

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cliffsend Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Cliffsend on 5th December 2015 at 14.30.

Present: Councillors Mrs. Knowles (Chairman), Alexander, Blaydes, Mrs Fiander, Mrs Hovenden, Mrs Lyon and Ms. Searle.

Also present: Councillors Ms. Rogers, Shonk (KCC Councillor Mayor of Ramsgate), TDC Cllrs Townsend and Roy Wade (Acting Clerk) and 13 residents.

96/15-16 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed Members, Members of the District Council and residents to the meeting. No apologies for absence were received.

98/15-16 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Alexander and seconded by Councillor Ms. Searle and

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that since the last meeting Craig Raisbeck had been appointed as the PCSO for Cliffsend and the Villages. Members were also advised that Aaron Kluibenschadl would act as community warden for the Village as well as Minster and Monkton.

97/15-16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

100/15-16 REPORTS

Committee received the reports from

- (i) Cllr. Townend who expressed his concern at the number of abusive e mails he had received for not attending the last meeting. Apologies had been submitted and he reminded the meeting that he had other commitments but that he always tried to attend meetings of the Parish Council. Members were advised that TDC was still considering and investigating possible suitable partners for the development of Manston and that he had also attended the presentation by Stonehill Park Estates on plans for the possible redevelopment of the airport site.
- (ii) Cllr. Ms. Rogers reported that the proprietors of the cafe in Sandwich Road had expressed concern at the pavement and the need to cut vegetation in the interests of public safety.
- (iii) Cllr. Shonk (a) had attended the Parish Forum Meeting and voiced his concerns at the number of houses being proposed to the year 2015; and

- (iv) His willingness to deal with any matters referred to him and his concerns over the dereliction of properties in Ramsgate town centre and the number of boarded up houses.
- (v) Councillors Reports
 - (a) Mrs. Hovenden – expressed concern that no councillors had represented Cliffsend at the Local Plan meeting held at TDC on 12 November. The Chairman stated that she knew nothing of the meeting. Cllr Hovenden requested that in future all Members are advised, so that it may be possible for us to be represented.
 - (b) Ms. Searle – (i) had been sent questions from residents who could not attend the meeting. (ii) Mosquitoes - tradesmen were reluctant to work in Cliffsend because of mosquitoes. Cllr. Alexander explained the measures being taken to deal with this nuisance and that they were controlling the situation. (iii) concerns at the signage and the need for a yellow box lay out at the Lord of the Manor junction and the Clerk was asked to refer this matter to Cllr. Shonk. (iv) complaints from residents at the difficulty for vehicles exiting the Village at the chicane on the Canterbury Road West and the need for improved signage on the Hengist Way before this roundabout. The Clerk was asked to refer this matter to Cllr. Shonk.
- (vi) Mrs. Knowles referred to the need for repeater signs in Sandwich Road and problems in Cottington Road. The Clerk was asked to refer these matters to Kent Highways.
- (vii) Mrs. Fiander – CPRE it was suggested that they be invited to address a future meeting of the Parish Council.
- (viii) F&GP Report Members consider the matters raised at the Committee, prior to the meeting of Council, and in respect of the outstanding lease it was AGREED that TDC be asked to meet the cost of preparing and finalising the lease. The Chairman reminded Council that the Clerk had been asked to obtain quotations for the drawing up of the lease.

101/15-16 Public Questions

- (a) TDC be asked to replace the barriers on the Sandwich Road
- (b) Foad's Hill 20mph speeding question on the recent survey and Mrs Fiander responded that speed watch returns had not highlighted any speeding problems within the area. Cllr. Ms. Rogers said that she would raise these concerns at the Joint Transportation Board meeting on 17th December.
- (c) A lady resident asked that the appreciation of the Parish Council be conveyed to the contractors who recently carried out work to lay a new gas main in Foad's Lane.
- (d) St. Augustine's Golf Club – a letter to be sent to the club asking them to replace/repair the netting to avoid golf balls being driven into Sandwich Road causing dangers to motorists and pedestrians.

102/15-16 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(A) Payments Schedule

RESOLVED: that the following payments be approved for payment and the cheques signed

Chq No 616 -A Stacey – Wages £342.13
Chq No 617- HMRC £81.03
Chq No 618 – A Stacey Expenses £38.14
Chq No 619- CVHF £252.00
Chq No 620 - J Alexander £41.40
Chq No 621 – Commercial Services £409.75
Chq No 622 – Roy Wade £25.00

(B) Proposed Budget 2016/16

RESOLVED: That (A) the draft budget as submitted by the Clerk be approved for further consideration at the next meeting and it was further agreed to include a draft sum of £2000 per annum in the draft budget to cover the cost of maintaining the Meadow; the 2000-3000 costs of preparing and finalising the lease;

(C) that the costings recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee be approved and included within the draft budget; including £84.00 meeting costs for the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.

(D)TDC be asked whether the £25000 included within the 106 agreement could be committed for the future maintenance of the Meadow and released to the Parish Council.

103/15-16 CURRENT TOPICS

Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations - It was agreed to consider issues relating to the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations

Parish Website – move to January agenda

Road Noise – move to January agenda

106/15-16 PLANNING MATTERS/APPLICATIONS

The Planning Committee met prior to the Council meeting and considered the following applications:

F/TH/15/0920 9 Young's Nursery

F/TH/15/1149 14 Canterbury Road West

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Planning Committee to not object to the planning applications be supported.

CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Acting Clerk had no further matters or correspondence to report upon.

Time concluded: 15.58