

## CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 13 December 2018

Present: Councillors Blaydes (Chairman), Francis-Cable, Hellyer, Lyon, and Searle

Also Present: Anne Griffiths (Clerk/RFO), Councillor Townend (TDC) and 3 residents

The meeting opened at 19.15.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Messenger (KCC), Rogers (TDC).

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were disclosed.

3. **MINUTES OF MEETING ON 8 NOVEMBER 2018**

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Councillor Searle, seconded by Councillor Hellyer, all in favour. **The Minutes were thereby approved.**

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

5. **REPORTS**

i. **MEADOW REPORT**

a. Councillor Searle reported that she had received two quotations for the annual mowing and care of the hedges for the coming year. The current contractors, Landscape Services, had quoted 2337.90 plus VAT, Countrywide Grounds had quoted 2450.00 plus VAT. Discussion ensued. Councillor Blaydes proposed accepting the quotation from Countrywide Grounds, Councillor Hellyer seconded, all in favour. **The proposal was carried.** The Council then discussed payment by standing order. Councillor Blaydes proposed such a method, Councillor Lyon seconded, all in favour. **The proposal was carried.**

b. Councillor Blaydes reminded the Council that a quotation from Rob Broadley for tree maintenance was approved at the Finance and General Purposes meeting in November. However, that quotation needed to be voted on in the main meeting and would be raised then.

c. Councillor Searle gave a report on the condition of the trees.

d. The Clerk confirmed that she had written to the couple seeking permission to plant a new memorial tree in the terms approved by the Council, but had received no reply.

## **ii. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT**

No new information was available.

## **iii. EMERGENCY WORKING PARTY**

Councillor Hellyer reported receipt of a grant for £500 from Kent County Council for the purchase of a shed to store emergency equipment.

## **iv. PLANNING REPORT**

The planning meeting immediately prior to this meeting had considered two applications:

TH/18/1564 in respect of the installation of cameras on the level crossing at Foads Lane and

TH/18/1677 in respect of 20 Chapmans Fields – and had voted to support both applications.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No matters were raised.

**The meeting closed at 19.31.**