

# CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Thursday 2nd April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Members Present. -Parish Councillors Hovenden(Chairman), Wendholt, Vice-Chairman, Searle, Ratnasingham, Rogers, & Lyon**  
**In Attendance - Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, Cllr Shonk & 12 members**

**01/15-16 Welcome & Apologies**

**Cllr Hovenden** opened the meeting, and explained the emergency exit procedures. No apologies for absence were received. **Cllr Turner** did not attend and no apologies were given.

**02/15-16 Declarations of Interest**

**Cllr Hovenden** signed for the Residents Association.

**03/15-16 The adoption of the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 as being a true record.  
Proposed - by Cllr Ratnasingham Seconded Cllr Searle –All in favour**

**04/15-16 Matters arising from the above minutes**

Sevenscore roundabout – issues cannot be addressed due to no serious injuries , **Cllr Hovenden** asked if anyone has any concerns to put into writing to CPC. Meverall Avenue work on roundabout will take place on 20.4 15- .1.5.2015. **Cllr Rogers** advised he will be looking at the scanning at end of financial year.

**05/15-16 District Councillors Report, Community Warden & Cllrs Reports**

**F & GP report –**

**Meadow Working Party report**

No more horses have been seen. Scots pine has now been removed. Silver Birch has been pruned and caged. The Sorbus has also been pruned. Grass cutting has recommenced. **Cllr Ratnasingham** proposed the weeds be dealt with by way of weedkiller. There was not a seconder for this proposal.

**Cllr Wendholt** advised he had spoken to the owners of the fallen tree and he suggested a memorial be put in place of the tree due the fact that a time capsule is under the ground.

**Cllr Wendholt** proposed that the PC look into costs of a memorial plaque, **Seconded Cllr Lyon** all in favour.

**Neighbourhood Working Party**

A meeting took place on 24<sup>th</sup> March and 8 people, including 4 volunteers checked that the data in the database was consistent with the information on the returned forms.

21 blank questionnaires were checked as being blank. 35 questionnaires which had a comment in the database of 'no more houses in Cliffsend' were then completely checked for accuracy of all of the data. The volunteers selected one random form for checking from each of the 22 bundles. Total forms delivered 815, total returned 407, forms checked 78, blank forms – 19. Site choices 1-B, 2 – A, 3-C, 4 –I, 5-J. The remaining sites in descending order, D,E,F,G,L,H,K. Despite many comments to the contrary even parishioners living north of the level crossing opted for Sites A &B. Those in favour of more housing – few. General village comments 550, negative comments 271, warning concerns 271, positive comments 8.

**Cllr Searle** proposed that this information be passed to TDC as soon as possible to inform the local plan, and that the NHP meet with TDC. **Cllr Wendholt** seconded all in favour.

**Cllr Hovenden** thanked **Cllr Searle** for all her hard work inputting the information and she has received much appreciation from the volunteers. **Cllr Searle** wished to thank the volunteers that helped too.

**County Councillor Report – Cllr Trevor Shonk** introduced himself to the PC, and stated that he would not be spoken to as he had been by **Cllr Hovenden** at the start of the meeting. . **Cllr Hovenden** asked him to report on matters concerning Cliffsend only, **Cllr Shonk** continued to confront **Cllr Hovenden**. **Cllr Hovenden** closed the meeting and **Cllr Shonk** sat down.

**Cllr Hovenden** reopened the meeting.

**Community Warden/PCSO-** 19 incidents within the village in February. Reports of motorcyclists in the village, please let him know if any are seen. Beer cans have been seen again in the meadow and he will keep an eye. Police contact point – in talks to get the time changed to coincide with the church coffee morning.

**Cllr Reports - Cllr Rogers** advised of the email he had sent to the clerk, regarding the junction of Cottington Road and Foads Lane, or Old Hall Drive, trees/shrubbery over hanging the road – bushes between village hall and the corner of Cliffsend Road damaging cars, and the graffiti on the railway bridge.

**Cllr Hovenden** advised two people had contacted her regarding rubbish in Thanet.

**Cllr Searle** attended the contact point with the PCSO and the van arrived 30 mins late. No residents attended, however a UKIP candidate attended.

**Cllr Hovenden** advised she had attended Rochester Cathedral on behalf of CPC, and it had been a good networking event.

**Cllr Hovenden** advised that she had attended a planning conference in Lenham. The morning session was on strategic planning, and it was very interesting. She recommended that Councillors take advantage of training offers.

#### **06/15-16 Financial Matters**

2 invoices have been received since the payment schedule was produced but since there is not a meeting until 14<sup>th</sup> May these have been added to this month's schedule.

**Cllr Hovenden** proposed the PC continue their subscription to KALC - Secunder **Cllr Searle** five Cllrs in favour – **Cllr Rogers** abstained.

