

# **SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E Primary School**

**Present** : Cllrs Boland (in the Chair), Matthews, Carter, Curran & Iacob

**In attendance** : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, KCC Cllr Love, and FHDC Cllr Jones

### **1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Williams and FHDC Cllr Holgate

### **2 Registering declarations of interest in items on the Agenda**

There were no declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

### **3 Minutes of the last Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were unanimously approved

### **4 Matters arising**

Cllr Boland reported that he will take the Standing Orders and recent Minutes to Metro Bank as required to open the new accounts

**Cllr Boland**

### **5 KCC & FHDC Cllr reports**

KCC Cllr Love reported that the KCC budget for 2024/2025 had now been set resulting in an overall 4.99% increase in Council Tax. Rory also reported that some highway improvement works, including new signage, would take place in Sandling Road. Rory was also still involved in discussions about parking restrictions in Highfield Close

FHDC Cllr Jones spoke about various climate initiatives the Council was involved with and reported that EV charging points were being installed on residential streets. Anita also reported on the new solar farm proposed for Otterpool Park

## **6 Finance**

### **a/ To receive bank balances**

The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Community (current) account	£19858
Business Manager (savings) account	£12706

### **b/ To approve invoices presented for payment**

The following invoices were approved for payment –

	<b>£</b>
G Eaton, Clerk's salary/expenses (Feb 2024)	285.85
Saltwood C/E School, hall hire	25.00
Chivers Plumbing, fountain repair	217.70
HMRC Clerk's tax (Sept 2023- Jan 2024)	307.00
Safeplay, playpark inspection	62.40
T Marsh, grass cutting	80.00

## **7 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Inclusion**

There were no members of the public present

## **8 Correspondence**

Email received from Friends of Saltwood School requesting a donation to purchase further equipment for the School. Agreed reply to be sent asking for further information about the costs of specific items

**Clerk**

## **9 Planning & Enforcement**

**24/0093** – proposed ground floor side extension  
**15 Grange Road, CT21 4QS**

There were no objections to this application

## **10 Update on Mill Leese**

Cllr Boland reported that his appeal against the decision of the Information Commissioner had been denied, but that he would now make a 2<sup>nd</sup> tier appeal

**Cllr Boland**

## **11 Update on the management of trees**

There was nil of note to report

## **12 Nomination of additional Trustee to Robert Thompson Charities**

It was noted that as Cllr Carter had resigned as a Trustee there was a vacancy to which the Parish Council could appoint. Cllr Boland undertook to seek an interested parishioner who could be nominated

**Cllr Boland**

## **13 Update on proposals for a 20mph speed limit in Sandling Road**

Cllr Boland referred to the recently revised HIP (Highways Improvement Plan), circulated by email, and there followed a general discussion. It was noted that the 20mph speed limit was not approved by KCC although additional signage would be installed. To be considered further at the March 2024 Meeting

## **14 Update of the water fountain**

Cllr Carter reported that the water fountain had now been repaired

An £80 'thank you' gift was agreed for the resident who managed to turn off the fountain stop cock

## **15 Any Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss

## **16 Date of next Meetings**

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meetings would be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> April and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E Primary School

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.00 pm