

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 8th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present. -Parish Councillors Hovenden (Chairman), Searle, Rogers, Wendholt (Vice Chairman) and Turner.

In Attendance - Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, & 1 member of the community & District Councillor Gideon

110/14-15 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Hovenden opened the meeting, and explained the emergency exit procedures. There were apologies from **Cllr Ratnasingham**, representing the parish council at St Laurence church Ramsgate, **Cllr Lyon** unwell, **Cllr Shonk** and **Cllr Heale**.

111/14-15 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Turner signed for the CCPG.

112/4-15 The adoption of the minutes of 4th December 2014 as being a true record.

Proposed - by Cllr Searle **Seconded Cllr Hovenden** –All in favour
Cllr Turner, Rogers and **Wendholt** did not vote as they were not present.

113/14-15 Matters arising from the above minutes

Railway Siren – as reported last time, the volume has been reduced. **Cllr Searle** will circulate a survey to see how the neighbours are finding the new volume. She will report back next month.

Traffic Lights Canterbury Rd West – **Cllr Hovenden** contacted KCC who confirmed they have not changed, however **Cllr Searle** advised they have. The delay for the traffic into the village has been reduced, the delay for traffic leaving the village has been increased. **Cllr Hovenden** to investigate.

Fire Engines – **Cllr Hovenden** spoke to the fire station and they explained why they had used Foads Lane. **Cllr Hovenden** advised she is happy to contact the emergency services to advise them to not use Canterbury Road West and Sandwich Rd.

Playground Equipment – Have the tenders gone out? Clerk to chase.

CCPG – a response has been received and we will await them to contact us for a meeting.

Community Wardens – the consultation has closed and the proposed changes will not happen.

114/14-15 District Councillors Report, Community Warden & Cllrs Reports

F & GP report – NHP – covered below.

Finance Working party have met and the precept has to be amended to be divisible by 9. £13979, to £13,948.

District Cllr Gideon – **Cllr Gideon** advised that the Local Plan consultation opens 9th January for 6 weeks. There is a meeting in the village hall on 22nd January at 7pm.

PCSO update –hi vis in village, hi vis on Sandwich Road, and Canterbury Road West. Coffee morning attended and any issues raised and dealt with, some fraud leaflet advice given to residents re telephone and online frauds. PCP attended liase with police.

Parkway Presentation – There was a presentation in the village hall on 12th December 2014. There will be a further exhibition on 12th Feb 2015 from noon – 8pm. This is the start of a long process. There will be a questionnaire to everyone in the village re the Proposed station. The proposed site is just west of Cliffsend, near the railway bridge over Cottington Road. However, the exact position of the station and car park has to await a detailed survey and will depend on many factors.

115/14-15 Financial Matters
Proposed by Cllr Wendholt Seconded Cllr Searle
All in favour
Chqs signed by Cllr Wendholt & Cllr Searle

Chq No 550 -A Stacey – Wages £342.13
Chq No 551- HMRC £81.03
Chq No 552 – A Stacey Expenses £47.17

116/14-15 Current Topics

PCSO Surgery –14th January 2015 - **Cllr Wendholt**

28th January 2015 – **Cllr Searle**

11th February 2015 – **Cllr Lyon**

25th February 2015 - **Cllr Ratnasingham**

Cllr Hovenden reported that she attended the session before Christmas no issues were dealt with.

Scanning – Cllr Rogers advised he would try and fit it in, if he could have a look at it but he is busy until the end of the financial year.

Flowers/plants – Cllr Wendholt has investigated the use of old tyres from lorries to be used as planters, which would be minimal cost. Clerk to ask TDC if the tyres can be placed on the approach to the village. **Proposed Cllr Wendholt, Seconded Cllr Hovenden**, all in favour. Following the traffic calming plants are to be placed, by KCC Highways, near to the new traffic lights.

Preparing for emergencies- Working party to be formed to establish procedures for dealing with emergencies. Clerk, **Cllr Hovenden** , and **Cllr Turner** will come if he is available.

Community Right to Bid – areas to be discussed at February Meeting.

Traffic Calming - has been completed and was done within the allocated time. To go on the agenda to ensure it is satisfactory. **Cllr Turner** suggested that there should be more signage stating 30mph.

Neighbourhood Plan – Clerk had circulated a letter and map to councillors which is the next stage of the NHP and a grant has been applied for to undertake this survey and costs of delivery/collection. **Cllr Hovenden proposed** that following the adding of some figures that the document be distributed and collected. **Seconded Cllr Wendholt** – All in favour

Cllr Hovenden proposed that the NWP be delegated the responsibility of distribution and collection. **Seconded Cllr Wendholt** – all in favour. **Cllr Turner, Rogers, Searle, Wendholt**, and **Hovenden** confirmed their addresses can be used. Mrs Jones confirmed we could also use her address in Foads Lane.

Local Plan Public Meeting – Cllr Hovenden proposed advised that there are a number of events coming up and these need to be publicised and that the printing and distributions be financed by the CPC. All in agreement.

117/14-15 Clerk's Report - Laptop the hard drive has gone on our laptop and a replacement laptop has been offered for £450.00 and they would buy ours for £50 therefore total cost £400. Investigate further costs.

118/14-15 Correspondence received

Clerk advised a letter from Lord Lieutenant of Kent inviting a representative to attend the Civic Service on 10th March 2015. **Cllr Hovenden** will represent the Parish Council.

119/14-15 Planning Applications- 10 Scales Drive has now been withdrawn. 7 Sandwich Road, refused.

120/14-15 Any other items – no financial decisions or major decisions to be made

Cllr Turner queried the standing orders that were discussed in September regarding enquiries to go through the clerk. He highlighted that it was minuted last year. It was noted that Standing orders are reviewed in September.

Cllr Hovenden advised there is a planning conference on 27th March and she would be willing to attend. All in favour.

Cllr Hovenden advised she had spoken to the discovery park regarding the bus service. She told them to contact us so we can work together and get the bus service improved.

121/14-15 Public Questions

Mrs Jones asked if Foads Lane is still to be gritted? **Cllr Hovenden** to investigate.

Meeting closed 9.27 pm. Date of next meeting –5th February 2015,

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