**Finances Proposed by Cllr Searle Secunderd Cllr Lyon – All in favour**

**Chqs signed by Cllr Ratnasingham & Cllr Wendholt**

**Chq No 564 -A Stacey – Wages £342.13**

**Chq No 565- HMRC £81.03**

**Chq No 566 – A Stacey Expenses £56.82**

**Chq No 567 –V Hovenden Travel £44.64**

**Chq No 568 – Rob Broadley £324.00**

**Chq no 570 – IT Service Centre £400.00**

**Chq no 571 – Insurance Came & Co £616.81**

**Chq No 572 – CHVF £10.50**

**Chq No 573- KALC subs £599.93**

**Chq No 574- KALC training £72.00**

#### **07/15-16 Current Topics**

**PCSO Surgery – 8<sup>th</sup> April – Cllr Lyon**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April – Cllr Ratnasingham.**

Annual Parish Meeting – **Cllr Hovenden** reminded people need to stand as Cllrs and to collect packs from TDC. **Cllr Hovenden** proposed 25<sup>th</sup> June for APM. Secunderd **Cllr Wendholt** all in favour.

**Traffic Calming – Cllr Hovenden** advised it should be finished by 1<sup>st</sup> May and **Cllr Wendholt** commented that it was nice to see that the gateways had been planted out.

**Parkway – Cllr Hovenden** advised that last month it was decided not to comment, however she feels it is important that we make a representation so that we are kept informed of progress. **Cllr Wendholt** advised that we should note our concerns the state of the roads, and the actual need for it now that Manston has gone? **Cllr Searle** advised that there were some comments on the survey regarding the parkway. Some positive too. It is a big imposition on the village. **Cllr Wendholt** also raised concerns that the station is unmanned. **Cllr Hovenden** proposed that the clerk compose a letter stating our concerns, Secunderd **Cllr Lyon**, all in favour.

**Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Hovenden** thanked Sarah Hickman for her hard work on composing the next stage of the questionnaire. **Cllr Hovenden** circulated the proposed document, this needs printing as soon as possible. **Cllr Wendholt** proposed the document be circulated and printed seconded **Cllr Lyon**, five in favour with Cllr Rogers abstaining. **Cllr Hovenden** asked if the clerk could write a letter of thanks to Mrs Hickman.

**08/15-16 Clerk's Report**  
None

**09/15-16 Correspondence received**  
Clerk advised she had received an email from **Cllr Rogers** asking if the grant had been spent which had been allocated to the RA in January 2014. Clerk advised the RA had written to the PC in February 2014 confirming the money had been spent so Clerk had no reason to investigate further.  
Cllr Hovenden signed the declarations of interest book.

**10/15-16 Planning Applications-**  
F/TH/14/0160 – The Bunker adjacent Bay View, Windsor road has been approved. Sandwich Road driveway has also been approved.  
Jentex application has not been to planning committee yet.

**11/15-16 Any other items – no financial decisions or major decisions to be made**  
**Cllr Searle** advised gully clearing is taking place in Cottington Road and Southern Water are also working in the Cottington Road.  
**Cllr Hovenden** thanked the Cllrs that had worked very hard for the Parish Council over the past year.

**12/15-16 Public Questions**  
Mrs Holmes confirmed that the fallen pine tree was very smelly, suggesting it was rotten. **Cllr Searle** confirmed that it was not rotten Mrs Holmes suggested a bench in the meadow,. – however **Cllr Wendholt** reported that the family do not want this. A resident congratulated **Cllr Searle** on all her hard work on the data collection – could the PC analyse the information and produce policies to inform the Local Plan rather than just passing the information across to TDC. **Cllr Hovenden** confirmed that this would happen as well, but we need to share it with them too.. The resident also asked if he thought that the villagers were misled due to the colours used on the map **Cllr Hovenden** and **Searle** confirmed that the information was clear.  
Mr Blaydes confirmed he had been part of the volunteer group of checkers and he advised that all comments had been noted on the auditing of the forms.  
Helen Knowles advised that she knew that at the public meeting an officer had stated that the landowners were approached by TDC not the other way around. **Cllr Hovenden** advised that she will contact the officer and check. **Cllr Hovenden** reminded Helen Knowles that she must respect the Chairman and the Councillors and not imply that she is inappropriate. Mrs Knowles advised that a piece of land which is privately owned is being offered for housing and she knows that it is a private garden - it is incorrect as it belongs to her neighbour.  
Helen Knowles advised that the PC has deemed it appropriate to respond to the Parkway consultation and did the PC respond to the Local Plan? **Cllr Hovenden** confirmed that a response was submitted. Helen Knowles advised that there is graffiti on the Cottington bridge brick built substation.  
Mr Nicholls advised he is looking forward to seeing a new council at the end of May, who work together and are not led by an individual.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm. Date of next meeting –14<sup>th</sup> May 2015,

**Clerk to the Council:**

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