

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 6th August 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Members Present. -Parish Councillors Knowles Chair, Alexander Vice Chairman,
Searle, Fiander, Hovenden & Lyon**

**In Attendance - Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, 25 members of
the community. District Cllr JTownend & KCC Cllr Shonk**

53/15-16 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Knowles opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures. She also asked if anyone is recording the meeting to declare it. Mr Rogers confirmed he was taking an audio recording. Apologies from the PCSO and District Cllr Brenda Rogers.

54/15-16 Declarations of interest

None

**55/15-16 Adoption of minutes of 2nd July 2015 as being a true record
Proposed Cllr Fiander Seconded Cllr Alexander – four in favour**

56/15-16 Matters arising from the above minutes

Playground – TDC confirmed that it was accessible by disabled people. **Cllr Hovenden** confirmed that work was starting on 15th or 18th August.

Recording equipment to be investigated.

Cllr Knowles noted that at the last meeting the consultations were discussed.

Cllr Hovenden asked if the role of the co-option of Mr Rogers has been investigated.

Cllr Knowles advised that it was to assist the finance working party.

57/15-16 Reports

Cllr Townend advised he is sorry that Cliffsend is at siege by Operation Stack. Clearly lots of work had taken place before the decision had taken place. The district council are putting in strong objection to Manston Airport being used for operation stack. The proposed exit by Jentex is for the use of ambulances. It can be used for 3 months or 30 days, but as they didn't ask for permission initially it means they might not ask again.

Cllr Alexander re War Memorial – does everyone in the village actually want one?

The outcome of some investigations was that a memorial would be appropriate. A stone one is the preferred option, however this is costly. **Cllr Alexander** proposed a working party be formed with the 3 volunteers and members of the council. **Seconded Cllr Knowles** four in favour **Cllr Searle** and **Cllr Hovenden** against.

Cllr Searle proposed the extra fixings £60 on the picnic benches - **Seconded Cllr Knowles** all in favour.

58/15-16 Public Questions

Mrs Harrison proposed that the ex chair of Littlebourne PC come and talk to the council.

Mrs Jones – daffodils on the Hugin Green have not been attended to.

Resident asked if the benches were sorted as discussed last meeting. Not yet to be done.

Mr Nicholls asked why some councillors declared pecuniary interests do not include their home addresses. Interest in property or land must be declared. TDC retain ownership of these forms – advised to contact the Monitoring Officer.

Resident asked if we were aware of the noise from the new road. **Cllr Knowles** advised she is aware of the motorbikes using the new road as a race track. Would the use of baffles be possible - can we undertake the action taken by Minster PC. He praises the transparency of the council and asked if there was an update of the house building plans. **Cllr Searle** advised as to the responses of the NHP and possible development sites.

Resident asked should the decision be delayed following the uncertainty of future use of manston airport. **Cllr Knowles** confirmed that the airport was not taken into account when deciding housing numbers. **Cllr Shonk** advised he did not agree with the Local plan consultation or the numbers.

Resident advised that Cliffsend under siege and we should move forward and protect the village. The Neighbourhood Plan is a plan for the village.

Mrs Harrison advised the bench on the village green was purchased by a previous Chairman of the Council in memory of a previous chair and should be repaired.

59/15-16 Financial Matters

Proposed Cllr Lyon seconded Cllr Alexander all in favour

Checked by Cllr Knowles and Cllr Fiander

Chqs were signed by Cllr Alexander and Cllr Searle

Chq No 591 -A Stacey – Wages £342.13

Chq No 592- HMRC £81.03

Chq No 593 – A Stacey Expenses £55.96

Chq No 594 – Garden Services for you - £395.00

Chq No 595 – CVHF - £35.25

Chq No 596 – Commercial Services - £1065.34

Chq No 597 – Commercial Services - £282.00

60/15-16 Current Topics

Cllr Communications - Vice Chair has taken advice from Tim Howes who confirmed email addresses should be open. Group email could be set up – clerk to look into.

Clerk to invite Tim Howes to the September meeting to discuss.

Ageless Thanet Volunteer Champions – Cllr Knowles read the letter from Matthew Munson regarding his new project. If anyone is interested in becoming a champion the clerk has the contact details. Proposed to upload to the website. Clerk to invite him at to October meeting.

Risk Management Strategy – clerk has suggested a working party be created to look at this proposed **Cllr Knowles** Seconded **Cllr Alexander** – five in favour **Cllr Hovenden** against., as there had been at least three working days for members to prepare to discuss this. **Cllr Knowles** stated that the risk assessment was long and would be very boring for the public and there was too much to be covered on the agenda and limited time. Chair and Vice Chair to look at detail.

Election – 12 people have requested an election proposed date 24th September. **Cllr Knowles** advised that polling cards have been ordered to ensure everyone has an opportunity to vote.

Noticeboard keys – **Cllr Searle** has one, not aware where the other keys are. **Cllr Knowles** stated that it is a waste of the clerks time to display notices in the boards, and she asked the vice-chairman to take over this role.

61/15-16 Clerks report

Update re FWP

62/15-16 Correspondence received

None

63/15-16 Planning Applications

11 Cliff View Road - comments received by clerk who will pass to TDC

Cliffs End Farm Cottages Papers have been received by the clerk today (6/8/15) and comments are due back 4th August – Clerk to speak to TDC – Planning committee to look at plans

64/15-16- Cllr Any other business

Cllr Shonk advised that it was good to see the residents involved and the council working together.

8.37pm Business was complete, so the Chairman invited the public to ask further questions.

65/15-16 Public Questions

Discussion about Manston Lorry Parking

A resident asked if as KCC were removing some signage on the Canterbury Road West as it might be damaged should cars be removed? **Cllr Knowles** was in complete agreement.

Mr Nicholls confirmed that the road has a 7.5 tonnes limit set by KCC, which still stands. **Cllr Knowles** proposed a letter be sent to TDC, KCC & MP's Seconded **Cllr Alexander** five in favour. Chair to help Clerk write letter.

Noticeboards – can they be lowered.

Mr Rogers asked who had asked for an election. Cllr Knowles advised that due to data protection she could not read it out.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm Date of next meeting –3rd September 2015, **Clerk to the Council: Mrs Ashley Stacey, 3 Rossetti Road, Birchington CT7 9ER, Tel 01843 848473**