choices 1-B, 2 – A, 3-C, 4 –I, 5-J. The remaining sites in descending order, D,E,F,G,L,H,K. Despite many comments to the contrary even parishioners living north of the level crossing opted for Sites A & B. Those in favour of more housing – few. General village comments 550, negative comments 271, warning concerns 271, positive comments 8.

Cllr Searle proposed that this information be passed to TDC as soon as possible to inform the local plan. **Cllr Wendholt** seconded all in favour. **Cllr Hovenden** thanked **Cllr Searle** for all her hard work inputting the information and she has received much appreciation from the volunteers. **Cllr Searle** wished to thank the volunteers that helped too.

Finance Working Party

Clerk advised 2 invoices have been received following the production of the schedule which have been presented for payment.

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm