

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

Members Present. -Parish Councillors Knowles Chair, Alexander Vice Chairman, Searle, Fiander, Hovenden, and Blaydes

In Attendance - Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, Cllr Shonk & 3 members of the community.

129/15-16 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Knowles opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures, and asked if anyone was recording the meeting – no one commented. .

Apologies received from Cllr Lyon and District Cllrs Townend & Rogers. .

130/15-16 Declarations of interest

None

131/15-16 Adoption of minutes of 4th February 2016 as being a true record, Proposed Cllr Searle , Seconded Cllr Knowles. All in favour.

132/15-16 Matters arising from the above minutes

Cllr Knowles thanked **Cllr Blaydes** for his work regarding the mast, which has been submitted to DDC. **Cllr Blaydes** advised that he is watching the website for further updates.

Cllr Knowles advised that there is a proposed 2nd mast and asked **Cllr Blaydes** to keep the PC updated. **Cllr Knowles** confirmed she had taken part in a radio interview regarding the mast and used the information from **Cllr Blaydes**.

Cllr Alexander confirmed there are still reports of residents receiving parking tickets in the country park. He has emailed the park.

133/15-16 Reports

Cllr Shonk has asked KCC for a speed camera for the tunnel – he will keep us informed.

Cllr Rogers sent an email regarding the Cliffsend traffic issues which have been passed to KCC. She will also contact tourism re the sign for the Viking ship.

Cllr Hovenden advised she has researched a sound system for the parish council which includes 3 microphones – priced £200 @ Maplins. There could be a four way system Clerk to find out if there is a four way on the internet.

Cllr Hovenden advised she is not sure that the timings of the meetings which are booked are correct. Clerk to contact Kay to advise of correct time.

Cllr Hovenden advised that the TAC discussed the beacon lighting. Monkton PC & Birchington are lighting theirs. Speaker from CPRE asked how all PC's were finding planning apps and members of TAC advised there is an online petition for challenging planning decisions. **Cllr Hovenden** proposed it goes on the website and also put it in the noticeboards. Seconded **Cllr Blaydes** – all in favour. **Cllr Searle** advised she will find out if she can use the site for this information. **Cllr Hovenden** proposed the appeal letter which was submitted to TDC be sent to the planning ombudsman. **Cllr Searle** seconded all in favour. Chairman to send the letter, once amended.

Cllr Knowles advised that the farmer who owns the land behind both Oakland Court and Beech Grove has already prepared plans to submit for additional housing.

Cllr Blaydes asked if TDC needed to be reminded to spray for mosquitoes – **Cllr Hovenden** advised that it has been for a number of years but it's normally March/April. CRA will chase this.

F & GP Report – Meadow Committee update, NHWP update, Transparency Working Party update, Memorial Working Party Update, Planning Committee update as per F&GP minutes.

134/15-16 Public Questions

Mrs Jones advised that there have been burglaries in Cliff View Road, Foads Hill, Mount Green. Clerk to contact PCSO and Warden to see if there is possibility that they can patrol Cliffsend. She advised that there is a trench being dug by the new sea defences – although there doesn't seem to be anyone working there – **Cllr Blaydes** confirmed it is UK power networks.

Resident mentioned that the bench has been removed from the play area and he advised that **Cllr Lyon** will be arranging for it to be moved back. **Cllr Hovenden** advised it was not the same one coming back. Date for opening has not been confirmed.

Cllr Shonk asked for details of the petition and advised we should support the petitions and localism is the most important part of it.

135/15-16 Financial Matters

Checked by **Cllr Fiander & Cllr Blaydes**

Clerk advised that the insurance renewal was due, and it was an agreed fixed term agreement which ends March 2017.

Payments proposed by Cllr Knowles and seconded Cllr Blaydes - all in favour

Chqs were signed by Cllr Alexander and Cllr Searle

Chq No 633 A Stacey – Wages £342.13

Chq No 634 HMRC £81.03

Chq No 635 A Stacey Expenses £68.43

Chq No 636 CVHF - £8.00

Chq No 637 Came & Co - £611.37

Chq No 638 Oleksandr Ananiev - £35.00

Cllr Hovenden confirmed that £50 has been allocated for the playground opening.

136/15-16 Current Topics

HM The Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations – **Cllr Fiander** advised that she has contacted the fire brigade and she has met with them. They confirmed that they need a risk assessment undertaken and to ensure our insurance covers it. **Cllr Knowles** asked if a Cllr was willing to take responsibility for this to sort out. **Cllr Fiander** also advised that the chicken wire needs replacing in the basket and also the fire brigade will attend. **Cllr Alexander & Cllr Fiander** to research. Cllr Shonk will also feed back what Ramsgate are doing.

Parish website – Nothing to report.

Annual Parish Meeting – booked 28th April– Clerk confirmed that the voting of the Chair and Vice Chair will happen on 12th May. Clerk to contact Design South East to speak. Clerk to contact New Line Networks to also speak.

Cllr Searle asked if Nemo could also attend?

Recordings of Meetings – if the sound system works the voice recorder will also work. To report back next time.

137/15-16 Clerks report

Insurance Renewal- was discussed during finances.

New Line Networks - mast to be invited to the APM.

Accessing the Nature Reserve – special event for Cllrs 11th March 2015, 2-4pm.

Cllr Blaydes, Hovenden and Knowles will offer apologies.

138/15-16 Correspondence

Email from Mr Rogers re no response from webmaster which has been dealt with

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139/15-16 Planning Applications

Submitted as part of the F & GP

Meeting closed 20.57

Date of next meeting –7th April 2016 at 7.30pm

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