

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 1st December 2016 at 7.39 pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance - Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, 2 members of the community.

88/16-17 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Blaydes opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures. There were apologies from **Cllrs Townend, Shonk and Lyon.**

89/16-17 Declarations of interest

Cllr Hovenden & Cllr Searle signed the book for item 97/16-17. **Cllr Blaydes** proposed that Mr Small be co-opted onto the Council. Seconded **Cllr Hovenden**, All in favour. **Cllr Small** read the declaration of acceptance.

90/16-17 Adoption of minutes of 3rd November 2016 as being a true record.

Proposed **Cllr Blaydes**, Seconded **Cllr. Searle** – All in favour, except for **Cllr Small**. Chairman duly signed the minutes.

91/16-17 Matters arising from the above minutes.

Mosquitoes – clerk had contacted TDC who advised they didn't require a second spray.

Hedge – Foads Lane has been cut by Network Rail.

Speed Gun – has been donated to the Parish Council to be used as it thinks necessary. **Cllr Hovenden** advised it could be used to monitor stretches of roads within the village and the information could be used to inform the PCSO. The Parish Council agreed to accept the donation, clerk to write and thank donor.

Sound System to be investigated by **Cllr Blaydes**.

Allotments – **Cllr Hovenden** confirmed everyone has been written to and no one has responded.

Cllr Searle reported the bollard in the car park has been replaced.

92/16-17 Reports

F & GP Committee Report – as F & GP minutes

District Cllr – none present

Community Warden – none present

Cllrs Reports- **Cllr Blaydes** confirmed he had attended flood warning seminar. He obtained some information regarding the flood risk of Cliffsend which will advise us where the flood risks are.

Cllr Blaydes and Cllr Hovenden attended a meeting in Sandwich by Vatenfall as they are considering an expansion of the wind farm, they are considering adding another 34 turbines. Will be coming out for public consultation before submitting planning app.

Website – **Cllr Searle** The Parish Website has been migrated to the new system and is available to be edited.

Minster Matters – **Cllr Searle** commented on the article about the threatened imposition of hundreds of new houses by TDC in Minster, despite over a thousand objections. Clerk confirmed Local Plan is due for consultation in January.

Cllr Hovenden confirmed she had attended the KALC AGM with **Cllr Taylor** and gave an update.

3/16-17 Public Questions – no decisions made

Resident confirmed she had received a cold caller, and he was very abusive when challenged. She did contact police and urged anyone else who receives one to report it.

94/16-17 Financial Matters

Checked by **Cllr. Blaydes & Cllr Taylor.**

Payments proposed by **Cllr. Small** and seconded by **Cllr. Taylor** - all in favour,
Cheques were signed by **Cllr. Searle & Cllr. Hovenden.**

Chq No 688	A Stacey Wages £386.54
Chq No 689	HMRC- £92.14
Chq No 690	A Stacey - £43.88
Chq No 691	CVHF - £8.00
Chq No 692	Rob Broadley - £300.00
Chq No 693	Kalc - £72.00
Chq No 694	Cllr Blaydes - £67.45
Chq No 695	Cllr Hovenden - £41.40
Chq no 696	Landscape Services - £294.00

The budget for 2017/18 was discussed and approved. **Cllr Blaydes** proposed budget be accepted seconded **Cllr Small** - All in favour.

95/16-17 Current Topics

Committees and Working Parties Membership

Memorial Working Party – a feasibility study was undertaken, however this was not fed back to the council and the budget was never agreed. **Cllr Blaydes** proposed the memorial party be disbanded, seconded **Cllr Hovenden**, All in favour.

Finance Committee – **Cllr Blaydes, Taylor & Hovenden & Clerk**

Neighbourhood Plan Working Party– **Cllr Hovenden, Searle, Taylor, Small,**

Emergency Plan Working Party – **Cllr Blaydes, Small, Hovenden**

Meadow Committee – **Cllr Searle, Cllr Lyon, Cllr Taylor**

Planning Committee – **Cllr Blaydes, Cllr Lyon, Cllr Small & Cllr Hovenden**

Transparency Working Party – **Cllr Searle, Cllr Taylor & Clerk.**

Complaints Committee – **Cllr Blaydes & Cllr Hovenden**

Community Right to bid – Cllr Hovenden explained the procedure and advised that it should be considered for the Sportsman pub. Clerk to contact KALC for advice.

96/16-17 Clerks Report

Cllr Taylor & Cllr Small will attend training 7th January 2017 **Cllr Hovenden** proposed the travel expenses be paid, Seconded **Cllr Searle**, All in favour

97/16-17 Correspondence

CRA grant request £300 towards pensioners Christmas dinner – **Cllr Blaydes** proposed this grant be paid, **Cllr Small** seconded – 3 in favour – **Cllr Hovenden** and **Cllr Searle** declared an interest.

Caretaking letter was received regarding a grounds maintenance service. To be put on January Meeting agenda.

Meeting dates were discussed.

Cllr Hovenden advised that it was discussed that the PC could contribute to the CRA newsletter when it contains the Parish Council information. This was agreed.

Meeting closed at 21.21 hrs.

Date of next meeting 12th January 2017 at 7.30pm,

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