

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SALTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY 03 DECEMBER 2018 AT 6.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. N. Matthews (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Miss L. Sadler, Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice, Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware and Hythe Ward Member Cllr. D. Owen.

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr. N. Matthews (Vice-Chairman).

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**131.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr/. D. Kenyon- Vaughan, Cllr. D. Sercombe and Cllr. J. Stevens.

**132.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**133.MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 05 NOVEMBER 2018:**

The Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on the 05 November 2018 having been circulated were taken as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice and seconded by Cllr. Miss L. Sadler.

**134.MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 05 NOVEMBER 2018: -**

**Village Green Parking** - Proposals submitted regarding parking around the Village Green deferred until the next meeting.

**135.REPORT** – District Councillor’s Report – Cllr. D. Owen reported that the Folkestone & Hythe District Council (F&HD) was changing the way in which it provides emergency accommodation for rough sleepers. All Councils are required to have a Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP). Central Government advice that SWEP should be introduced if extreme weather is predicted on three consecutive nights and this has been the F&HD policy as well. For this winter the threshold will be reduced from 3 nights to one night and will come into force when the Housing Option team make a daily weather forecast check at 11.00 a.m. SWEP allows for the Council to provide overnight accommodation to those who want it during severe weather.

The F&HDC support the Rainbow Centre with £20,000 of which £10,000 was for the Folkestone Church Winter Shelter. It also supports Porchlight, a local homeless charity to the amount of £40,000 which funds a Rough Sleeping Outreach Worker. The District Council has also set aside £15,000 for the new Multi-Agency Rough Sleep Service which brings together local support groups like mental health services, alcohol and drug support services, Rainbow Centre and Porchlight.

The District Council has been asking residents for their views about how to use Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) to help control the intimidating behaviour arising from excessive drinking and drugs in a public place. This also includes begging and chugging. There is an Order already in place covering Folkestone and part of Sandgate and following concerns expressed by residents and business the Council is planning to introduce further PSPO’s across the District.

**136.ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION:**

Mr. D. Carrera thanked Councillors for their work in respect of planning application Y18/0444/SH which was appreciated.

Former St. John Ambulance Headquarters, New Road, Saltwood.

A local resident, the owner of the former St. John Ambulance Headquarters in New Road, addressed the meeting explaining the planning history of the building and the present use of the building which was

Other planning business (contd).

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currently D1 planning permission for commercial use. He wished to know peoples' thoughts on which direction we should take this property with the community in mind. He handed out copies of a document he had prepared for Neighbours and Saltwood Parish Council which covered matters he had spoken about including previous comments on planning applications for residential use of the building and how it was proposed resolve them.

### **137.PLANNING (a) Planning applications:**

**Y18/1320/FH** – The Lads Club, Rectory Lane, Saltwood. Erection of single storey extensions and installation of ramped access. **Saltwood Parish Council support** in principle the proposed extension to the Lads Club, but feel they have to object as it is considered that the proposed ramp is too near the Ginkgo tree and construction of the ramp would damage the roots of this tree. Could the ramp be moved? closer to the building?

**Y18/1441/FH** - 28 Grange Road, Saltwood – Erection of a two-storey extension following the removal of the existing single storey side extension. **Support**

**Y18/1432/FH** – 1 Tanners Close, Hythe. Works to trees subject of Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2003 comprising: Holm Oak – rolling consent to crown reduce back to previous reduction points once every four years for a maximum of twelve years; Holly – reduce by approximately 4 metres; group of three Sycamores Sycamore trees subject to any comments of the District Council's Tree Manager and confirmation that all works will be carried out by a qualified Tree Surgeon due to past unsympathetic works carried out on trees in this area.

### **(b) Other planning matters –**

**Y18/0444/SH** – Pennings and Juniper Cottage, School Road, Saltwood.

It was reported that in reply to the Parish Council's email of the 13 November 2018 to Kent Highways and Transportation regarding the Parish Council's concerns about the proposed parking for this planning application, they had said that any concerns the Parish Council may have about parking should be directed to the Folkestone & Hythe District Council.

The following additional comments on the amended planning application relating to the provision of 12 parking spaces had been circulated to Parish Councillors and agreed before forwarding to the Folkestone & Hythe District Council on the 26 November 2018: -

Saltwood Parish Council write in relation to the above amended application relating to the provision of 12 parking spaces, resulting loss of two trees and setting back of the building. The residents of School Road, and further afield, are very concerned about the safety of all road users – drivers and pedestrians – resulting from this over intensive application. It is clear from the objections that we have been copied in to and also those that are available on the Folkestone & Hythe District Council (F&HDC) planning site that there is absolutely no support for this application – other than the applicant themselves. We therefore find ourselves writing to you once again to urge to you reconsider this application and consider the real concerns of the local residents over the ambitions of the developer.

The consequence of resident/visitor car parking spill onto School Road has not been considered by either Kent Highways who only looked at layout and size of onsite parking or F&HDC who relied solely on Kent Highways response quoting directly from the Kent Design Guide Review (note 3) for onsite parking. At the previous Planning Committee meeting, Councillors quite rightly asked for an increase of onsite parking to 12 places as the proposed 8 spaces was clearly inadequate. However, neither authority has considered the effect offsite parking spillage and the safety issues to pedestrians and other road users. We ask if a full safety assessment can be undertaken before the application is considered again.

