

CLIFFSEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on Thursday 28th April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present. -Parish Councillors Knowles Chair, Alexander Vice Chairman, Searle, Fiander, Lyon, Hovenden, and Blaydes
In Attendance - Ashley Stacey, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer & 42 members of the community.

001 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Knowles opened the meeting and explained the safety procedures, and asked if anyone was recording the meeting – no one commented.

Apologies were given from Cllr Townend & County Cllr Shonk

002 Presentation by River Oak – Tony Freudmann

Background on Riveroaks's previous plans to buy the airport and the current situation. They are applying for a Development Consent Order which deals directly with government, not the Local Authority. They have to provide a comprehensive report to the government showing sustainability. There will be a consultation document which shows all infrastructure, and detailed development plans. There will be 3 open days. Final document following all consultation feedback will be submitted to planning inspectorate.

Public Questions

Will be there direct links to the local college? – *yes this will be part of the consultation document*

Consultation – could this take place in the village or nearer than Margate? *Will take this on board.*

S106 – would this be a new one – or would the existing one be used. *A new one will be drawn up, quite a lot has changed since the last one was drawn up.*

Aircraft infrastructure has been removed and what will you have to do to bring the site up to standard – *No access allowed at the moment, and don't really know what the situation is. Planning inspectorate can enforce access – but the necessary works are within the budget.*

What is the impact of the proposed Richborough radio masts? *A report has been undertaken, and it has confirmed it is a hazard. Will be objecting.*

Will light aircraft be allowed back – *Yes already in talks with them, as we are with the museum.*

Jobs. Will a proportion be for local people? - *Yes*

Will aircraft be brought in for recycling - *yes but will be out of sight.*

003 Presentation by Nemo Interconnector – Will Bridges

Background was given on the Electricity interconnector between Belgium and England. Planning permission achieved in 2013. Work has started at the old power station. Contracts awarded for converter stations and cable. Sea cable laying will start spring 2017. On-shore cable laying will start Summer 2016. Project will be completely finished and complete January 2019.

Public Questions

How deep will the cable be by the estuary? – *1m, it will be surrounded by concrete. A contamination report will take place to see if any wrecks/unexploded bombs etc. This is a huge risk to the project.*

For the past 8 years there have been a lot of road closures. Will that happen again? – *works are not going down the road. Cycle route will be diverted. It is going under the roundabout – so no need to close. Disruption will be minimal.*

Pill box by the entrance to the park is a designated structure – *yes we are aware of that and will take necessary precautions.*

Where the cable crosses roads/paths it will be on the ground will it be a lump or embankment? *Footpath will be regraded, you will see a lump but will be a graded slope of chalk – height increase will be 70cm smoothed out over 10 metres.*

Concrete base? –the cable anchor plinth will *be stationed on the southern side of the petrol station - 100 m off shore.*

What will the village get out of this? *Will not be given anything directly – maybe enhancements. Kent Wildlife Trust will receive enhancements.*

Will the cable affect the 5km runners speed? *No it will be graded not sudden ramps etc.*

Land for the concrete plinth is unstable will that be an issue? *They are aware of this and it will be secured.*

Do cables sit on the sea bed? – *they are under the surface of the sea bed 1m down.*

How are they maintained? – *constantly monitored and will notice a change in service.*

Vatenfall cable is having problems with joints are you aware of this ? *This has been taken on board and will not be replicated.*

Can cable be stolen – *troughs will be laid first., sealed and then cables pulled through.*

30 members of the public left the meeting.

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Chairman's Report

Cllr Knowles gave her report as Chairman.

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Public Questions

How much is in the bank account of CPC – Chair gave a brief update on the council tax precept and how it is calculated. £28,966 in bank account at end of financial year.

Refreshments were served

Meeting closed 20.35pm

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