

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 9th February 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance - Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, 24 members of the
community.

108/16-17 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Blaydes opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures. There were apologies from District **Cllr Townend, KCC Cllr Shonk, District Cllr Rogers and Parish Cllr Small.**

109/16-17 Declarations of interest and new Cllr Declaration

No declarations of interest

Cllr Blaydes proposed **Mrs Tait** be co-opted onto the council, seconded **Cllr Hovenden** all in favour.

110/16-17 Presentation by KCC – Thanet Parkway

111/16-17 Adoption of minutes of 12th January 2017 as being a true record.

Proposed **Cllr Lyon** , Seconded **Cllr Taylor** – All in favour, except for **Cllr Searle Lyon and Cllr Tait** who were not present at the meeting. Chairman duly signed the minutes.

112/16-17 Matters arising from the above minutes.

Microphones – Cllr Blaydes advised that he had undertaken an assessment of the current village hall system. He proposes an amplifier and microphone would be suitable. 4 microphones would be necessary. Total cost £212. **Cllr Blaydes** proposed purchasing this and **Cllr Hovenden** seconded, all in favour.

Community Right to bid – Clerk advised that TDC are currently looking into our request to bid for The Sportsman pub. TDC did confirm that it did have to be run as a pub, but the fact that it was under offer did not matter.

113/16-17 Reports

F & GP Committee Report – as F & GP minutes – **Cllr Baydes** proposed to book committee room for the emergency planning working party and planning committee, seconded **Cllr Lyon**, all in favour.

District Cllr –None Present

County Cllr – None Present

Community Warden/PCSO – None Present

Cllr Reports- Cllr Hovenden attended TRRG – Iris Osbourne had advised that she had stood down from Speedwatch, and Andrew Nichols is in charge. Acov have CCTV in the village. They are finding it very useful and looking into letting the police use it. Clerk to contact Cllr Shonk and ask if he can arrange a meeting with Matthew Balfour, KCC. **Cllr Hovenden** to represent CPC on TRRG. **Cllr Hovenden** advised she had also attended a NHP meeting. Cllr Blaydes to represent CPC on TAC.

114/16-17 Public Questions – no decisions made

Resident asked if slow signs could be put in the village – clerk advised that when KCC Matthew Balfour attends these are the issues that he can deal with.
Resident advised that if the community right to bid didn't work last time – it needs to be progressed sooner. Clerk to speak to TDC again. 21 signatures taken in favour.
Resident advised that we should give the date to the developer so that they can attend a meeting regarding the 3 new housing development applications. **Cllr Blaydes** confirmed he was aware of the issues and the meeting will take place and be well advertised.

115/16-17 Financial Matters

Payments checked by Cllr Blaydes and Cllr Taylor

Chqs signed Cllr Lyon and Cllr Searle

Proposed Cllr Blaydes and Seconded Cllr Taylor All in favour

Clerk confirmed precept has been requested remaining same as last year £14,876 last years was £14,880

Chq No 706	A Stacey Wages £386.54
Chq No 707	HMRC- £92.14
Chq No 708	A Stacey - £54.35
Chq No 709	Brachers - £1500.00
Chq no 710	Donna Price - £150.00

116/16-17 Current Topics

Local Plan Consultation – Cllr Blaydes asked if a public meeting to the discuss the document should be held. It was decided that a planning committee meeting should be held to formulate a response. Consultation closes 18.3.17. Date to be arranged.

Grounds maintenance officer – Cllr Taylor advised he is currently following up some leads, but would like an idea of budget. Clerk confirmed £2000 is available in 17/18 budget. **Cllr Taylor** will get quotes and details of work that could achieved.

Transparency code requirements – Cllr Searle advised that she had attended training on the transparency code and website training. Herself and Donna Price have undertaken a major review of the website. **Cllr Searle** confirmed almost all the required transparency code information is now on the website. Grants are available and for ongoing support. **Cllr Searle** proposed that Donna Price carry out any necessary updates – forms for grant request to be completed, these can be backdated. **Cllr Blaydes proposed** meeting continues for another 15 mins **Seconded Cllr Lyon** all in favour.

Cllr Blaydes proposed Donna Price be employed for 5 hours for website updates next month. **Cllr Lyon** seconded, six in favour **Cllr Hovenden** abstained.

Battle of Britain 2018 – Cllr Hovenden proposed that a temporary beacon be purchased and used in the meadow. Seconded **Cllr Lyon** – all in favour. Clerk to confirm we will light one.

Cllr Blaydes proposed the meeting be extended for 15 mins, seconded **Cllr Lyon** all in favour.

117/16-17 Clerks Report None

118/16-17 Correspondence

CRA email received confirming our grant was very much appreciated and the event was well attended.

119/16-17 Cllr Hovenden confirmed Cliffsend have a new community warden.

Cllr Hovenden - Youngs Nursery – who owns the land currently holding the bus shelter, BT box, CPC bench etc. **Cllr Tait** to look into it.

Cllr Hovenden – Near the entrance to the meadow there is a dog loo bin, and drivers are damaging the ground nearby as they drive cars to positions that mean that they do not need to leave their cars to access the bins. **Cllr Hovenden** asked the Cllrs to have a look and see if they had any ideas.

Cllr Hovenden – Emails – she does not want to be included in 'reply all' emails.

Meeting closed at 21.45 hrs.

Date of next meeting 9th March 2017 at 7.30pm,

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