Other planning matters (contd.)

School Road remains a leafy pleasant road with the majority of properties set back from the road with driveways providing limited parking but attractive parking. This car park that the developer is proposing will completely change the character of the road and is simply not acceptable. Whilst we appreciate that 12 spaces are better than the initial application from a safety point of view, we still do not feel that this application has been well planned from the outset to consider the local amenity. The extra spaces will prevent some offsite parking but this comes at a cost to the street scene. The only solution we can see is to either reject the application entirely or require less units and therefore less parking and a more characteristic development for the village.

The neighbouring residents have also raised concerns about the site lines of the development and we would expect these issues to be resolved before the Planning Committee is able to consider the application.

### **138.FINANCE:**

#### **(a) To receive balances at 03 December 2018 –**

HSBC – Community Account £500.00

HSBC – Business Account £17,900.25

Nat. Savings Investments £993.99

#### **(b) Accounts presented for payment –**

100260 – Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice -reimbursement for purchase  
of Christmas lights £71.91 (incl. VAT £11.91)

100261 - Mr. G. Marsh – Village Green – mowing during  
October & November 2018. 9 Hrs. @ £10.00 per hr. £90.00

100262 - Royal British Legion BL Poppy appeal £50.00

100263 - Saltwood Parish Council – Hire of room for  
meeting on 03 December 2018. £12.00

100264 - Safeplay Playground Services – Play Park  
inspection November 2018. £42.00 (incl. VAT £7.00)

Following a proposal by Cllr. L. Sadler and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. S Ware the above payments were agreed.

### **139.SANDLING ROAD/BROCKHILL ROAD/SCHOOL ROAD JUNCTION – Road Safety**

Cllr. Mrs. Ware spoke on the emails she had received regarding a child who had nearly been hit by a car when crossing the road at the School Road/Brockhill Road junction. Copies of the emails from the child's parents, the Head Teacher of Saltwood Primary School and Kent Highways had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. It has been suggested a simple kerb build out at this junction would make a difference and the Parish Council supported this suggestion together with including "No parking" at this junction.

### **140.CHILDEN'S PLAY PARK:**

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice, seconded by Cllr. Miss L. Sadler it was agreed to have the repairs required to the Junior MPU Timber Unit carried out by Safeplay Playground Services Ltd. at a cost of £130.00.

Ground Maintenance – The Clerk reported that the quotation for ground maintenance for the Play Park during 2019 had been received and was considerable higher than last year. Landscape Services had explained that as costs continue to rise it had been necessary to fully review all of their current charges. The process had highlighted that many of the contracts were below cost and were simply not sustainable.

Children's Play Park- Ground maintenance (contd.)

Last year's quotation was £667.83 plus VAT for grass cutting with a ride on mower on 16 occasions, including back up strimming around obstacles and field perimeter. For 2019 this has been split into two quotations - £412.57 plus VAT for triple mowing the children's playing field on 16 occasions and £550.09 plus VAT to trim round obstacles and field perimeter on 16 occasions. As it is necessary to have the grass cut and back up strimming round obstacles and field perimeter carried out the total cost for next year would be £962.66 plus VAT. It was agreed that the Clerk speak to Landscape Services to see if they would consider reviewing our costs for 2019 and also obtain two further quotations.

Cllr. R. Love – KCC Ward Member arrived.

#### **141.COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

**School Road** – Cllr. Love reported that he had spoken to Kent Highways Officer regarding what could be done at the Tanners Hill/School Road junction to encourage drivers to slow down and observe the 20mph speed limit. It had been suggested some form of verge sign such as a "Village Gate" on the verge at the junction of School Road with Castle Road and Tanners Hill would draw drivers' attention to the 20mph speed limit. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. Love would go back to Kent Highways for a design.

**Kent Household Waste Recycling Centres (KHWR)** – KCC had consulted members of the public, service users and other interested parties on a proposal to charge for disposal of non-household waste at KHWR Centres such as soil, rubble, hardcore and plaster board. Even if these materials come from a domestic property payment for disposal will be required. DIY household waste such as kitchen units, non-ceramic sinks and baths and doors will continue to be deposited at Household Waste Recycling Centres free of charge.

**Bus Time tables** – waiting for Stagecoach to comment on problems with revised bus timetables.

**Sandling Road/ Brockhill Road/School Road Junction** – Cllr. Mrs. Ware explained the situation in relation to this road junction and referred to correspondence received. Cllr. Love said that if Cllr. Mrs. Ware forwarded the correspondence onto to him he would take the matter up with Kent Highways.

#### **142.ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

KALC Website Launched – The new website had been launched and access to the site remains unchanged – [www.kentalc.gov.uk](http://www.kentalc.gov.uk). New passwords for access to the Members section to be issued.

#### **143.DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 07 January 2019 at 6.30 p.m.