

SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING

Held via Zoom on

MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2020 at 1830

PRESENT:

Cllr. N. Matthews (Chairman), Cllr. L. Johnson, Cllr. N. Meurice, Cllr. M. Carter, Cllr. F. Boland, Cllr N Russill-Roy, Cllr. L. Sadler.

KCC Cllr. R. Love

Locum Clerk: C. Skinner

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Whybrow and Cllr Martin.

WELCOME

Cllr Matthews declared the meeting open at 1835.

He then welcomed all to the meeting and introduced newly co-opted councillors Nicola Russill-Roy and Michael xxx.

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. N. Meurice declared a voluntary personal interest under Planning. Application 20/0260/FH, 26 Grange Road, Saltwood.

The next two items were taken out of order

11.0 TELEPHONE BOX/VILLAGE GREEN

BT have tried for a second time to remove the phone box and initiated a consultation to allow options for future use to be considered. It is possible to request continued use as a call box but usage may mean that this cannot be justified. Another option under consideration is to adopt the box and re-purpose it to house a public access defibrillator. Cllr. Boland is looking into various options and costings, an initial enquiry made to Community Heartbeat Trust indicates a cost of £3.5K and £4K over a ten-year period. Cllr Boland will follow up and give a report at the next meeting. If it is felt that a public call box is still needed, Cllr. Love offered his support to the council although he acknowledged that re-purposing the box is also a good idea.

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6.0 REPORTS

Cllr. Rory Love KCC: Due to time restraints, Cllr Love gave a brief overview of KCC matters and will offer a full report at the next meeting of this council. There will be a full meeting of KCC on Thursday 10th September and this will include an in-year budget discussion. The impact of Covid-19 has resulted in a considerable financial deficit for KCC requiring an interim budget.

KCC activity has generally been scaled down over recent months, however, if members have any questions, Cllr Love asked them to contact him directly. Cllr Love is still progressing the traffic issues on School Road and Tanners Hill, possible options include flashing speed signs and a speed bump. Cllr Love will discuss this further when he meets KCC Highways Officers.

Cllr. Lesley Whybrow FHDC:

Cllr Whybrow sent apologies as he was unable to attend this meeting but an email containing the District Councillor Cllr Jim Martin's report has been circulated separately to councillors.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. Minutes of a remote meeting held on 6th July were **resolved** to be a true and accurate record. Proposed: Cllr. Johnson, seconded: Cllr. Boland.
- b. Minutes of a remote extraordinary meeting held on 22nd July were **resolved** to be a true and accurate record. Proposed: Cllr. Sadler, seconded: Cllr. Boland.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr. Matthews confirmed that the plaque will be replaced on the bench by the post box

5.0 FINANCE

To be deferred to a separate meeting as insufficient information is available at present. An extraordinary meeting will be called to consider the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR), and the Year End Accounts approval.

7.0 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

8.0 PLANNING

It was **resolved** that there are no objections in respect of the following planning applications:

- a. 20/1058/FH 3 Victoria Place – rear extension.
- b. 20/0260/FH 26 Grange Road – section 73 application in respect of a change to condition 2 of Y17/1509/SH.

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9.0 LAND ADJACENT TO 16 BARTHOLOMEW LANE, SALTWOOD

Cllr. Matthews reported that Harmers have sprayed this area in July but weeds are returning now. Remedial work is required to the fence on the southern boundary. The parish council has engaged a solicitor and they are progressing an attempt to claim this land so that it falls under parish council ownership. Progress has slowed recently, once the fence is repaired further contact with legal advisors can take place.

10.0 WEBSITE

Cllr. Sadler has been working on the Hugo Fox parish council's hosted template and has also considered domain name options: *.gov.uk* is considerably more expensive than a *.org* domain.

It was therefore **resolved** that the *.org* domain name should be progressed.

Cllr. Matthews thanked Cllr. Sadler for her work on this.

11.0 TELEPHONE BOX, VILLAGE GREEN

Covered above.

12.0 OTTERPOOL PARK

The FHDC project co-ordinator has invited parish councils to nominate one representative to participate in a workshop session on 15th September. Cllr. Matthews should receive a briefing not prior to the meeting which will be circulated to councillors so that any questions can be raised by the delegate.

It was **resolved** that Cllr. Boland will attend on behalf of Saltwood Parish Council.

13.0 OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY – No decisions can be taken on items not in the agenda.

- Cllr. Johnson commented that signage for the play park and creation of a new logo were progressing well.
- Neighbourhood Watch signage may need removing, councillors were unsure if the scheme is still running.
- Double Yellow lines at The Green – are these still being considered?
- Could the bus stop pull-in be enlarged? To be considered at a future meeting.
- Are KCC Members able to make grants on highways projects? To be considered at a future meeting.

14.0 NEXT MEETING

Monday 5th October 2020 at 1830, via Zoom.

15.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1935.

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