

# CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance - Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, 5 members of the community.

## **012/17-18 Welcome & Apologies**

**Cllr Blaydes** opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures. Apologies from Cllr Tait and District Cllr Rogers.

## **013/17-18 Declarations of interest**

No declarations of interest

## **014/17-18 Election of Chairman**

**Cllr Searle** proposed **Cllr Blaydes** – 4 Cllrs in favour, 1 abstained.  
**Cllr Blaydes** read his declaration.

## **015/17-18 Election of Vice Chairman**

**Cllr Blaydes** proposed **Cllr Small**, seconded **Cllr Lyon** – 4 Cllrs in favour, one abstained.  
**Cllr Small** read his declaration.

**016/17-18 Adoption of minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017** as being a true record. **Cllr Searle** proposed minutes be adopted, Seconded **Cllr Small** – all in favour.

## **017/17-18 Matters arising from the above minutes.**

**Cllr Hovenden** advised that she had been contacted by Nigel Mather regarding the noticeboards and he had started work and also had worked on a bench. **Cllr Hovenden** proposed that he be paid for the additional work, up to £200.00, that he had undertaken. Seconded **Cllr Blaydes** – all in favour. He is also looking at putting protective guards around the posts, included in costs above.

**Cllr Lyon** asked if it would be possible to get a bus shelter by the Viking ship however we have looked into this before and it is not possible. Stagecoach will not pay for one, and it is not our land.

**Cllr Lyon** advised that the sides down Foads Hill need cutting back Clerk to contact highways. Clerk confirmed she had spoken to TDC re land at Earlsmead Crescent – it is not TDC land or PC land however they will continue to cut it.

**Cllr Hovenden** advised that the bollard at Hugin Green has been moved however cars are still driving in there.

## **018/17-18 Reports**

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

No District or County Cllrs present.

District Warden report – not present however he had sent a message, Hi Vis works undertaken in the nature reserve and drone flying, dog fouling and motor cross bike on Hoverport site which he is keeping an eye on. Greystone road reports of cars revving at night, Abandoned audi in Greystone Road.

**Cllr Hovenden** asked why the potholing works are undertaken as they are – clerk to contact Paul Valek.

**Cllr Small** attended the speedwatch meeting at Birchington. Volunteers are needed to assist the community warden to do speed checks. Notice to go on website.

**Cllr Searle** advised that Vattenfall are holding drop in sessions regarding the proposed extension to the wind farm.

## **019/17-18 Public Questions – no decisions made**

Resident asked why a low loader came down Foads Hill to access the Asparagus Field, and **Cllr Blaydes** confirmed that there is still not a transport management plan. And also why so many big lorries are coming down the village. Clerk to contact planning regarding big lorries coming down into to the village. Truck which brought digger came down Foads Hill and did not follow rules for level crossing.

Resident asked why the wrong bench was sanded down, however this was due to a misunderstanding and Nigel Mather will be paid to finish work.

Resident asked what the meadow was used for – Cllrs confirmed it is an amenity space. Who is responsible for the signs for the pub? Put up by the landlord.

#### **020/17-18 Financial Matters**

**Payments checked by Cllr Blaydes and Cllr Hovenden**

**Chqs signed Cllr Lyon and Cllr Searle**

**Proposed Cllr Blaydes and Seconded Cllr Small All in favour.**

Chq No 729	Nigel Mather £300.00	Repairs to noticeboards
Chq No 730	A Stacey £386.54	-Wages
Chq No 731	HMRC- £92.14	Tax
Chq No 732	A Stacey - £49.14	Expenses
Chq No 733	CVHF - £10.00	Heating donation
Chq No 734	MGC - £60.00	Meadow maintenance
Chq N0 735	Donna Price £45. 00	Website Maintenance

#### **021/17-18 Current Topics**

**Ground Maintenance Officer – Cllr Small** proposed MGC undertake the grounds maintenance as and when. **Cllr Hovenden** suggested a job description be completed for the role. **Cllr Blaydes** confirmed that the tasks need to be identified, and asked Cllrs to bring suggestions to the next meeting.

**Transparency Code Update – Cllr Searle** advised that the early meeting minutes still need scanning. Cllr Hovenden will check what she has on hard drive.

**Meadow update – Cllr Searle** advised that clarification has been received from Mr Chapman's solicitor regarding which piece of land which he wants to swap. **Cllr Searle** confirmed that the meadow and the piece of land offered on the asparagus field are completely different issues. **Cllr Searle** proposed that the PC believe that the meadow and the lease are completely different issues from any other land in the village. Our solicitor is working on the meadow lease and it is to stay in place for the full 125 year term from the original date of signature. Should the freeholder wish to discuss any other gifting of land he should contact the PC direct as we do not currently have a solicitor engaged for this purpose. We look for to an early resolution of the lease issues. **Seconded Cllr Blaydes**, All in favour.

#### **022/17-18 Clerks Report**

Finance Committee – Cllr Blaydes, Small and clerk.

Meadow Committee – Cllrs Searle, Lyon, Small

Neighbourhood planning working party - Cllrs Hovenden, Lyon, Small, Searle

Transparency Working Party- Not needed

Emergency planning Working party – Cllrs Blaydes, Small,

Planning committee – Cllrs Blaydes, Lyon, Small

#### **023/17-18 Correspondence**

#### **024/17-18 Any other business**

None

Meeting closed at 20.59 hrs.

Date of next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm,

Date of Annual Parish Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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