

SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st November 2021 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School

Present : Cllrs Boland (in the Chair), Sadler & Russill-Roy

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, KCC Cllr Love, FHDC Cllr Treloar, and one member of the public

Cllr Boland opened the Meeting by thanking everyone for attending and welcomed the member of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Carter, Matthews & Johnson

2 Registering declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interests in items on the Agenda

3 Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th October 2021 were unanimously approved

4 Matters arising

There were no matters arising of note

5 Reports

KCC Cllr Love spoke about the extension of the 30-mph speed limit into School Road including new signs, and updated on the Public Inquiry into the road closure in Princes Parade

FHDC Cllr Treloar updated on the installation of new electric car charging points in car parks across the District, the rebate for users of the garden waste collection service which had been temporarily paused, and the consultation on changes to the Local Plan

6 Finance

a/ To receive bank balances

The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 30th September 2021 –

	£
Community (current) account	11497.89
Business Manager (savings) account	12465.23

The balances were unanimously approved

b/ To approve invoices presented for payment

The following invoices were approved for payment –

	£
F Boland, hall hire reimbursement	25.00
Royal British Legion, donation	50.00
The Salvation Army, donation	50.00
G Eaton, Clerk's salary/expenses	257.29
G Marsh, gardening services	100.00

C/ To consider making donations

The following donations were unanimously agreed –

Royal British Legion - £50.00 and The Salvation Army - £50.00

7 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Inclusion

There was a general discussion with Mr. Matthew Curran, who was interested in serving on the Parish Council. Mr. Curran outlined his background, his strong links with the Parish and set out what he hoped he would bring to the Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr. Curran onto the Council at the December 2021 Meeting

8 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning applications

21/2024 – construction of new unit on land east of the existing dwelling
Station House, Sandling Road, CT21 4HG

It was unanimously agreed to support the application but to request two conditions be applied - that replacement trees be planted, and that the new unit should remain ancillary to the main residence and could not be sold as a separate dwelling

21/1859 – works to trees situated within a conservation area comprising: reduction to a height of 3-4 metres of one Sycamore and fell one Sweet Chestnut, followed by the planting of a new tree

Bennington, Rectory Lane, CT21 4QA

There were no objections to this application

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

There was nil of note to report

10 Playpark

It was noted that the goal posts had been pulled out of the ground despite having been recently reinstated. Cllr Johnson would be asked to follow this up with Safeplay **Cllr Johnson**

FHDC Cllr Treloar reminded the Meeting that the District Councillor's Ward Grant funding might be available to contribute to the cost of repairs if the appropriate application was made and was successful

11 Inspection of Parish Council owned trees

There was nil of note to report

12 Telephone Box/Defibrillator

Cllr Boland reported that the defibrillator and cabinet would be installed in the phone box imminently

13 Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Boland summarised the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday and was thanked for his efforts in organising this and for completing the paperwork FHDC required

14 Correspondence

Email from FHDC offering a free salt bag – a bag had been requested for the salt bin on Blackhouse Hill, opposite Bassett Close

Email from Highways re temporary closure of Blackhouse Hill on 15th November for one day

Various emails concerning Heane Wood and problems with bark beetles were discussed. It was agreed to keep a watching brief

15 Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss

16 Date of next Meetings

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meetings would be held on 6th December 2021 and 10th January 2022 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 7.50 pm