

# CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

**Members Present. -Parish Councillors Blaydes, Chairman, Hovenden Vice  
Chairman, Lyon, Small & Taylor**

**In Attendance - Cllr Shonk & Cllr Townend, Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible  
Finance Officer, 2 members of the community.**

**98/16-17 Welcome & Apologies**

**Cllr Blaydes** opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures. There were apologies from District **Cllr Rogers and Searle.**

**99/16-17 Declarations of interest**

**Cllr Hovenden** signed the book for item 104/16-17.

**100/16-17 Adoption of minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016** as being a true record.

Proposed **Cllr Taylor**, Seconded **Cllr. Small** – All in favour, except for **Cllr Lyon**.  
Chairman duly signed the minutes.

**101/16-17 Matters arising from the above minutes.**

No progress on purchasing of microphones.

**102/16-17 Reports**

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

**District Cllr** – Cllr Townend advised he will be attending the Parkway exhibition.

**County Cllr** – Cllr Shonk confirmed that he had attended the parkway presentation in Maidstone. He advised that it doesn't add any value to Cliffsend. It is purely a car park which people will use park and go on the train. He urged members and residents to attend the forthcoming presentation. Cllr Shonk confirmed that budgets are continuing to be cut. Local plan consultation begins soon.

**Community Warden/PCSO** – none present, although PCSO has contacted the clerk and confirmed he will try and attend.

**Cllr Reports- Cllr Lyon** confirmed that she had seen a report where a farmer had appealed against a development because the village had already reached its housing limit.

**Cllr Blaydes** confirmed he had attended the emergency planning seminar, and made contact with officers at TDC. Also the report from the summer flooding was incorrect and he will ensure it is updated.

**Community right to bid** – Clerk gave an update – advice from ARCK was that the pub may be difficult to prove as a community asset. **Cllr Blaydes** confirmed the pub is now under offer. **Cllr Hovenden** advised that the PC could take out a loan. **Cllr Blaydes** proposed clerk write to TDC and register the pub as a community asset. Seconded **Cllr Small** – all in favour. **Cllr Hovenden** advised that some cllrs have ideas of future use.

**103/16-17 Public Questions – no decisions made**

Resident asked about Vatenfall and the route of the cable – **Cllr Blaydes** confirmed 2 landing sites have been confirmed.

**104/16-17 Financial Matters**

Cllr Hovenden proposed **Cllr Blaydes & Cllr Small & Cllr Taylor** confirmed they will be signatories on the account. Seconded **Cllr Lyon**, all in favour.

Checked by **Cllr. Blaydes & Cllr Taylor**.

Payments proposed by **Cllr. Small** and seconded by **Cllr. Taylor** - all in favour, Cheques were signed by **Cllr. Lyon & Cllr. Hovenden**.

Chq No 697	A Stacey Wages £386.54
Chq No 698	HMRC- £92.14
Chq No 699	A Stacey - £44.84
Chq No 700	P Searle £74.25
Chq No 701	Donna Price - £150.00
Chq No 702	CRA – Grant £300.00
Chq No 703	Landscape Services - £1228.00
Chq No 704	Kalc - £36.00
Chq no 705	CVHF - £10.50

#### **105/16-17 Current Topics**

**Grounds maintenance officer** – **Cllr Hovenden** proposed Cllr Taylor be Ground Maintenance contact officer, **Cllr Blaydes** seconded all in favour. Role of maintenance man will be to generally tidy up around the village – role will be five hours per fortnight. **Cllr Taylor** will investigate possible candidates.

**Transparency code requirements** – all papers of meetings must be published no later than one month after meeting and papers 3 days before a meeting.

**Cllr Hovenden** advised that she did not think it necessary that Cllr **Blaydes** print out individual documents for members. **Cllr Blaydes** confirmed that it was his funds and would spend it as he wanted. He will only claim for planning papers.

**Telephone boxes** - **Cllr Blaydes** produced report identifying the telephone box in Canterbury Road West is under threat of removal. **Cllr Small** proposed no action taken four in favour, **Cllr Lyon** abstained. She advised that she felt it was important there was a pay phone for the village.

#### **106/16-17 Clerks Report**

**Cllr Taylor & Cllr Small** will attend dynamic cllr training 7<sup>th</sup> **Cllr Blaydes** proposed costs and the travel expenses be paid, Seconded **Cllr Lyon**, All in favour.

Meadow –**Cllr Blaydes** proposed that clerk write to TDC to ask that the remaining S106 monies are transferred to the council for the maintenance. Seconded **Cllr Hovenden**. All in favour.

#### **107/16-17 Correspondence**

Clerk asked members for a response to the email from the solicitor, which was received today. Options was discussed and the offer rejected. However, members confirmed that the PC would like something from the asparagus field application. **Cllr Hovenden** proposed we pay fees requested by the freeholder's solicitor – Seconded **Cllr Blaydes** – all in favour.

Meeting closed at 20.50 hrs.

Date of next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm,

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