

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Members Present. -Parish Councillors Blaydes (Chairman), Searle, Lyon & Hovenden
In Attendance - 4 members of the community, Cllr Brenda Rogers & Cllr John Townend and A Jackson Clerk,

087/17-18 Welcome & Apologies

Apologies from Kent Cllr Messenger & Constantine, Tony Gander and PCSO John Litchfield.

Cllr Blaydes opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures.

088/17-18 Declarations of interest

Cllr Hovenden signed the declarations of interest book re planning app 33 Foads Lane –It was decided that as all Cllr's knew the applicant of 33 Foads Lane it would not be possible to make an independent decision. **Cllr Lyon** proposed Peter Francis-Cable be co-opted onto the council. Seconded **Cllr Searle** – 3 cllrs in favour – **Cllr Hovenden** abstained. **Cllr Francis-Cable** read his declaration of acceptance. **Cllr Lyon** proposed John Hellyer co-opted onto the council seconded **Cllr Blaydes**, **Cllr Hellyer** read his declaration of acceptance– **Cllr Blaydes** welcomed the new Cllrs.

089/17-18 Adoption of minutes of 14th December as being a true record. Amendment Re minute 086/17-18 response was unanimously agreed at 'committee' meeting. **Cllr Searle** proposed minutes be adopted, Seconded **Cllr Blaydes** – all in favour.

090/17-18 Matters arising from the above minutes.

Cllr Searle asked if there was an update on the 42 & 42A bus service – Clerk advised that KCC Cllrs are still discussing this issue. **Cllr Hovenden** advised of the impact of the withdrawal of this service on residents on the village. Severe concerns over 42 & 42a service as it is a lifeline for a lot of people in the village. Bus operates weekdays and on Saturdays to mid-afternoon and there is no service on a Sunday or Bank Holiday. Clerk to email concerns to KCC Cllrs Constantine & Messenger.

091/17-18 Reports

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

District **Cllrs Townend** and **Rogers** advised the Local Plan is going to full council 18th January 2018.

Community Warden emailed and advised that there has been a lot of fly tipping within the village. Speedwatch monitoring will take place sometime in January – Community warden will let us know.

092/17-18 Public Questions – no decisions made

Resident asked a number of questions regarding different signs around the village. **Cllr Blaydes** will speak to KCC re signs.

Resident asked what was happening at the bus shelter on the Sandwich Road - **Cllr Blaydes** confirmed that a new light column has been fitted.

Resident mentioned the layby at the Sportsman needs yellow lines.

093/17-18 Financial Matters

Payments checked Cllr Hovenden and Cllr Blaydes

Chqs signed by Cllr Searle and Cllr Lyon

Proposed Cllr Blaydes and Seconded Cllr Hovenden

Chq No 786	A Stacey £453.42 -Wages
Chq No 788	A Stacey £53.32 -Expenses
Chq No 793	HMRC £108.85
Chq No 789	A Blaydes £13.24
Chq No 790	Landscape Services, Meadow Maintenance £1062.46
Chq No 791	Donna Price – Website £40.00
Chq No 792	CRA - £300.00 - Grant
Chq No 794	HMRC – £16.71
Chq No 795	Lynn Tavener-Jones £500.00 Grant for coffee morning

Clerk advised that a grant application has been received in support of the coffee morning and all relevant documents have been seen by the clerk. **Cllr Hovenden** advised that the proposed sum of £500 is more than a year's subsidy for the hall charges? **Cllr Lyon** proposed the PC pay the grant Seconded **Cllr Hellyer**. 4 Cllr in favour – **Cllr Francis-Cable** against and **Cllr Hovenden** abstained. Cllr Francis-Cable advised that he was concerned about the amount of grant as is it more than a year of hire fees – clerk confirmed that all grant which is not used must be returned to the council. It is part of the policy. Budget – members discussed the budget for 18/19 and the precept request of £16,300 proposed **Cllr Blaydes**, seconded **Cllr Lyon** – 5 in favour – **Cllr Hellyer** abstained.

094/17-18 Current Topics

General Maintenance Person – Clerk confirmed she has had one enquiry currently. Pink paper (Closed) session to discuss at the end of meeting.

Meadow Lease – Solicitor has advised she is still chasing.

Neighbourhood Plan Working Plan Review – to February agenda, Cllr Hovenden offered to advise the new Cllrs re the neighbourhood plans.

Beacon – Clerk to advise Bruno that we want to take part. Agenda item for next month.

Salt Bins - Clerk to email the details to **Cllr Francis-Cable**. To go on February agenda.

96/17-18 No clerks report

097/17-18 Correspondence report

Clerk advised that she has received 16 emails from one resident within the village and 2 FOI's since October 2017. Avenues of dealing with residents who take up a lot of the clerk's time were discussed.

Meeting dates were booked for this coming year.

Clerk has received the contract for the coming year and advised of an increase of 3% from Landscape services – **Cllr Searle** Proposed **Cllr Lyon** Seconded all in favour.

098/17-18 Any Other Business

Cllr Lyon advised that there is a lot of rubbish by the garage on Sandwich Road left by Nemo cable contractors, **Cllr Searle** to send Nemo contact details to the clerk and clerk to write to them.

New footway in Cliffsend Road, cannot be seen as you come down Foads Hill and enter into Cliffsend Road. Clerk to contact Highways.

Cllr Francis-Cable asked for Defibrillators to be discussed at the next meeting, and also Village in Bloom.

Meeting closed at 20.55 hrs.

Date of next meeting 8th February 2018 at 7.30pm,

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