

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 4th February 2016 at 7.38pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance - Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, 4 members of the community.

118/15-16 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Knowles opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures.

Apologies received from Cllr Towend & Rogers. **Cllr Hovenden** confirmed she was recording the meeting.

119/15-16 Declarations of interest

None

120/15-16 Adoption of minutes of 7th January 2016 as being a true record,

Proposed Cllr Alexander , Seconded Cllr Fiander. All in favour. **Cllr Hovenden** abstained as was not present for the whole meeting.

121/15-16 Matters arising from the above minutes

There has been no response regarding the green waste costs from **Cllr Townend**.

RA have advised that they do not want to work together on a joint event but suggested the beacon be lit. **Cllr Fiander** to find out if other PC's are lighting their beacons and have appropriate risk assessments.

122/15-16 Reports

No District or County Cllrs present.

Cllr Knowles advised that a resident has contacted her regarding fly tipping that has been successfully been removed. She also advised that they had contacted KCC regarding the graffiti.

Cllr Fiander advised that she had been advised that there are some rogue roofers in the area. Information to go on the website. She also asked if we could advertise for speed watch volunteers.

Cllr Searle advised that Foads Lane is closing 8.2.16 for 3 days.

Cllr Alexander and other holders of valid parking permits using the country park have received parking charging notices.

Cllr Lyon stated that she was disappointed that **Cllr Knowles** was not present at the planning appeal for the Asparagus field. She stated she was aware that **Cllr Knowles** is in favour of the development, but we should be working to achieve the wishes of the villagers. **Cllr Lyon** confirmed she has submitted an official complaint regarding the planning officer. The planning officer recommended it for approval, before all the facts had been heard. At the original meeting in December the district cllrs were stating how good the builders were, which should not have happened. At the January planning meeting, **Cllr Townend** spoke on behalf of the PC and the vote was lost 5/7, with the chairman abstaining. One district Cllr walked out because they were disgusted. The PC received a letter from Millwood Homes stating if the PC did not approve the new planning we would not be able to do what we wanted to do in the meadow, and the planning officer told the committee to disregard it. This was incorrect information. **Cllr Lyon** proposed that the PC submit a letter of complaint. Clerk declared an interest and it was agreed that the cllrs would draft a letter and it will be signed by the Chair.

Seconded **Cllr Blaydes** all in favour. **Cllr Hovenden** confirmed that this is a Greenfield site and was the one least favoured by the village.

Cllr Hovenden proposed the clerk write to KALC re planning issues across Kent to see if other PC's are experiencing the same issues. Seconded **Cllr Alexander** all in favour.

Cllr Hovenden advised the official opening of the play park will be in Easter.

F & GP Report

Meadow Committee – Cllr Searle proposed the broken tree cage be fixed by Garden Services 4 you **Cllr Lyon** seconded and all in favour. Awaiting further quote for lease.

Proposal for contract for meadow upkeep to be signed by **Cllr Knowles**, Seconded

Cllr Lyon all in favour.

Neighbourhood Working Party – Cllr Hovenden advised work is ongoing

123/15-16 Public Questions

Resident asked about the 20mph speed limit within the village, **Cllr Hovenden** advised this has already been discussed and cannot be discussed again. Resident also advised that a pile of excavated soil has been left by the playground and the PC confirmed it is TDC's land. Road markings at in Greystones Road have worn off. Resident advised by **Cllr Knowles** to contact KCC.

Mrs Jones asked if anything has been done about the road sweeper and the mess in the bus stops. **Cllr Hovenden** confirmed it had been on Sandwich Road this week.

Clerk to contact **Cllr Shonk** re the bus stops.

124/15-16 Financial Matters

Checked by **Cllr Fiander & Cllr Blaydes**

Payments proposed by Cllr Knowles and seconded Cllr Blaydes - all in favour

Chqs were signed by Cllr Alexander and Cllr Searle

Chq No 629 A Stacey – Wages £342.13

Chq No 630 HMRC £81.03

Chq No 631 A Stacey Expenses £37.45

Chq No 632 CVHF - £10.50

125/15-16 Current Topics

HM The Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations – response from RA already discussed and **Cllr Fiander** will contact other PC's to see if they are lighting their beacons. **Cllr Lyon** suggested a picnic? **Cllr Lyon** advised that something should take place, however without support it will be impossible to organise. **Cllr Lyon** asked who would be involved – **Cllr Knowles, Alexander, Blaydes & Lyon** confirmed they would. **Cllr Knowles** confirmed it would only work if everyone took part. As all cllrs were unable to commit, **Cllr Knowles** said that the PC should investigate the lighting of the beacon but not proceed with the picnic proposal.

Parish website –Cllr Searle asked if she could put a few details on the website regarding the neighbourhood plan, as residents have been asking her for comments.

Cllr Hovenden is not keen to put the information on the website at the moment, as the information is still to be verified and we may breach the rules and agreement of our neighbourhood plan. When the plan has been published there will not be a problem.

Cllr Knowles agreed with **Cllr Hovenden**.

The Transparency Code was discussed and **Cllr Searle** will resend information. **Cllr Searle** proposed that a Parish Website working party be formed **Seconded Cllr Knowles All in favour. Clerk and Cllrs, Searle, Blaydes, Hovenden, Knowles and Alexander** to sit on the working party.

Emergency Planning – Clerk confirmed the need for a emergency planning group.

Cllr Hovenden advised the need for this group, and how important it is. **Cllr**

Hovenden proposed a working party to put together to produce a draft emergency

plan Seconded **Cllr Blaydes, Algreed. Cllr Blaydes, Knowles, Alexander and Hovenden** to sit on the WP.

Scanner Update – to be dealt with the Parish website working party

126/15-16 Clerks report

Clerk confirmed a letter from golf club was received and they would undertake repairs to the netting abutting Sandwich Road as requested in December.

Natural England are holding an event re dog walkers restrictions on the coastal path.

Posters to go in noticeboards and website.

Training is available from KALC – Planning and Chairman conference

Cllr Hovenden proposed that we pay members to attend if they want to. Seconded **Cllr Knowles** all in favour. Cllrs to contact clerk if they wish to go.

127/15-16 Correspondence

None

128/15-16 Planning Applications

21 Greystones - No objections

Cllr Blaydes will draft a letter regarding the Richborough mast and circulate to members before submitting to Dover DC.

Meeting closed 9.05pm Date of next meeting –3rd March 2016 at 7.30pm,

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