

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 5th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present. -Parish Councillors Hovenden(Chairman), Searle, Lyon, Rogers, Wendholt (Vice Chairman)

In Attendance - Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, & 11 members of the community

Jentex, and their representative gave a presentation on their new development and background of the proposal. 7.30-8pm

123/14-15 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Hovenden opened the meeting, and explained the emergency exit procedures.

Cllr Gideon and **Kirby** are at full council at TDC, **Cllr Heale** and **Cllr Shonk** have an alternative meeting, and **Cllr Turner** is unable to attend due to work.

Cllr Ratnasingham was absent but gave no apologies.

124/14-15 Declarations of Interest

None

125/4-15 The adoption of the minutes of 8th January 2015 as being a true record.

Proposed - by Cllr Searle Seconded Cllr Wendholt—All in favour

126/14-15 Matters arising from the above minutes

Scanning – Papers from April 05- March 06 have been passed to **Cllr Rogers**.

Emergency Services – **Cllr Hovenden** advised that the emergency services seem to be not using Canterbury Road West. Foads Lane has not been gritted.

Local Plan consultation - Cllr Rogers enquired if a local plan consultation document was available to be placed in the shop. **Cllr Hovenden** advised residents to contact her and arrange to borrow the copy she has. Alternatively Cllr Rogers advised that the draft Local Plan, is available to download from the TDC website.

Level Crossing update – **Cllr Searle** advised that 30 questionnaires had been delivered and only 27% returned. Everyone is aware that the volume has been reduced and all but one are delighted with it. **Cllr Searle** met with the representative from Network Rail and has passed over a summary of the survey to him.

Traffic Calming - Cllr Searle advised a loop sensor had failed and has now been replaced, the lights now operate correctly for traffic exiting the village.

127/14-15 District Councillors Report, Community Warden & Cllrs Reports

F & GP report –

Meadow Working Party report

The MWP have not met, however **Cllr Searle** advised that the Scots Pine has been snapped off below ground in the high winds. The silver birch has had even more damage to its lower branches. The tree is awaiting a cage to protect it. The work on the trees has not yet been done.

Horses – footprints of 2/3 horses have been seen in the meadow. The PROW has been informed. **Cllr Hovenden** advised there have also been problems with horses on the cycle path – the PROW has confirmed there are no bridleways in Cliffsend. The original recreation ground entrance has not been closed off yet. Clerk to chase.

Neighbourhood Working Party

Grant has been received and the documents are ready to be delivered.

Finance Working Party

Clerk advised that the contract for cuttings of the meadow had been amended as requested – **Cllr Searle** proposed the contract be signed with a slight amendment signed Seconded **Cllr Lyon** – All in favour.

Cllr Hovenden proposed use Angela Smith as auditor Seconded **Cllr Lyon** – all in favour.

Cllr Reports –

Thanet Rural Regeneration Group – Cllr Wendholt attended and speedwatch was discussed. There are now 4 sets in Thanet. Feedback was given from the select committee of Manston airport. Parkway was discussed – is there a need for it? Housing is there really a need for 12,000.

Thanet Area Committee AGM – Cllr Hovenden advised that the chair and vice chair were re-elected. Manston airport/Parkway and Manston Green were discussed.

Local Plan Meeting - Cllr Searle advised that during the meeting it transpired that a copy of the draft CPC Neighbourhood Plan housing survey and had been deliberately circulated to non councillors. This caused much upset in the hall and during the meeting. The document had been sent electronically to Cllrs for comment – it was draft for comment only. The Councillor who released it knew it was a draft and not for circulation. Electronic copies of documents will not be supplied again for review before meetings to ensure this does not happen again. **Cllr Searle** will supply two copies for discussion at the meeting and will collect them up after.

Cllr Hovenden reminded that all draft documents should not be circulated.

Cllr Hovenden advised that she had been invited to chair the Local Plan meeting to ensure the meeting was run properly.

128/14-15 Financial Matters

Proposed by Cllr Wendholt Seconded Cllr Lyon

All in favour

Chqs signed by Cllr Wendholt & Cllr Searle

Chq No 553 -A Stacey – Wages £342.13

Chq No 554- HMRC £81.03

Chq No 555 – A Stacey Expenses £41.89

Chq No 556 – P Smith £50

129/14-15 Current Topics

PCSO Surgery –

11th February 2015 – **Cllr Lyon**

25th February 2015 - **Cllr Ratnasingham**

11th March 2015- **Cllr Hovenden**

25th March 2015 – **Cllr Searle**

Contact Point - Cllr Searle – the Canterbury based PCSO in the van did not attend but sent apologies via our local PCSO. John Litchfield our local PCSO did attend. No parishioners attended. Weather was appalling.

Local Plan Response- Questions relevant to Cliffsend were discussed, and Clerk to submit response.

Community Right to Bid – areas discussed Recreation ground, land at Earlsmead Crescent, Hugin Green and Hoverport site. Clerk to submit to TDC.

Traffic Calming –almost complete some issues with the roundabout at the junction of Meverall Avenue, which KCC are dealing with it.

Playground Equipment – tenders were due back this week , awaiting update

Parkway – Public consultation has opened and closes on 27th March. Public Exhibition is in village hall 12th Feb 2015, 2-8pm.

Election – Cllr Hovenden advised the election is being held in May. **Cllr Searle** stated that the KCC funded parish website cannot be used for political purposes or personal advantage. From now until when the election is over, any messages which appear to be manifestos will not be approved for publication. The message centre/forum will be turned off if there is any attempt to abuse the system.

Cllr Hovenden proposed the meeting be extended for 15 mins **seconded Cllr Searle – all in favour**

130/14-15 Clerk's Report
None

131/14-15 Correspondence received
None

132/14-15 Planning Applications- 7 Sandwich Road, Cliffsend – **Cllr Hovenden** proposed that we are not against it as long as visibility approved. **Seconded Cllr Lyon** all in favour. **Jentex Cllr Lyon** proposed to support the principle application **seconded Cllr Wendholt** – four in favour **Cllr Rogers abstained.**

133/14-15 Any other items – no financial decisions or major decisions to be made
None

134/14-15 Public Questions
Mrs Jones wanted brought to the councils attention that the Local Plan does not include anything on the old hoverport site , or Cliffsend Farm.
Sandwich Road warning speed signs are they to be replaced? **Cllr Hovenden** advised they will be removed.

Meeting closed 9.42 pm. Date of next meeting –5th March 2015,

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