

# CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.32 pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance - Tony Gander, 8 members of the community, Cllr Brenda Rogers and A Stacey Clerk,

## **068/17-18 Welcome & Apologies**

Apologies from District Cllr Townend and Cllr Messenger

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

## **069/17-18 Declarations of interest**

**Cllr Hovenden** signed the declaration of interests book for the residents association request.

## **070/17-18 Adoption of minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> October** as being a true record. **Cllr Blaydes** proposed minutes be adopted, Seconded **Cllr Searle** – all in favour.

## **071/17-18 Matters arising from the above minutes.**

Kent Highway are investigating 6ft road width sign. Tree cleared around the sign.

Clerk to chase TDC open spaces re sink holes on Hugin Green.

**Cllr Searle** received an email from someone whose child had not been able to catch a school bus following the road closure. **Cllr Searle** contacted Stagecoach who rectified the issue. This was put on the website.

## **072/17-18 Reports**

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

**No county Cllrs present** – however Cllr Messenger said he is still working hard to prevent the local plan numbers increase and would be happy to receive any comments via email.

**Cllr Rogers** confirmed that she had attended the last planning committee against the development in Cliffsend and will attend next week speaking against both applications in Cottington road, Cliffsend which are being heard.

**Tony Gander** – Village gateway on CRW is not going to be replaced but fixed – he is hoping the sign 'Welcome to Cliffsend' sign will be replaced. He is also trying to get 'SLOW' written on Foads lane and will undertake speed watch, graffiti in the nature park has been removed, and area by the Viking ship is being monitored. People are also living in their cars as homeless so please report anyone that you see. DVLA vehicle has been in the village clamping untaxed cars.

**Cllr Hovenden** attended TRRG and 3 people have come forward from Cliffsend for Speed Watch training. Monitoring box is available from Alan Watson to go on a lamppost to monitor the traffic 24 hours. Clerk to contact him. **Cllr Hovenden** reminded everyone to use Country Eye to report things. She also reported there were travellers in the car park at St Nicholas.

**Cllr Barnbrook** advised he attended the planning committee – but felt it was a waste of time as with any application which gets turned down the developers go to appeal and will win anyway.

**Cllr Blaydes** – attended the Parish Forum. There was a discussion on standards and conducts. The budget was discussed and they confirmed that the local support grant was being removed. Electoral boundary review has been put on hold. Update given on Local Plan – was approved at cabinet and will go to full council in January. There will be a 6 week public consultation event in January.

**073/17-18 Public Questions – no decisions made**

Resident raised the issue of the coffee morning and wondered if the PC would continue to fund it. To go on the agenda December.

Resident advised that work being carried out in Cliffsend Road does not include access for a bus stop, as there isn't room for one on both sides. **Cllr Blaydes** advised that all these comments have already been given to planning.

Resident advised there is a sewage smell when approaching the Lord of the manor.

**074/17-18 Financial Matters**

**Payments checked by Cllr Lyon and Cllr Blaydes**

**Chqs signed Cllr Lyon and Cllr Searle**

**Proposed Cllr Lyon and Seconded Cllr Searle All in favour.**

Chq No 761	A Stacey £439.52 -Wages
Chq No 762	A Stacey £65.50 -Expenses
Chq No 778	HMRC £105.39
Chq No 776	Rob Broadley Meadow £300.00
Chq No 775	O Ananiev £2248.00
Chq No 764	CVHF £252.00
Chq No 765	O Ananiev –Meadow £66.25
Chq No 766	Kalc publications £27.33
Chq No 777	CVHF £48.00 – coffee morning rentals

Budget was reviewed – grants amount was increased to £2000.

**Cllr Barnbrook** advised that he wanted Cllr Expenses included in the budget – He proposed £250 per councillor per year. When questioned by **Cllr Hovenden** that he confirmed that he wouldn't provide any proof of expenses. No seconder. It was agreed that the same amount of precept would be claimed from TDC next year.

**075/17-18 Current Topics**

**General Maintenance Person – Cllr Hovenden** circulated a Job description. **Cllr Hovenden** proposed the JD be adopted – **Seconded Cllr Lyon** all in favour.

**Cllr Hovenden** proposed the advert be placed in the Noticeboards and on the website and in Minster Matters. **Seconded Cllr Blaydes** all in favour.

**Meadow Lease** - Solicitor is still trying to secure the lease.

**Storage for Parish Council-** The Village Hall have proposed that we could use the storage cupboard –**Cllr Hovenden** asked to confirm how many keys there were? To look at the cupboard under the stage.

**Neighbourhood plan review** – the importance of the neighbourhood plan was discussed. Referred to next meeting.

**Transparency Code** – costs of the work involved as a result of the TC was discussed. **Cllr Blaydes** proposed we continue paying 3 hours a month to Donna until end of March 2018 and reclaim the costs from KALC. **Seconded Cllr Lyon – all in favour.**

**076/17-18 Clerks Report**

**077/17-18 Correspondence**

TDC planning committee are reviewing 2 applications in Cottingham Road on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Clerk asked if anyone wanted to speak. **Cllr Lyon** will speak – Clerk to advise TDC.

Grant request from CRA towards the Christmas lunch. **Cllr Blaydes** proposed the grant be paid **Seconded Cllr Lyon – 3 in favour , Cllr Barnbrook** abstained.

**078/17-18 Any other business**

**Cllr Barnbrook** asked again why Councillor ID's are not on the website. This has previously been discussed.

Meeting closed at 21.12 hrs.

Date of next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> December November 2017 at 7.30pm,

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