

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 7th April 2016 at 7.35pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance - County Cllr Shonk, Districts Cllrs Townend & Rogers, Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer & 11 members of the community.

001/16-17 Welcome & Apologies

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

002/16-17 Declarations of interest

None

003/16-17 Adoption of minutes of 3rd March 2016 as being a true record,

Proposed Cllr Alexander , Seconded Cllr Searle. 6 Cllrs in favour, Cllr Lyon was absent so did not vote.

004/16-17 Matters arising from the above minutes

Cllr Knowles confirmed she did place the petition on Facebook, and **Cllr Searle** had uploaded it to the website. She advised the petition had reached 11,000.

Cllr Searle asked if the planning appeal letter had gone to the ombudsman. **Cllr Knowles** confirmed the PC had to wait for response from TDC. **Cllr Knowles** will chase.

Cllr Searle advised she had received an email from KCC EIS advising the website will be migrated to a new format within the next couple of months.

005/16-17 Reports

Cllr Shonk- advised he had chased up the speed camera in the tunnel. Clerk to email Cllr Shonk re brush cutting tough weeds on the main road verges.

Cllr Rogers advised she is still chasing up the Viking Ship tourist sign.

Cllr Knowles advised that she and **Cllr Alexander** attended the Lieutenants event in Maidstone.

Cllr Knowles advised she had been contacted by a resident about the Village sign and some of the screws are missing. Clerk to contact sign company asap. Road sign to Old Hall Drive has fallen down & Pegwell country park sign has also gone. Clerk to contact KCC. **Cllr Knowles** has also received another complaint about the mosquitoes – RA are dealing with this. Graffiti is becoming a big issue in the village.

Cllr Hovenden – attended JTB and advised the low wattage bulbs will be fitted across the county, Thanet will be the last area to be done. **Cllr Hovenden** also advised that the playground event was well attended. She thanked **Cllr Blaydes** and his wife for their assistance. Vattenfall paid for the refreshments and hire of the village hall. Clerk to write to Melanie thanking for hall hire & refreshments from Vattenfall, Sharon and Morgan from TDC to thank them. Bench to be paid for by Vattenfall, Morgan and fitted by TDC. Clerk to write to residents who wanted to purchase and install a memorial bench that now would be a good time to request permission.

Cllr Hovenden advised that the bench on CRW is being used by the construction workers to support waste. **Cllr Lyon** will go and speak to them.

Cllr Blaydes advised he is still following the mast situation, and attended the exhibition in the hall. The representatives were unable to answer his questions. A third company has now come forward saying that they have a licence for another mast, which he is currently looking into. Clerk to give Minster PC email details to make Minster aware, and we are willing to work with them.

Cllr Alexander attended a meeting at coastal park with regard to the new rules regarding dogs in the park.

Cllr Lyon advised the land on the Sandwich Road, opposite the Sportsman pub is in bad condition. TDC own the land, clerk to chase.

Cllr Lyon proposed that the meeting on 12th May be moved to 26th May as there are a number of members unavailable. Clerk advised that she had contacted KALC with regard to changing the meeting in June as she was unavailable on the 2nd June, and it would not be possible to get a replacement clerk. Proposed **Cllr Lyon** Seconded **Cllr Blaydes** – all in favour. Transparency meeting now 7th June.

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

006/16-17 Public Questions

Resident advised that the trees to the East of the new flood defences, in Sandwich Road have been cut down. Cllr Rogers advised that she will contact TDC, although no action can be taken without evidence.

Resident advised that he had recently moved into the village and his property had been broken into.

007/16-17 Financial Matters

Checked by **Cllr Fiander & Cllr Blaydes**

Cllr Hovenden proposed that the KALC membership should be renewed. **Seconded Cllr Knowles** – all in favour.

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

Chqs were signed by Cllr Alexander and Cllr Searle

Chq No 639 A Stacey – Wages £342.13

Chq No 640 HMRC £81.03

Chq No 641 A Stacey Expenses £46.63

Chq No 642 CVHF - £14.00

Chq no 643 KALC - £587.83

008/16-17 Current Topics

HM The Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations –

There are a number of questions which need to be addressed before we can get approval for the beacon lighting. Hire of land form needs to be completed at least 14 weeks before the event.

Cllr Searle proposed that due to the lack of time and the amount of rules and regulations the beacon cannot be lit **Cllr Blaydes** seconded – all in favour.

Annual Parish Meeting – Clerk advised that Nemo/Richborough connection? have confirmed they would like to speak. Riveroak have also confirmed they would attend – **Cllr Fiander** to contact. **Cllr Hovenden** suggested we contact PCSO.

009//16-17 Clerks report

Ramsgate Mayor has invited the chair and partner to a celebration – **Cllr Searle**

proposed that **Cllr Knowles** request for £25.00 for her cost for the meal be met.

Seconded **Cllr Lyon**, 6 in favour, **Cllr Hovenden** against. **Cllr Knowles** confirmed

that she put £10 in collection at the civic event in **Cllr Alexander** proposed reimbursement **Cllr Fiander** seconded – 6 in favour **Cllr Hovenden** against.

010/16-17 Correspondence

None

011/16-17 Planning Applications

Completed during the F & GP

Meeting closed 21.01pm Date of next meeting 26th May 2016 at 7.30pm,

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