

# **SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E Primary School**

**Present** : Cllrs Boland (in the Chair), Matthews, Curran, Iacob & Williams

**In attendance** : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council

### **1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Carter, KCC Cllr Love and FHDC Cllr Jones

### **2 Registering declarations of interest in items on the Agenda**

There were no declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

### **3 Minutes of the last Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were unanimously approved

### **4 Co-option onto the Council**

After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Susan Williams onto the Council. Cllr Williams thanked the Cllrs and joined the Meeting. Clerk to advise FHDC

**Clerk**

### **5 Matters arising**

Cllr Matthews reported that he had arranged for the vandalised table tennis tables to be removed from the playpark

It was generally agreed that the Remembrance Sunday event went well

### **6 KCC & FHDC Cllr reports**

KCC Cllr Love's written report was read by Cllr Boland – he had advised Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Neil Baker, that the Council would like a site meeting regarding the proposed 20mph speed limit in Sandling Road. The parking difficulties on Highfield Road and the poor quality of the footway between the Village and Sandling Station, were both under investigation

## **7 Finance**

### a/ To receive bank balances

The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Community (current) account	£20870
Business Manager (savings) account	£12645

The balances were approved

### b/ To approve invoices presented for payment

The following invoices were approved for payment –

	£
G Eaton, Clerk's salary/expenses (Oct & Nov 2023)	571.70
Saltwood C/E School, hall hire	50.00
Safeplay, play park inspection	58.20
Royal British Legion, donation	60.00
Salvation Army, donation	60.00
Commercial Services, grounds maintenance	330.90

### c/ Banking arrangements

There was a general discussion regarding difficulties with the bank and the possibility of moving to Unity Trust Bank. Cllr Boland kindly offered to look into possible options **Cllr Boland**

## **8 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Inclusion**

There were no members of the public present

## **9 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence of note

## **10 Planning & Enforcement**

### New planning applications

**23/1564** – variation of condition 2 of planning permission Y18/0811 to allow for the addition of solar panels

**31A Grange Road, CT21 4QS**

There were no objections to this application

**23/1652** – double storey rear extension with doors to garden, additional access door to side of property. Gable ends with glazing to second floor  
**Moors Lea, Castle Road, CT21 4QZ**

There were no objections to this application – comment to be submitted if no neighbour objections

### **11 Update on Mill Leese**

Cllr Boland reported that there was no activity on site and that a decision was still awaited from the Court regarding his appeal concerning the failure of the Information Commissioner's Office to carry out its responsibilities regarding the outstanding Freedom of Information request

### **12 Update on the management of trees**

Cllr Boland reported that the Cherry trees which would be planted to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee had been delivered. A quote for £100 to dig the holes for the trees was accepted

An updated quote for tree work in the playpark was considered. The quote for the removal of ivy and various tree works including the removal of two Ash trees for £1200 was accepted, and all agreed the work should now proceed

### **13 Update on proposals for a 20mph speed limit in Sandling Road**

Cllr Boland confirmed that his letter to Cllr Baker, KCC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, regarding the 20mph speed limit in Sandling Road had elicited a very disappointing response focusing on speed and crash data and dubious arguments. Cllr Boland to follow this up with Cllr Baker

**Cllr Boland**

### **14 Any Other Business**

There was a discussion regarding a Christmas Tree on the Green and the challenge of finding suitable tree lights. Cllr Boland kindly offered to continue to look for suitable lights

**Cllr Boland**

Cllr Boland reported he had attended a Network Rail stakeholder event regarding the proposed closure of ticket offices

### **15 Date of next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E Primary School

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 7.30 pm