

# CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Members Present.** -Parish Councillors Hovenden(Chairman), Searle, & Ratnasingham

**In Attendance -** Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, Cllr Shonk & 26 members of the community

### 135/14-15 Welcome & Apologies

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

**Cllr Heale** is unavailable, **Cllr Rogers, Turner & Cllr Wendholt** are unwell, **Cllr Lyon** is on holiday.

### 136/14-15 Declarations of Interest

None

### 137/4-15 The adoption of the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 as being a true record.

**Proposed - by Cllr Searle** **Seconded Cllr Hovenden** –All in favour

### 138/14-15 Matters arising from the above minutes

**Meverall Avenue Roundabout** – Changes have still not taken place, however they are currently resurfacing the footway on the corner of Sandwich Road and Meverall Avenue.

**Scanning** – no update

**Gritting** – No update

**Horses** – horse riders have confirmed they have only used the meadow once the Public Rights Of Way officer has confirmed there are no bridleways within Cliffsend.

### 139/14-15 District Councillors Report, Community Warden & Cllrs Reports

**F & GP report –**

**Meadow Working Party report**

**Cllr Searle** advised that the scots pine had snapped off below the ground during the high winds in January. A price has been given to remove the dead pine, caging of the silver birch and corrective pruning of the Sorbus £270.00 & VAT. **Cllr Searle** proposed the money be spent **Seconded Cllr Hovenden**. All in favour.

**Neighbourhood Working Party**

The questionnaire has been delivered and collected -815 delivered, forms collected returned 407, including 20 blank forms.

First three choices are Jentex site, Nursery site, and South of Canterbury Road West.

There is a lot more work to do on the results of the questionnaire. Volunteers were asked to check accuracy of the results. Two volunteers gave details.

Clerk read an email from **Cllr Wendholt**, thanking **Cllr Hovenden** and **Cllr Searle** for all their tremendous effort and zeal in preparation, circulation, collection and collation of the parish housing survey. **Cllr Searle** offered thanks to everyone who completed the forms.

**Cllr Hovenden** proposed that questions are taken from the parishioners now rather than waiting to the end of the meeting. **Cllr Searle** seconded – All in favour.

The PC was asked if they would support objections to developments within the village. **Cllr Hovenden** advised that if any planning applications are submitted that everyone would have the opportunity to respond.

**Cllr Hovenden** advised of the properties per hectare in Thanet and compared them to other areas.

**Cllr Shonk** advised that there are already 3500 empty homes in Thanet and 12,000 more houses is too many.

A resident advised that the empty properties and houses owned by bad landlords should be brought by the Council and to be returned into housing, by way of CPO

A resident also advised that no evidence was provided by TDC to support the figures that TDC propose. He confirmed that the village has no facilities to accommodate the 20% increase. He advised that growth is acceptable but not the extent that TDC propose. **Cllr Hovenden** advised that these comments should be sent to TDC.

A resident advised that the hospital could not cope with any extra people in Thanet. **Cllr Hovenden** advised he submit this as a comment.

A resident asked how responses to the questionnaire were in favour of the developments – **Cllr Searle** confirmed this information was not available yet.

Parliamentary candidate (Conservative) for South Thanet advised that the evidence is not there for the numbers. He advised everyone should submit their objections. He also stated that the Local Plan should be put on hold due to the closure of Manston.

#### **District Cllr Reports** – No reports

**Cllr Searle** advised she had an enquiry from a resident of Minster who was unhappy about the noise of the Minster level crossing volume. **Cllr Searle** has passed on details of the Cliffsend experience and the NR helpline to Minster PC and it is now being dealt with.

**Cllr Hovenden** gave a report on Sevenscore roundabout as she had contacted KCC re the issues. KCC advised that the roundabout was the wrong shape, however they also confirmed they had no personal injury therefore it was not a priority. Resident confirmed that Minster PC would like sight of this information.

#### **140/14-15 Financial Matters**

**Cllr Hovenden** advised the Insurance was due for renewal, and she had read the document. It was proposed and accepted to continue this insurance last year, as we got a reduced rate for 3 years. **Cllr Searle** proposed the insurance paid **Seconded Cllr Ratnasingham** – all in favour.

**Finances Proposed by Cllr Hovenden Seconded Cllr Searle**  
**Chqs signed by Cllr Ratnasingham & Cllr Searle**

**Chq No 557 -A Stacey – Wages £342.13**

**Chq No 558- HMRC £81.03**

**Chq No 559 – A Stacey Expenses £59.37**

**Chq No 560 – TDC £83.12**

**Chq No 561 – TDC £342.30**

**Chq no 562 – P Smith £500.00**

**Chq no 563 – CVHF - £14.00**

#### **141/14-15 Current Topics**

**PCSO Surgery** – The PCSO's have confirmed that they will attend special events in the village.

11th March 2015- **Cllr Hovenden**

25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – **Cllr Searle**

**Community Right to bid** – Clerk to complete the form on behalf of the PC – asked for maps of areas. Clerk to investigate if the pub can be added to the list? **Cllr Hovenden** proposed pub be added **Cllr Searle** seconded all in favour.

**Traffic Calming** – Meverall Ave amendments have still not been done, pathway works are being undertaken.

**Parkway** – Consultation - following much discussion , **Cllr Searle** proposed that we don't send the form in as everyone has had their own form to complete - seconded **Cllr Hovenden** – all in favour.

**Laptop** - Various quotes from PC World & Argos were discussed – **Cllr Hovenden** proposed that the £400 deal from Laptop Heaven is the best option. Seconded **Cllr Searle** - all in favour.

**Neighbourhood plans** – information be passed to the **NHPWP**.

**Millwood Homes** have met with the PC and proposed a new development of 31 units. There is an issue with Millwood Homes as following the previous development the meadow was to be gifted and actually it was leased. Millwood Homes are due submit the planning application. The PC have not made a decision on the application, the meeting with them was purely for information.

**142/14-15 Clerk's Report**

None

**143/14-15 Correspondence received**

None

**144/14-15 Planning Applications-** Manston Green – currently in for amendments.

**145/14-15 Any other items – no financial decisions or major decisions to be made**

**Cllr Ratnasingham** advised that Foads Lane need resurfacing.

**146/14-15 Public Questions**

**Traffic Calming** – who do you contact when there is an issue with the traffic lights. Kent Highways.

**Neighbourhood Plans** – what are the next steps? **Cllr Hovenden** advised there will be a meeting and another questionnaire. The plan will be assessed by an independent body.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm. Date of next meeting –2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015, **Clerk to the Council:**  
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