

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SALTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY, 03 JUNE 2019 AT 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. N. Matthews, Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice, Cllr. J. Stevens, Cllr. F. Boland and Cllr. Mrs. L. Johnson.

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65. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received and accepted from Cllr. Miss L. Sadler.

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- None

67. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13 MAY 2019:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13 May 2019 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. J. Stevens.

68. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13 MAY 2019.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor- The Clerk reported that to fill the vacancy for Parish Councillor by co-option had been advertised. Closing date for applications was the 12 June 2019.

69. REPORTS – County Councillor's Report - Cllr. R. Love reported that (a) Ann Allen, MBE had been appointed the new County Council Chairman and Graham Gibbons the new Vice-Chairman of the County Council, (b) KCC were facing a considerable shortfall in the cost of looking after unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, due to government under funding. More funding may be available. (c) School Road – on going discussions being held with various Kent Highways Officers.

70. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION: No matters raised

71. OTTEPOOL PARK –Planning application Y19/0257/FH

Following reports from Councillors who had attended the Exhibitions held and the special meeting of the five Parish Councils affected by the planning application, it was proposed by Cllr. L. Spice, seconded by Cllr. J. Stevens and agreed that Saltwood Parish Council would object to the planning application for Otterpool Park. A copy of Saltwood Parish Council's comments submitted to the Folkestone & Hythe District Council on the planning application are attached to these minutes.

72. PLANNING (a) Planning applications

Y19/0403/FH – Brockhill Park Performing Arts College, Sandling Road, Saltwood.

Section 73 application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission Y15/0608/SH (Erection of a single-storey building to replace existing temporary buildings housing fitness suite and changing facilities) to allow alterations to design, scale and materials of proposed building. – **No objection.**

(b) Other planning matters –

Y19/0272/FH - Hillcroft, School Road, Hythe – Section 73 Application for variation to conditions 2 and 9 of planning permission Y15/0514/SH (Erection of a detached two storey Dwelling) to enable an increase in ridge height, additional fenestration, revisions to the ground floor layout and finished materials. As the Parish Council had previously objected to the latest submission Y19/0272/FH an update was requested. It was reported the District Council planning application web pages showed Officers had so far not taken any action.

73. FINANCE:

(a) To receive balances at 03 June 2019 –

HSBC – Community Account £500.00

HSBC – Business Account £20, 346.74

Nat. Savings Investments £1001.20

(b) Accounts presented for payment –

100279 - Mr. W. Kempson – plants for War Memorial £55.00

100280 - Salwood C.E. Primary School- hire of room on the 03 June 2019 £12.00

100281 - Folkestone & Hythe District Council – 2019 Elections fees £92.45

100282 - Mr. G. Marsh – Village Green - mowing April/May 2019 £150.00

Following proposal by Cllr. J. Stevens and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Johnson the above payments was agreed.

(c) To approve Income and Expenditure or 2018/2019 –

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice and seconded by Cllr. J. Stevens the Income and Expenditure for 2018/2019 was approved.

(d) To approve annual Governance Statement for 2018/2019 –

The Annual Governance Statement for 2018/2019 was approved following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Johnson.

(e) To approve Accounting Statement for 2018/2019 –

Following proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Johnson the Accounting Statement for 2018/2019 was approved.

(f) Insurance 2019/2020.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Stevens, seconded by Cllr. F. Boland and agreed to re-new the Parish Council's Local Council Insurance policy with BHIB Ltd. for 2019/2020. The cost for 2019/2020 being £1,183.77, an increase of £42.70 on the cost for 2018/2019.

- 74. VILLAGE GREEN – Benches** –Following a proposal by Cllr. J. Stevens, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice it was agreed (a) to) Remove the broken bench by the large horse chestnut tree and the bench by the Post Box and provide two new benches and (b) Repair and paint the bench at the junction of Cylinder Road with Sanding Road.

- 75. SALTWOOD HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENTS** - It was agreed to submit a report to Kent Highways explaining the highway problems around Saltwood Village and suggesting ways, they could be resolved. The report will be published on Saltwood Parish Council website.

76. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Parish Council Face Book page – Cllr. Mrs. Johnson's offer to take over the management of Saltwood Parish Council's Face Book page was accepted.

- 77. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 01 July 2019 at 6.30 p.m.

Signed (Chairman) 01 July 2019

AGENDA ITEM NO. 71

SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO FOLKESTON & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL ON OTTERPOOL PARK – PLANNING APPLICATION Y19/0257/FH

Firstly, given the magnitude of the Outline Planning Application the Parish Council considers the time allowed for response to be inadequate.

Saltwood Parish Council has serious concerns over the delivery of the Otterpool Park development. We find it impossible to reach a decision on the viability of the development as the outline planning application provides little to no detail regarding the vital infrastructure and services required to accommodate a development of this size.

You will be aware of our previous comments in relation to the lack of clarity on the provision of major services and amenities such as schools, healthcare, shops and leisure facilities that will be required to serve the influx of residents that a development this size will create. As the closest town to Otterpool, Hythe will take the strain and our already busy schools, dentists, doctors and other public services will not be able to cope with the extra residents without forward planning. We can only realistically consider an application whereby it is evident that these provisions are being put in place in phase 1 of the build to ensure that no extra pressure is put on the surrounding towns and villages. It is not acceptable to commence the building of residential dwellings without the services and amenities being provided at the same time.

Whilst Hythe would welcome a boost in 'visitor numbers' to their High Street our road network, particularly London Road and most importantly Saltwood Village and Sandling Road, will be unable to cope with the new residents wishing to shop in Hythe. Traffic flow concerns have only been considered within the environs of Otterpool. Saltwood has highways safety issues already such as speeding through the village and traffic using it as a rat run, rather than taking the main London Road and this will only get worse with the Otterpool Park development. As a Parish Council we are already taking steps to try to remedy some of the highways issues we face but we would like to know what provision has been put in place to ensure the correct

signposting from the M20 and Otterpool Park area to prevent traffic from compounding the issues we already face?

There is only enough water for the first 1500 houses. As the development grows a pipeline is required to overcome the shortage. Where the pipeline's water is obtained is unclear. Given that we live in an area of 'Water Stress' and that there are also new builds elsewhere, the security of water supply to the existing communities is inconclusive.

These concerns cannot be put aside to be considered in further applications. The applicant must be able to demonstrate viability of the scheme from the outset. As a result of the lack of clarity on the above points Saltwood Parish Council strongly objects to the Otterpool Park planning application.

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