

# CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 at 8.31pm in the Village Hall

**Members Present.** -Parish Councillors Knowles , Chairman Alexander (Vice Chairman), Blaydes, Searle, Fiander, Lyon & Hovenden  
**In Attendance - Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, 5 members of the community.**

**57/16-17 Welcome & Apologies**

**Cllr Knowles** opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures, and asked if anyone was recording the meeting – nobody responded. There were no apologies.

**58/16-17 Declarations of interest**

None

**59/16-17 Adoption of minutes of 7th July 2016 following an amendment as being a true record.**

Proposed **Cllr. Alexander**, Seconded **Cllr. Blaydes** – All in favour, except for **Cllr Knowles** who was unable to vote. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

**60/16-17 Matters arising from the above minutes.**

**Flooding** – an email response has been received from Southern Water and they are still investigating.

**Cllr Hovenden** confirmed she did attend the meeting in Sandwich regarding the planning application for the New Line Networks mast.

**NHWP – Cllr Hovenden** confirmed that the SLA has been given to TDC.

**61/16-17 Reports**

**F & GP Committee Report** – as F & GP meeting 19.15pm.

**Cllr Searle** proposed the following – **Cllr Blaydes** seconded all in favour

Quotes for Bramble cutting £245 and VAT

Quote for Pine cut £250 and VAT

Quote for weed and de sucker under the trees £395 no VAT

Weeds under the picnic table to be removed

**NHWP - Cllr Lyon** proposed a meeting be held in the hall for 3 hrs – seconded

**Cllr Alexander** all in favour – **Cllr Hovenden** asked permission to seek quotes from a consultant. Seconded **Cllr Alexander** - All in favour.

**Emergency Planning** - Event on 12<sup>th</sup> November a representative needs to attend. **Cllr Knowles** proposed Cllr attends and cost of travel met, Seconded

**Cllr Blaydes** – 6 cllrs in favour **Cllr Hovenden** abstained.

There was much discussion regarding the complaint to the ombudsman and **Cllr Hovenden** advised that she felt that TDC although having a lot of cut backs they are very supportive. **Cllr Alexander** read a comment from the TAC regarding how all the parish councils no longer know how they can respond to planning proposals by TDC.

Closed Session clerks pay review – Proposed **Cllr Alexander** , Seconded **Cllr Searle** all in favour.

- **District Councillors** – none present
- **Community Warden** – None present
- **Councillor Reports** – **Cllr Knowles** advised she had a report regarding parking issues in Cliff View Road, **Cllr Knowles** asked resident present if the situation was the same. Parking on pavements, and cars parked which did not allow access to emergency vehicles and buses.

Clerk to contact Community Warden - Corner of Foads Land and Foads Hill on the bend to Cliffsend Road, Open Reach and Thames Water vans and also private cars are parking. Community Warden to be contacted in the first instance.

**Cllr Lyon** advised she had seen a resident fly tipping. Clerk to contact the community warden. Proposed **Cllr Lyon**, seconded **Cllr Knowles** 6 Cllrs in favour **Cllr Hovenden** abstained.

**Cllr Hovenden** gave an update on the Richborough mast. An agreement has been reached however we cannot give details yet. Our question was to clarify that the CP does not have any liability – **Cllr Hovenden** confirmed all is ok. **Cllr Knowles** proposed **Cllr Alexander** sign the document, seconded **Cllr Blaydes** all in favour. **Cllr Knowles** proposed **Cllr Hovenden** be a substitute signatory. Agreed.

**Cllr Alexander** confirmed the travellers have gone from the Pegwell Country Park.

**Cllr Searle** confirmed the windfarm cables in the Sandwich Road car park are being dug up and work will go on for a long time.

**Cllr Knowles** has been asked has the shrubbery been cut back on the Foads Hill– it is the responsibility of Network Rail and Mr Chapman.

**Cllr Searle** advised the lollypop bollards on the slip road to the underpass will be replaced near Sevenscore roundabout by flexible chevrons.

#### **62/16-17 Public Questions – no decisions made**

Resident read a statement of abuse and bullying by residents and neighbours of Beech Grove. Anti-social behaviour has been ongoing for some time and it has been reported to the police.

Resident advised the benches are in a poor state repairs. **Cllr Hovenden** proposed she speak with the resident to establish what is needed, and to obtain quotes for the work to be done. Two benches opposite the shop and the 2 parish Council Noticeboards. Seconded **Cllr Lyon** all in favour.

#### **63/16-17 Financial Matters**

Checked by **Cllr. Blaydes & Cllr. Fiander**.

Payments proposed by **Cllr. Alexander** and seconded by **Cllr. Lyon** - all in favour, Cheques were signed by **Cllr. Alexander & Cllr. Searle**.

Mr Ratnasingham's bench was discussed - **Cllr Hovenden** confirmed she would contact him to discuss insurance issues and cost of placement. The position will need to be decided.

Chq No 663	A Stacey Wages £342.13
Chq No 664	HMRC- £81.03
Chq No 666	HMRC - £92.14
Chq No 667	A Stacey - £300.94
Chq No 668	HMRC - £75.12
Chq No 669	CVHF - £18.50
Chq No 670	A Stacey - £386.54
Chq No 671	Landscape Services £1086.64
Chq No 672	CVHF £14.50
Chq No 673	Donna Price- £280.00
Chq No 674	Sarah Hickman - £560.00

Owing to the late start of the meeting, Cllr Knowles proposed the other matters be deferred to the October meeting, seconded by Cllr Alexander. Agreed.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

Cllr Knowles advised that due to health issues she is unable to continue on the council and will have to resign from the council, Cllr Blaydes thanked Helen for all her hard work and commitment.

**64/16-17 Current Topics**

**Review of CPC Policies – not discussed**

Standing Orders

Financial Regulations

FOI Policy

Press & Media Policy

Risk Management Statement

Asset Schedule

**65/16-17 New Topics - not discussed**

**66/16-17 Clerks Report – not discussed**

**67/16-17 Correspondence - not discussed**

Meeting closed at 22.06 hrs.

Date of next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm,

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