

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 13th July 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Members Present. -Parish Councillors Blaydes (Chairman), Small (Vice Chairman), Lyon,
Searle, Tait , Barnbrook & Hovenden

In Attendance - 7 members of the community

036/17-18 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Blaydes opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures.

037/17-18 Declarations of interest

No one signed the declaration of interests book.

Trevor Kennett was unable to attend due to full council at TDC he will come on 14th September.

038/17-18 Adoption of minutes of 1st June 2017 as being a true record. Cllr Small proposed minutes be adopted, Seconded Cllr Tait – all in favour.

039/17-18 Matters arising from the above minutes.

Clerk confirmed that she had completed all her actions.

Cllr Barnbrook advised he had been informed that the lettering on the noticeboards had not been completed and the bench in memory of Cllr Dillaway has not been completed either. **Cllr Blaydes** will speak to Nigel Mather re unfinished works. **Cllr Hovenden** suggested that the lettering looked better left as if painted it would be likely to flake, and Cllr Blaydes agreed.

Cllr Lyon confirmed that the visibility is still poor at Foads Hill/Cliffsend Road and she is still trying to get it cut back.

Old minutes update – Cllr Searle confirmed that 34 sets of minutes are to be scanned. Donna Price is moving to Lincolnshire. She has quoted 5 and half hours at £15 an hour. The council discussed the need for a tender for the works , however as the contract value is less than £1000. **Cllr Barnbrook** proposed the quote be accepted by Donna Price but it must not go above £100.00. Seconded **Cllr Small**, 6 in favour, **Cllr Hovenden** voted against. **Cllr Searle** advised a quote has also been received by Donna Price to upload the minutes to the website for £350.00. **Cllr Searle** proposed the payment **Cllr Barnbrook** seconded, 6 in favour, **Cllr Hovenden** against.

040/17-18 Reports

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

No District Cllr present

No County Cllr present

No community warden/PCSO present

Cllr Small – advised he did not attend the TRRG but would send a replacement in the future.

Cllr Searle thanked Mrs Jones as she had advised that a bollard had been knocked over in the car park on Sandwich Road, and Balfour Beatty will deal with it.

Cllr Lyon advised that there is going to be a mosquito epidemic, Cllr Lyon is dealing with it. Clerk to contact TDC.

Cllr Hovenden advised she attended the TRRG, and heard a speech from an organisation who had 2 cars who travelled all over Thanet. It was not clear to **Cllr Hovenden** where the men were from and she asked for clarification. The chair subsequently resigned from the TRRG.

Cllr Hovenden also advised that the foliage at the new roundabout at the bottom of Meverall Avenue/Sandwich Road has overgrown which she has cut back. Clerk to contact highways to deal with the mallow.

Cllr Hovenden advised that the cllr contact needs to be added to the noticeboards.

Cllr Hovenden advised we need to come up with an alternative name for the place to park your cars.

Cllr Tait the weeds on Old Hall Drive are unsightly. **Clerk to chase up Highways.**

041/17-18 Public Questions – no decisions made

Resident asked if we could write to Shepherd Neame and ask them to remove the Sportsman pub signs.

Why has the speed watch sign been removed – clerk to contact Iris/TRRG.

042/17-18 Financial Matters

Payments checked by Cllr Tait and Cllr Small

Chqs signed Cllr Searle and Cllr Lyon

Proposed Cllr Tait and Seconded Cllr Lyon. All in favour.

Chq No 739	A Stacey £386.54 -Wages
Chq No 740	HMRC- £92.14 Tax
Chq No 741	A Stacey - £160.78 Expenses
Chq No 742	Nigel Mather - £550.00 Bench and noticeboard refurb
Chq No 743	Kalc £7.54 guides
Chq No 744	Lionel Robbins £75.00 audit
Chq No 745	Brachers £1200.00, lease work
Chq No 746	Village Hall Ass £14.00
Chq No 748	Donna Price - £66.75 – website work

The chqs for Mr Mather will be held until confirmation has been received that the works have been completed.

043/17-18 Current Topics

Ground Maintenance Officer -Cllr Small advised that a Job description has not been put together yet, clerk advised it would be advisable to find out what needs doing and then find out who is responsible and identify works. Cllr Barnbrook and Cllr Hovenden and Cllr Small to meet on Friday 28th July at 10am in committee room.

Riveroak consultation – Consultation document was discussed. Questions were discussed and responses to be sent to Riveroak.

Meadow Lease – Update on the lease was given, Mr Chapman asked for a meeting, CPC confirmed that they would meet but not to discuss the meadow lease. Mr Chapman confirmed he did not want to meet. **Cllr Hovenden** stated that she was told that she could not be involved in the meeting, however **Cllr Blaydes** confirmed this was not the case.

Cllr Hovenden proposed an open meeting be set up with **Mr Chapman, Seconded Cllr Barnbrook, Cllr Tait, Cllr Barnbrook and Cllr Hovenden** in favour of a meeting. **Cllr Lyon, Cllr Small and Cllr Searle** against. **Cllr Blaydes** abstained.

Canterbury Road West seating area – **Cllr Barnbrook** advised he had spoken to the owner of the property behind where the bench would be sited and they were in agreement for the bench.

Cllr Barnbrook proposed a seat by fitted by TDC, **seconded Cllr Searle, 6 in favour, Cllr Hovenden abstained.**

Storage for Parish Council

Cllr Hovenden proposed this be discussed at the next meeting.

Christmas lights – **Cllr Barnbrook** advised he thought it would be nice if we could have our Christmas lights back. **Cllr Barnbrook** proposed Christmas lights on the village green. **Cllr Lyon** – All in favour. **Cllr Barnbrook** will investigate costs and power source.

044/17-18 Clerks Report

None

045/17-18 Correspondence

Email re use of hall for residents get together following the closure of the shop – resident has asked for a coffee morning. **Cllr Barnbrook** proposed it be paid for by the parish council for 3 months to monitor attendance initially for an hour and a half each week, to be reviewed. **Cllr Hovenden**, all in favour. CPC confirmed that the resident could hire the hall, resident to arrange, and advertise. Starting in September.

Cllr Blaydes proposed the meeting be extended by 15 mins **Cllr Searle** seconded, all in favour

Email re website – **Cllr Searle** has provided a response to all resident's comments. **Cllr Searle** apologised that the agendas and papers were not on the website. **Cllr Blaydes** and **Cllr Hovenden** praised **Cllr Searle** for her work on the website. **Cllr Blaydes** proposed the response be forwarded to the resident, seconded **Cllr Small**. All in favour.

Cllr Small confirmed he will put the notices in the boards for the clerk with **Cllr Barnbrook**.

046/17-18 Any other business

Memorial Meadow

Area for places for cars to park

Cllr Allowances

Storage

Meeting closed at 9.44 hrs.

Date of next meeting 14th September 2017 at 7.30pm,

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