

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 7th July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

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

46/16-17 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Alexander – apologies from **Cllr Knowles** opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures, and asked if anyone was recording the meeting – nobody responded.

47/16-17 Declarations of interest

None

48/16-17 Adoption of minutes of 2nd June following a couple of amendments as being a true record.

Proposed **Cllr. Alexander**, Seconded **Cllr. Blaydes** – All in favour. The Vice Chairman duly signed the minutes.

49/16-17 Matters arising from the above minutes.

Clerk advised that she had looked into a sound system which would remain in the village hall, and could be gifted to the hall – Members were in agreement with this and clerk will obtain more quotes. **Cllr Hovenden proposed, Cllr Lyon seconded all in favour.**

Special Inspector Alan Ball & Iris Osborne gave a talk on Speed watch – resident mentioned speeding in Foads Hill. Inspector advised that there are not enough policeman to police all roads – which is why speed watch is in place. If a driver is caught by speed watch they receive a letter of warning. There was a request for volunteers. 90% of drivers who are observed will not reoffend in the same year. If someone wanted to be a volunteer and be trained they should contact clerk.
www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch.

50/16-17 Reports

- **F & GP Committee Report** – as F & GP meeting
- **NHPWP** – **Cllr Hovenden** proposed the Chair sign the Service Level Agreement between TDC & PC. Seconded **Cllr Lyon** – All in favour. **Cllr Alexander** signed the document. **Cllr Hovenden** proposed £835.00 be paid to people able to complete the transfer of answers from Questionnaire 2 in order to get the task completed. Seconded **Cllr Lyon** – all in favour.
- **District Councillors** – **Cllr Townend** advised he had written to Iain Livingston re the flooding in the village and the location of the drains, he has yet to receive a response. He also advised that he had informed the neighbourhood plan meeting that it was great that CPC had undertaken a plan but no one at TDC took notice of it.
Cllr Shonk advised that he had applied for a speed camera in the tunnel. Why are the villagers not being listened to with regards to the Neighbourhood plan or planning applications.

Cllr Rogers advised that she had been contacted by a resident for an allotment. A Cliffsend resident is not entitled to one in Ramsgate or anywhere else in Thanet. Cllr Shonk will look into this – clerk to write to him to advise.

- **Community Warden** – None present
- **Councillor Reports** – **Cllr Hovenden** advised she would like to attend the meeting at the Guildhall re the possible funding that may be available with reference to the Mast. Proposed **Cllr Alexander** seconded **Cllr Lyon** all in favour. **Cllr Hovenden** advised that TDC will be fitting a bench in the new playground by 15th July, funded by Vatenfall. **Cllr Hovenden** advised that a resident on Sandwich Road purchased a speed gun - and asked if it would be a good thing to purchase a gun so we had evidence of speeding. **Cllr Alexander** advised that no detail could be recorded as it is not legal. **Cllr Hovenden** proposed clerk look into the price of gun. **Cllr Hovenden** advised Cottington Road and Moyes Road were flooded on 25th June. **Cllr Lyon** has rung TDC regarding the state of the car park in Sandwich Road weeds and it has been cleared however there is still not an edge marking line, and the path has not been done. Clerk to speak to TDC re the lines. Cllr Lyon advised that the drain by the Sportsman blocked and sewage spilled onto the road. SW have written to advise they are beginning work on the asparagus field. Cllr Lyon requested a letter be written to SW requesting a site visit in Foads Lane. **Cllr Blaydes** advised that the Vigilant Richborough Mast planning application has been resubmitted to DDC. **Cllr Hovenden** asked if a road sweep could be requested following the floods. Foads Lane, Lower Foads Hill, Cottington Road, Walmer Gdns, Ash Court, Greystones Road, Moyes Close, Cliffsend Road, Lower Foads Hill.

51/16-17 Public Questions – no decisions made

Resident asked if the benches were to be done, as it was all taking so long. **Cllr Alexander** advised they will be done as soon as possible, resident asked if they could get a contractor to do it. **Cllr Alexander** advised he will get quotes for the work. Resident asked about the archaeological dig on Cottington Road. Cllr Alexander advised that we will not know unless a planning application is submitted. **Cllr Hovenden** advised that we could write to the land owner and see what is happening.

52/16-17 Financial Matters

Quarterly accounts and bank statements were presented to the council to note.

Checked by **Cllr. Blaydes & Cllr. Fiander.**

Payments proposed by **Cllr. Alexander** and seconded by **Cllr. Lyon** - all in favour, Cllr Hovenden abstained.

Cheques were signed by **Cllr. Alexander & Cllr. Searle.**

Chq No 658	A Stacey Wages £342.13
Chq No 659	HMRC- £81.03
Chq No 660	Ashley Stacey - £29.42
Chq No 661	CVHF - £32.50
Chq No 662	Andrew Blaydes - £41.40

53/16-17 Current Topics

Planning – as TDC do not print out plans, **Cllr Alexander** proposed that the large plans be printed and the PC pay for them. **Cllr Hovenden** advised she would like a limit as to what is spent on them. **Cllr Alexander** advised that he could not put a maximum on the price, **Cllr Hovenden** advised that she would not approve it. **Cllr Alexander** withdrew the original proposal. **Cllr Alexander** proposed small developments be printed for a £20 maximum, approve other printing expenses on a case by case basis agreed by members which will be undertaken by **Cllr Alexander**. Seconded **Cllr Fiander** all in favour.

New Developments – already dealt with – contact farmer re new developments

Manston Airport – **Cllr Hovenden** proposed letter be sent to TDC planning.

Seconded **Cllr Alexander**. **Cllr Hovenden** thanked **Cllr Searle** for all her hard work on the letter.

Cllr Searle proposed the meeting be extended by **15 mins** seconded **Cllr Lyon** – all in favour, **Cllr Hovenden** abstained.

54/16-17 New Topics

DPI – **Cllr Hovenden** asked if this was from **Cllr Alexander** – Clerk confirmed it was from a member of the public, however **Cllr Alexander** advised that he wanted it discussed. **Cllr Hovenden** asked **Cllr Alexander** to address **Cllr Fiander** who was rude to her. Clerk confirmed that the Councillors information on the TDC website was now correct.

55/16-17 Clerks Report

56/16-17 Correspondence

National Grid Letter – dates to go in the Parish website.

CHVF – request for help with the cost of providing the money for bollards out front of the village hall– this was not approved.

Nemo – Work has started at the power station site to dismantle the old Turbine Hall.

Meeting closed at 2141 hrs.

Date of next meeting 1st September 2016 at 7.30pm,

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