

# CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Members Present. -Parish Councillors Blaydes (Chairman), Searle, Francis-Cable, Hellyer , Lyon & Hovenden

In Attendance - 8 members of the community, County Cllr Messenger and A Jackson Clerk,

## **099/17-18 Welcome & Apologies**

Apologies from Kent County Cllr Constantine, District Cllrs Rogers & Townend, Tony Gander and PCSO John Litchfield.

**Cllr Blaydes** opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures.

## **100/17-18 Declarations of interest**

None

## **101/17-18 Adoption of minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 as being a true record.**

There has been an email request from a resident re 097/17-18 regarding emails and FOi. Clerk confirmed this information was correct, but stated the FOI's were from different residents as this was not clear in the minutes of 9.1.18.

**Cllr Searle** proposed minutes be adopted, Seconded **Cllr Lyon** - all in favour.

## **102/17-18 Matters arising from the above minutes.**

Clerk confirmed all actions had been completed.

Grounds Maintenance update - **Cllr Hovenden** advised the applicant believed he would be employed by the Council - this was not agreed by the Council. **Cllr Blaydes** advised of the rules of **Nl**. **Cllr Francis-Cable** advised that it seems easier for the maintenance person to be self employed however it may not be easier for the applicant. **Cllr Hellyer** confirmed it would be easier to employ a contractor via tender. **Cllr Blaydes** confirmed that taking on an employee is an onerous task for the clerk, and will take some time. **Cllr Hovenden** stated that the PC should move this forward and employ this worker. Clerk to find out how other council's pay their maintenance staff and let the applicant know the situation.

## **103/17-18 Reports**

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

**County Cllr Messenger** confirmed good news regarding the 42 & 42A through budgetary savings the bus route will not be lost. Head of Public Transport confirmed he is happy to come to a parish council meeting to discuss.

**Cllr Messenger** confirmed KCC are putting in a bid to bring the tall ships back to Ramsgate, and also advised that we need to start thinking about the Golf at St Georges 2021.

Community Warden confirmed that 2 x motorcross bikes were seen in the nature park. Highway issues reported on line. Used smoke grenades found in the Hoverport site. Cold callers have been rude and intimidating. Fly tipping reported. Volunteers are also still needed for Speedwatch.

**Cllr Hovenden** confirmed she had attended TRRG and speedwatch was discussed. There were no volunteers from Cliffsend. The monitoring boxes were discussed and she advised that the police have been given permission to monitor number plates.

**Cllr Hovenden** confirmed re the fencing around the sink holes on Hugin Green - TDC have been and are working on the area. Couples have been seen going down the stairs by the Viking ship. All graffiti has been reported.

**Cllr Francis-Hellyer** - advised there is a facebook group for the village.  
**Cllr Lyon** - advised she has had a lot of comments about the rats in King Arthur road- she has contacted TDC.

#### **104/17-18 Public Questions - no decisions made**

Resident advised to ring 101 and say you are in neighbourhood watch and they will pass to nearest patrol car in the area they will respond.  
Water meter cover in Ash Court needs rebuilding. Plant pots have been stolen from outside of the village hall. TDC own the land out the front and the village hall association are making enquiries to take this land over.  
Resident asked if anyone was on the facebook as this week there have been a number of discussions on the Cliffsend page regarding a summer event. They would like to organise an event and help the Parish Council do this. Summer event to be put on the agenda for March.

#### **105/17-18 Financial Matters**

**Payments checked Cllr Francis-Cable and Cllr Hellyer Chqs signed by Cllr Searle and Cllr Lyon**

**Proposed Cllr Francis-Cable and Seconded Cllr Hellyer all in favour**

Chq No 796 A Jackson £411.78 –Wages

Chq No 797 HMRC £105.39

Chq No 798 A Jackson £76.66

Chq No 799 A Jackson £650.32

Chq No 800 HMRC - £158.08

Chq No 801 CVHF £30.00 Village hall hire November coffee morning

#### **106/17-18 Current Topics**

**Meadow Lease-** Latest offer from land owner was discussed. **Cllr Hovenden** proposed that we respond that we would like it left as it is but we are willing to discuss it with him at the end of the lease. Seconded **Cllr Searle** - all in favour. **Cllr Hovenden** confirmed that when the meadow was originally offered in 2002 it was to be 'given', not leased, to the village. However, this information is hearsay and it cannot be proved. Our solicitor has copies of the current lease - both the one signed by the landowner dated May 2005 and the counterpart signed by Cliffsend Parish Council in March 2006.

**Neighbourhood Plan Working Plan Review - Cllr Francis-Cable** confirmed he is going to meet with **Cllr Hovenden** to discuss - clerk confirmed that there is an SLA (Service Level Agreement) in place with TDC - **Cllr Lyon** to attend as well.

**Beacon** - CPC have registered to be lighting a beacon. To look at the possibility of lighting the beacon on Hugin Green. Clerk to contact TDC to see if we can use the one on Hugin Green.

**Village in Bloom - Cllr Francis-Cable** advised he wasn't anticipating entering the village in bloom competition however he was thinking about planters around the village. These could be padlocked to street name posts. He would maintain them and hope that villagers would also maintain them. **Cllr Francis-Cable** will get prices and contact TDC.

**Defibrillators - Cllr Francis-Cable** has researched this subject - he has confirmed the British Heart foundation apparatus needs to be locked up. Boxes are locked - if you call 999 and advised them of the location code on the box they will you the pin number to open the cabinet. To be situated on the village hall it would be £2k plus. Permission to be sought from the village hall. Subject to approval from the village hall and that an agreed position is decided **Cllr Blaydes** proposed a defibrillator be purchased. Seconded **Cllr Lyon** all in favour.

**Unreasonable complaints policy-** There have been issues with a number of emails received. In order to deal with the content of these we have been advised by KALC to adopt a policy to deal with the process of email problems. **Cllr Blaydes** proposed the policy be adopted Seconded **Cllr Francis-Cable** - 5 in favour and **Cllr Hovenden** against. To be uploaded onto the website.

**Hall hire contingency fund** - to be available in case the hall needs to booked at short notice - **Cllr Blaydes** proposed £50, and a running total be kept at £50. Seconded **Cllr Searle** all in favour.

#### **107/17-18 Clerks report**

Clerk confirmed that the precept request had been submitted.

#### **108/17-18 Correspondence report**

Clerk has received 2 expressions of interest in the clerks jobs, however no formal applications were received.

#### **109/17-18 Any Other Business**

Contact number needed for Asparagus Field building site manager, to ensure swift resolution of village problems, road and meadow access.

All Cllrs thanked Clerk for her hard work over 7 years. Cllr Blaydes read a statement.

Meeting closed at 21.14 hrs.

Date of next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm,

**Clerk to the Council: email: [cliffsendparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:cliffsendparishcouncil@gmail.com)**