

# **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SALTWOOD VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 07 MARCH 2016 AT 6.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. D. Kenyon-Vaughn (Chairman), Cllr. N. Matthews (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice, Cllr. J. Stevens, Miss. L. Sadler and Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware.

In attendance – Cllr. D. Owen – Hythe Ward Member/

2016/

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received and approved from Cllr. A. Ling. and Cllr. Miss S. Carey (KCC Member Elham Valley and Ward Member Shepway District Council)
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 04 JANUARY 2016:**  
The Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 04 January 2016 having been circulated were taken as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. N. Matthews and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 04 JANUARY 2016:** No matters raised.
5. **MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSED FOR 01 FEBRUARY 2016:**  
No meeting held as there were insufficient Councillors present to form a quorum. However, an informal discussion took place about the forthcoming Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations between representatives from the following village organisation who had been in attendance:- Saltwood Village Society, Saltwood Badminton Club, Saltwood Scouts, Castle Green WI, Saltwood Primary School, Saltwood Stores and the Saltwood Club.
6. **REPORTS – (a) County Councillor's report** – The following written report received from Cllr. Miss S. Carey – “KCC had agreed its budget and the rise of 1.99% for all services and the 2% rise specifically for social care which is now over 50% of Kent County Council's expenditure. Central Government grants to local government continue to fall and are expected to cease by 2020 so we still need to make substantial savings. I will give you all more details when I next see you.”  
  
**(b) District Councillor's Report** – Cllr. D. Owen.  
Cllr. Owen reported that –  
**Lorry Park** - Shepway District Council had strongly supported Stanford West. The District Council's full response to Highways England consultation is reported on the SDC website.  
**Swimming Pool**- For legal reasons The Green as the site for the new swimming pool had been rejected. This had been a SDC Cabinet decision. Princes Parade was now being looked at as a possible site.  
**SDC budget** increased by 1.99% - the maximum allowed without a costly referendum, but following more cost savings being achieved, no frontline services would be cut.  
**Hythe Ward Plan** – projects being supported - Land Train in Hythe, new gull proof bins for Princes Parade, Community orchard on Eaton Lands including a Bee Hotel.  
Cllr. Owen concluded his report by saying that further consultation to be held shortly on future Ward Plan projects and hoped Saltwood Parish Council would be submitting a request for funding for a project that would benefit the village. Ward Budget for 2016 for each District Councillor to be £1500.00.
7. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION:**  
Mr. D. Carrera asked where the bee hive would be sited and the safety aspect for children and dogs. Cllr. Owen pointed out that it was not a bee hive as such but constructed from a pile of bamboo and would be sited in woodland south of the allotments on Eaton Lands.

## 8. FINANCE:

### (a) To receive balances at 07 March 2016 –

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| HSBC – Community Account | £500.00                                |
| HSBC – Business Account  | £10,128.00                             |
| Nat. Savings Investments | £983.42 (includes interest 2015 £7.32) |

### (b) Accounts presented for payment –

STO - Robert Thompson Charities - Hire of Committee Room on 04.01.2016 £12.00

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No new accounts presented for payment.

(c) **Purchase of new computer** - Towards compliance with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities, Parish Councils had to have their own computer. Grants up to £350.00 towards the purchase of a computer were available from Government Funding which NALC was administering. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice, seconded by Cllr. J. Stevens it was agreed that the Clerk apply to NALC for a grant towards a computer and that Cllr. N. Matthews and Cllr Miss Sadler be delegated to purchase the computer.

## 9. PLANNING – (a) Planning applications –

Y15/1312/SH – 62 Brockhill Road, Hythe. Erection of boundary fence following demolition of garage. **No objection** to the proposed works subject to the provision of a visibility splay plan as requested of KCC Highways.

### (b) Other Planning Matters-

**Training Opportunities – Planning and Development** – E-mail from SDC re briefing entitled Planning for Town and Parish Council to be held at the Civic Centre on Tuesday 12 April 2016 – two sessions 14.00 to 17.00 hrs and 18.00 to 2100 hrs.

**Town and Planning Council Planning User Group** – Minutes of meeting held on the 12 January 2016 had been circulated to Members.

