

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 1st June 2017 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall

Members Present. -Parish Councillors Blaydes (Chairman), Small (Vice Chairman), Lyon, Searle, Tait & Hovenden

In Attendance - 4 members of the community, District Cllr Townend and KCC Cllr Paul Messenger.

025/17-18 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Blaydes opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures. Apologies from clerk and Community Warden.

026/17-18 Declarations of interest & Co-option of new Cllr

Cllr Searle proposed Mr Barnbrook be co-opted to the Parish Council. Seconded **Cllr Lyon** - All in favour. **Cllr Barnbrook** read his declaration of acceptance.

Presentation by Vattenfall

Spokespersons for Vattenfall - Melanie Rogers & engineer Jo Chetwood.

The presentation was related to the existing windfarm, not the proposed Wind Farm extension. Vattenfall have come to the Parish Council before making final plans. They explained that there have been a number of faults on the *undersea* section of the export cables from the Thanet Windfarm since its installation. These have been carefully investigated. Both cables are to be replaced, therefore new cables will need to be installed and linked to the land-side cables in the joint pit underneath the Cliffsend car-park.

The likelihood of future repairs will be reduced if new cables (with enhanced cable technology) are used.

No further on-shore work will be needed – *except* that in the Cliffsend car-park.

Previous work (2015-6) used Balfour Beatty as contractor, but they have limited cable experience - unlike Vattenfall.

Vattenfall will ensure that future cable works are carried out successfully to a high standard.

The work will not take place before Spring / Summer 2019. Vattenfall intend to talk to TDC & KCC about these works within the next few weeks, and they will keep us updated.

Vattenfall finished at 8.05pm

027/17-18 **Adoption of minutes of 11th May 2017** as being a true record. **Cllr Lyon** proposed minutes be adopted, Seconded **Cllr Small** – all in favour.

028/17-18 Matters arising from the above minutes.

Meadow

Clerk has advised the Chair that the owner of the house adjacent to the Ha-Ha has confirmed that the rubbish left in the meadow was not his.

Clerk has sent response to solicitor regarding Mr Chapmans offer. She accepted the response and has forwarded on.

Cllr Hovenden confirmed the work on the notice board has not been completed due to the unavoidable absence of the contractor.

Cllr Searle – Advised that no further electronic copies of old PC minutes have been found so we need to complete this one off task. After discussion it was agreed that cllr Searle will retrieve the 1st bound minutes book (containing records from 2003-4) from the clerk, and then come back with an estimate of the time and cost of scanning & uploading them to the parish website.

029/17-18 Reports

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

District **Cllr Townend**

No news about the 3 large housing development applications.

County **Cllr Paul Messenger**

Cllr Messenger gave an update on Parkway Station, there is still a funding gap of £8million . Foot access from both the north and south side of the village is still to go ahead. Parking restrictions in the village – decisions not yet firm; possibly residents only parking permissions, with enforcement by TDC.

Parkway access via underpass road is being reconsidered after comments from Cliffsend.

Cllr Hovenden requested Cllr Messenger's help with the removal of "dumped rubbish from the building site" left on the KCC owned green (with the BT box on it) on the Canterbury Road West.

District /Community Warden report – unable to attend however, trying to sort out several issues with dumped vehicles. The Audi in Greystone Road has now been removed. Aware of several other abandoned vehicles. Aware of a Maserati in Cliff View Road which has only one number plate, but which is driven regularly. Speed Watch is underway in the village.

PCSO – not present clerk to chase.

Cllr Hovenden advised the grass area in Earlsmead Crescent was finally cut this morning. TDC have been chased & chased about this.

Cllr Searle reported that an Earlsmead Crescent resident had contacted her offering to cut this grass for payment.

Cllr Hovenden has received many similar calls, but explained that insurance could be a problem.

Asparagus Field housing development vehicular access is not yet agreed with TDC.

Proposed that we write to Millwood Homes re access for all development related vehicles *from now on*. They are only to access Cliffsend Road via the Sandwich Road and Meverall Avenue; and must not use Canterbury Road West, Foads Hill, Foads Lane, or Cottington Road.

Seconded cllr Tait; all in favour

Cllr Lyon – advised the visibility at the Foads Hill / Cliffsend Road junction and along Foads Hill below the level crossing is still poor.

Cllr Searle has identified & marked up the Cliffsend green spaces on maps provided by TDC. However the one referred to as Cottington Road Green is unknown; cllr Hovenden thinks it must be the Earlsmead Crescent Green (which wasn't listed), so this too was marked up & sent back to the clerk.

030/17-18 Public Questions – no decisions made

A motorbike enthusiast estimates that some motorbikes are reaching 150-180mph through the Cliffsend underpass.

Cllr Hovenden requested that he ring 101 to report it every time, and be sure to get a reference number for the complaint. She also requested that all residents do the same.

031/17-18 Financial Matters

Payments checked by Cllr Hovenden and Cllr Tait

Chqs signed Cllr Small and Cllr Lyon

Proposed Cllr Tait and Seconded Cllr Blaydes. All in favour.

Chq No 736 A Stacey £386.54 -Wages

Chq No 737 HMRC- £92.14 Tax

Chq No 738 A Stacey - £46.14 Expenses

The auditor has passed the audit; he had no particular comments to make. He asked to see various items which were all supplied.

Cllr Blaydes explained the need to minute separately the signing of sections 1 and 2.

Cllr Blaydes asked for authority to sign Section 1, Seconded **Cllr Lyon**; all in favour. **Cllr**

Blaydes signed section 1. **Cllr Blaydes** asked for authority to sign Section 2, Seconded **Cllr Lyon**; all in favour. **Cllr Blaydes** signed section 2.

032/17-18 Current Topics

Ground Maintenance Officer - Cllr Small is still compiling a list of items to be done around the village. **Cllr Hovenden** proposed forming a new Working Party between now and the next CPC meeting. Seconded **Cllr Tait**; all in favour.

Cllr Small will email all cllrs with his availabilities for an initial meeting.

Transparency Code Update /Old Minutes

As in matters arising item 028/17-18

Canterbury Road West seating area

Clerk to enquire to TDC / Highways about whether they will permit seating on the pavement at all. **Cllr Blaydes** proposed that CPC get a rough estimate of costs.

Seconded **Cllr Lyon**. 6 cllrs in favour; **Cllr Hovenden** against.

Storage for Parish Council

To be carried over to next meeting.

033/17-18 Clerks Report

None

034/17-18 Correspondence

None

035/17-18 Any other business

Cllr Lyon –Advised latest RiverOak Manston airport consultation on 16th June in the Village Hall.

Cllr Hovenden -CPC confirmed the AGM is to take place on 29th June. As our Neighbourhood Plan consultant is no longer on board we need another good discussion topic. We need to hold this meeting for the Chairman's report.

Cllr Barnbrook asked if the CPC meeting could be moved to another time / day as it clashes with the TDC meeting.

Several other cllrs explained that the Hall was just not available, and that it had only been possible to move the meeting week this year to avoid clashes with elections.

Cllr Small asked whether the request for Speedwatch volunteers had been added to the Parish website; **Cllr Searle** confirmed that it had.

Cllr Small also asked for an update about the CPC community bid request for the Sportsman pub - The clerk has designed & submitted a special form to TDC. They agreed to respond within 2 months.

Meeting closed at 9.30 hrs.

Date of next meeting 13th July 2017 at 7.30pm,

Date of Annual Parish Meeting 29th June 2017

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