

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SALTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY, 03 July 2017 AT 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. D. Kenyon-Vaughan (Chairman), Cllr. N. Matthews (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr. J. Stevens and Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware.

Cllr. A. Ewart-James – District Councillor for Hythe Ward

2017/

90. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Miss L. Sadler and Cllr.

Mrs. L. Spice.

Apologies were also received from Cllr. R. Love (KCC Member for Cheriton, and Hythe East)

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. D. Kenyon-Vaughan declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No.7 – Planning application Y17/074/SH – Old Dairy Cottage, The Green, Saltwood as he was known to the applicant.

92. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 03 JULY 2017:

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 03 July 2017 having been circulated were taken as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Stevens and seconded by Cllr. N. Matthews.

93. MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 03 JULY 2017.

Otterpool Park – The Chairman reported that details of the matters discussed at the public engagement sessions held between 22 and 24 June were now available on the Otterpool Park website. These matters included the concept masterplan and indicative illustration for first phases.

Vacancy on Parish Council – Notice to fill vacancy by co-option of Councillor for Saltwood Parish Council had been posted on Notice Board and website. Closing date for applications was the 18 July 2017.

94. REPORTS: District Councillor's Report – Cllr. A. Ewart-James spoke on Homelessness and the changes to be made from April 2018 in providing temporary accommodation for the homeless in Shepway. He also reminded Councillors that at 9.00 a.m on Sunday, 09 July the tall ships crewed by children from Shepway and Boulogne Schools would be at Folkestone's Harbour Arm.

95. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION:

Village Flagpole – On behalf of the Saltwood Village Society (SVS), Mr. C. Hygate reported that at the last SVS committee it had been agreed to re-open discussion on providing a permanent flag pole either on the Village Green or at the Village Hall. It was not intended to fly a flag everyday but on special occasions such as St. George's Day and in 2018 to mark the centenary of the end of WW1. The Chairman of the Royal Society of St. George was in favour and it was understood that the Rector was also very much in favour of a flagpole either at the Village Hall or on the Village Green. Funding was not an issue and Saltwood Scout Group had volunteered to raise and take down the flag when required. Mr. Hygate pointed out that although the erection of a flagpole had been part of the planning application submitted in 2012 for works proposed for the Village Hall, the Robert Thompson Charities (RTC) had refused for various reasons to have a flagpole erected. He asked if the Parish Council would support the Saltwood Village Society's request to RTC to reconsider their decision to turn down the last request made by them for the erection of a flagpole at the Village Hall in the light of the above-mentioned support. Cllr. J. Stevens, one of the two Councillors who represent Saltwood Parish Council as Trustees of the RTC, in reply to Mr. Hygate said that reconsidering permitting the flagpole to be erected at the Village Hall would be on the agenda for the next meeting of the RTC Trustees

96. PLANNING: (a) Planning applications

Y17/0704/SH – Old Dairy Cottage, The Green. Saltwood. Rolling consent to crown reduce an ash tree situated within a Conservation Area, initially by a maximum of 0.75 metres beyond previous pruning points, and thereafter crown reduce back to new pruning points, to be undertaken once every two years for a maximum of ten years. No objection subject to any comments of the Shepway D.C. Tree Manager.

97. FINANCE:

(a) To receive balances at 03 July 2017

HSBC – Community Account	£500.00
HSBC – Business Account	£14,268.00
Nat. Savings Investments-	£989.31

(b) Accounts presented for payment –

100198 Affinity Water – Fountain, Village Green	£17.49
100199 Paul Thompson Tree Surgery & Fencing – Land adj. 16 Bartholomew Lane – Tree work, brush cut and trim whole area of 5ft. brambles and spray/weed site.	£920.00
100200 Saltwood Primary School – Hire of room for meeting on 03 July 2017.	£12.00
100202 Clerk's Salary for April/May/June 2017	£680.36
100203 M. G. Marsh – Mowing Village Green 07, 28, 30 June 2017 - 3.5 hours @ £10.00	£37.50

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

98. BROCKHILL PARK PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE – “BrockFest” –

(a) Proposed celebration of school and community to be held on 21 July 2017.

Cllr. D. Kenyon-Vaugh, Cllr. J. Stevens and the Clerk agreed to attend.

(b) Dog Walkers straying onto College playing fields.

Letter had been received from the Principal, Mrs. S. Schwartz requesting two matters she would like the Parish Council to bring to the notice of local residents. Firstly, as on the 22 June Brockhill lambs had been attacked in the country park the public needed to be reminded it was important for dogs to be kept on leads as per the signs on the Country Park. Secondly, staff at Brockhill had on more than one occasion had to confront dog walkers straying onto the playing fields. The public footpath on Brockhill land runs adjacent to the hedge alongside the sports hall and dog walkers are expected to remain on the footpaths indicated and not cross the College's fields that are in effect teaching spaces.

Mrs. Schwartz had written that she was aware of the fact that these incidents may have had nothing to do with local inhabitants, but it was important that everyone should be reminded that the playing fields at Brockhill are not public land. She had also pointed out that Brockhill Performing Arts College would endeavour to be and remain a good neighbour and address issues as they arise and to the best of their abilities.

It was agreed to arrange for article to be posted on the Community Group website.

99. VILLAGE GREEN:

(a) Painting Village Sign and Notice Board:

Following a proposal by Cllr. D. Kenyon-Vaughan and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware it was agreed to accept the quotation from Sprinks & Sons in the sum of £1430.00 which included additional repairs required to the Notice Board as well as painting.

(b) Fountain – Further inspection to be carried out now that the height of the hedge had been reduced.

(c) New Bench – Councillors wished their thanks to be conveyed to Mrs. J. Mather for providing the bench that had been erected around the smaller Horse chestnut tree. At present the legs of the bench rested on bricks and it was agreed to arrange for safer supports to be provided.

100. CHILDREN’S PLAY PARK:

The Clerk reported that the annual inspection of the Play Park equipment would be carried out by RoSPA during July and that inspection prices would be the same as last year – Annual inspection £66.50 plus VAT and any extra items over five per site £3.50 plus VAT per additional item.

101. CORRESPONDENCE:

E-mail dated 29 June 2017 from Mr C. Lofting of Kent Highways informing the Parish Council he had been appointed Steward for our area. It was agreed to invite Mr. Lofting to attend either the September or October 2017 Parish Council meeting.

E-mail from Castle Green WI. requesting to have a link from the Parish Council website to the new Castle Green WI website. All Councillors were in agreement to the Castle Green WI’s request.

102. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday,04 September 2017 at 6.30 p.m.

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