## 10. PROPOSED PERMANENT LORRY PARK, STANDFORD:

As agreed at the January 2016 meeting the Chairman drafted the Parish Council's response to Highways England and after circulating to Members for their comments the following response was submitted:- "Saltwood Parish Council do not support any of the options that you propose in your December 2015 "Managing freight vehicles through Kent" consultation document. We do not believe that the options suggested provide an appropriate solution to the problem. Of course we understand that occasionally there is a problem that requires addressing, however the 32 days of Operation Stack last summer was unprecedented and was brought about by industrial action in France, compounded by migrant incursions.

In particular we do not believe that the provision of additional lorry parking sites, wherever they may be situated, is the correct attempted solution.

We would urge you to consider alternatives such as better management of Operation Stack by the more efficient use of modern tracking and ticketing/priority technology.

£250 million is a vast sum to waste on tarmacing the countryside so near to an "ANOB" and seems doubly foolish given the current concerns about flooding. So Saltwood Parish Council urge you to think again."

## 11. QUEEN'S 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

The Clerk reported that at a meeting of Village Organisations held on the 15 February 2016 it had been confirmed that the celebrations would be held on Sunday, 12 June 2016. Castle Green WI would hold a Tea Party at the Lads Club possibly from 3.00 p.m. to 4.30p.m. supported by Saltwood Village Society. Saltwood Scouts to organise suitable activities for the children within their grounds. Saltwood Church had expressed an interest in taking part in the celebrations and was looking at an early evening song with suitable music. It had been decided not to hold an evening event. A Saltwood Village Picnic at either the Children's Play Park or at the School grounds had been suggested from possibly 12.30 p.m. The Saltwood Village Society wished to plant a suitable tree on the Village Green to celebrate the occasion. Early advertising of the celebrations by posters

stating “Save the Date -Saltwood Celebrations” had also been agreed. Activities to take place on the Village Green were also planned.

Following discussion on the proposals Members agreed to organise the Saltwood Village Picnic at the Children’s Play Park and Cllr. Mrs. Spice agreed to design the suggested “Save the Date” poster. The Parish Council would also arrange for the road closing order required for the Village Green. Regarding Saltwood Village Society’s request to plant a tree on the Village Green it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Spice, seconded by Cllr. J. Stevens and agreed that the Parish Council were happy for a tree to be planted on the Village Green by the Saltwood Village Society to celebrate the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**12. SCHOOL ROAD – Community Speedwatch Volunteers:**

Cllr. Mrs. Spice reported that a few more trained up volunteers were needed before we start implementing the scheme. To try and attract more volunteers it was agreed that Cllr. Mrs. Spice would send out a short ‘press release’.

**13. TREES IN THE VILLAGE COMPETITION 2016:**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would enter this year’s Trees in the Village Competition organised by the Kent Men of the Trees.

**14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:**

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday, 09 May 2016 commence at 6.30 p.m and to be followed at 7.45 p.m by the Annual Parish Meeting. Both meetings to be held in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE:**

E-mails reported and noted at meeting - .

18.02.2016 - KALC Lower Thames crossing route consultation.

19.02.2016 - KALC – re. KCC Trading Standards and Citizens Advice Service.

25.02.2016 - KALC – HGV’s update.

29.02.2016 -KALC – re. online petition to Parliament giving TC/PC’s right to appeal planning decisions to Planning Inspectorate

07.03.2016 - KALC – Parish News for February and March 2016.

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26.02.2016 – Kent Police – re. installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition – In reply Kent Police were informed that Saltwood Parish Council supported the installation of an ANPR camera in Hythe. plus the following comments – (a) An ANPR camera would be beneficial should one be a victim of crime and (b) With current lorry park issues etc. would be interested to know whether an ANPR would be able to identify lorry plates, in particular non-UK plates.

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Children’s Play Park** – Cllr. Mrs. Spice reported that as additional funding will be available shortly the final phase of improvements to the Children’s Play Park could be completed. She would like Children’s Play Park to be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 04 April 2016 at 6.30 p.m.**

Signed ..... (Chairman) 04 April 2016.