

SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th June 2022 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School

Present : Cllrs Boland (in the Chair), Johnson, Matthews & Carter

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, KCC Cllr Love, and FHDC Cllr Martin

Cllr Boland opened the Meeting by thanking everyone for attending

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Curran

2 Registering declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

Cllr Boland declared an interest in planning application Y19/0257 as he had previously commented in a personal capacity

There were no other declarations of interests in items on the Agenda

3 Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th May 2022 were unanimously approved

4 Matters arising

There were no matters arising

5 Reports

KCC Cllr Love spoke about KCC's new four-year strategy 'Framing Kent's Future', and updated on Operation Brook, lorry parking issues and the roll out of ultra-fast broadband in rural areas

FHDC Cllr Martin updated on the Otterpool amended outline planning application and some of the issues involved, and updated on the Princes Parade site which has now been sold for a new leisure centre and around 150 new homes

6 Finance

a/ To receive bank balances

The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 31st May 2022 -

Community (current) account	£7302
Business Manager (savings) account	£12467

The balances were unanimously approved

b/ To approve invoices presented for payment

The following invoices were approved for payment –

G Eaton, Clerk's salary/expenses (May 2022)	£265.50
L Robbins, internal audit fee	£90.00
P Marsh, grass cutting/planting	£125.97

c/ To review the asset register

There was a general discussion regarding the need to update the asset register and the document produced by Cllr Boland to start the process. The problem of valuing land was considered, and it was agreed further research was needed but it was agreed a good start had been made

d/ FHDC Ward Member Grant scheme

There was a brief discussion about the FHDC Ward Member Grant scheme, and it was agreed an application would be made if a suitable project/s were identified

7 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Inclusion

There were no members of the public present

8 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning applications

Y19/0257 – Otterpool amended outline planning application, with all matters reserved, for a comprehensive residential led mixed use development comprising up to 8500 residential homes and community facilities

Land bounded by the M20 and Channel Tunnel to the north, the A20/Stone Street to the east, Harringe Lane to the west, and Aldington Road to the south

It was noted that the Parish Council had commented on the original application in February 2019, and after a discussion, it was agreed to raise similar objections to this amended application. Cllr Boland offered to draft a response and circulate for comment **Cllr Boland**

9 Environment Agency's proposed tree works at Mill Leese Wood

Cllr Boland reported that there had been no evidence of Environment Agency activity on site. He also confirmed that a further letter and supporting documents had been sent to the ICO, with more documents to follow. A Case Officer was still to be appointed

10 Playpark

Cllr Boland reported that he had removed a dangerous part of a broken picnic table from the playpark. He also said that the owner of a neighbouring property had reported that her garden fence was falling down and she would probably wish to gain access via the playpark to repair it. Cllr Boland kindly offered to speak with the adjoining neighbour about this to ensure that any such access did not result in damage to the playpark fence or vegetation

Cllr Boland

Cllr Johnson reported that the quarterly inspection had recently been carried out

11 Correspondence

There was no correspondence of note

12 Any Other Business

There was a brief discussion regarding land adjoining 16 Bartholomew Lane and it was agreed to add this to the next Meeting agenda

13 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on 4th July 2022 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.10 pm