

SMARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING 8TH OCTOBER 2018

Present:, Mark Wilson (Chairman), Jocelyn Craig (Vice chairman), Sarah Ellison, Clifford Ridley, Jo Morton, Pete Watts, Marion Hudson, and Catherine Stanley (Clerk).

3 Parishioners were present.

1. APOLOGIES

John Lowings, Brian Bristow and Geraldine Dyer

2. LIST OF THE DEPARTED

None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018

The minutes of the meeting of 10th September 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman and publication on the website agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Claire Brown, Sam Crinnion and Angela Foster made a presentation to the Parish Council on the progress of the Christmas Tree Lights project. They advised that they have raised £8,000 so far. They hope to obtain finance from Ashford Borough Council to assist.

The Christmas tree is due to be erected on 30th November.

Catherine was asked to establish whether the Parish Council's existing insurance policy would provide cover for public liability.

It is proposed that on the evening of 30th November a stage will be erected by the School to enable carol singers and the entertainers to perform. Four trees will be lit this year.

The organisers are planning a number of fundraising events including selling trees at wholesale prices from Hole Park Estate.

5. PLANNING

Rowan Tree, Cage Lane – no comment

Munks Cottage – no comment

6. BURIAL GROUND

Nothing to report

7. POST OFFICE

Jocelyn reported that the Community Benefits Society has now been set up and that a Pledge Letter will be distributed to Parishioners.

8. MINNIS and CORNES MEADOW.

Pete reported that the fields had been mown today.

Mark went through the repair quote we have received and Catherine was asked to request a quotation in respect of the repairs needed to the Skate Park.

9. HIGHWAYS and LORRYWATCH

Nothing to report.

10. YOUTH CLUB BUILDING

Mark gave a summary of recent events and advised that there will be a meeting of an interested party tomorrow.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Catherine reported that the WI had sent an invitation to join their Centenary Celebrations in January 2019

12. FINANCE and MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

Accounts – Catherine presented the items of expenditure for October which were approved. The September bank statement had not been received in time to enable an account to be prepared.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

None

14. REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED/FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

None

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jocelyn advised that Gill Bromley has updated the Emergency Plan and will need to be revised every year.

Marion advised that there have been reports of motorbikes riding in woods in Rosemary Lane.

It was reported that Geraldine Dyer is stepping down from the position of Borough Councillor at the next election. It is thought that the vacancy would be filled by a Councillor from Tenterden Town Council although it is still possible for an independent candidate to stand at the next election.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.