

Cliffsend Parish Council

Financial & General Purposes Committee

Meeting held on 1st June 2017 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall

Present Cllrs, Blaydes ,Chair, Searle, Lyon, Hovenden & Tait & Small
4 members of the community

Apologies from Clerk

Amendment to be made to the minutes of 11th May 2017, to be signed on 13th July.

Meadow Committee Report

Cllr Searle has received an estimate of about £350 from Nigel Mather to rub down the picnic benches & long bench & treat with teak oil; also to re-treat the legs of the meadow sign with a suitable wood preservative. He cannot be more accurate until the job is completed as the amount of teak oil taken up by the benches, and time needed, cannot be accurately predicted. He will not be able to start work until mid-June as he has been delayed for a number of reasons. **Cllr Hovenden** suggested that we accept the estimate, with a maximum limit of £500 for the job. Proposed by **Cllr Lyon**; seconded by **Cllr Blaydes**; all in favour

Cllr Searle re-iterated that the presence of a new pavement on the North side of Cliffsend Road will require statutory alterations to the Cliffsend Road entrance (position of fence and gate) onto the footpath across the meadow. These will have to be moved back by 2 metres into the meadow, with the footpath gap on the very angled footpath line, which will require a longer, as well as deeper, fenced area with firm footing. TDC were informed of this, but have declined to insist that the developer should pay for the alterations.

Cllr Hovenden proposed that the clerk write to Millwood Homes about the necessary footpath alterations caused by their development, suggesting that they should fund the costs. Seconded **Cllr Tait**; all in agreement.

Ha-Ha and hedge update - Rob Chapman confirmed that the Ha-Ha is NOT part of the leased meadow area in a meeting with the meadow committee on 17th June 2013. **Cllr Searle** contacted a Chapman Fields resident who is part of the estate maintenance group - Cliffsend Management Ltd. The Directors of Cliffsend Management Ltd stated in an email sent on 22nd May 2017 "*The HaHa in Marjorie Chapman Meadow is not our responsibility and it was never designated as part of our original maintenance programme.*" The clerk received a response from the owner of the house adjacent to the Ha-Ha, and *confirmed that the rubbish left in the meadow was not his.*

Cllr Hovenden proposed that a letter be sent to Cliffsend Management Ltd, and ccd to Rob Chapman & Millwood Homes, stating that *any work done on the Ha-Ha is not the responsibility of the Parish Council and the council will not pay for it.* Seconded **Cllr Lyon**; all in favour.

Lease Update -Our solicitor has confirmed that our negative response to the "offer" of alternative land has been forwarded to Rob Chapman's solicitor.

Still no response from TDC about the remainder of the maintenance money held by them.

Neighbourhood Plan Working Party

Meeting held on 17th May - new chairman – **Cllr Small**. **Cllr Small** attended a TDC NP meeting on 31st May. We are drawing up a list of questions for possible consultants as our consultant withdrew & we are meeting a possible replacement tomorrow (2nd June).

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Emergency Planning Working Party Report

Printing costs Cllr Blaydes stated that both Seaward Copy Shop and TDC gave the same price for printing the draft plan for delivery to all properties in the village, so either could be used for printing. In the absence of the clerk, and Cllr Blaydes not having access to TDC print room **Cllr Blaydes** proposed that we use Seaward. Seconded **Cllr Lyon**; all in agreement.

Planning Committee Report

Cliffsend Farm Cottages Discussed the proposals for the reserved matters (landscaping). Agreed to subject an objection to the use of prickly shrubs in hedges etc. as they may damage children. The entrance gate & fencing onto the Marjorie Chapman Meadow will have to be moved due to the provision of the housing development on the North side of Cliffsend Road. This is a statutory requirement under footpath regulations. Agreed that the Parish Council will write to Millwood Homes to cover the costs of the required changes to the meadow entrance.

26 Old Hall Drive - The Parish Council discussed a complaint that the work which has been carried out is not in compliance with the plans which were approved. Agreed that the Parish Council will write to the Building Inspector about this, and cc to TDC planning.

Meeting closed 19.45