

# **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2016 AT SALTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

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

In attendance – Cllr. Malcolm Dearden – Hythe Ward Member.

**2016**

- 141. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware and Cllr. A. Ling.  
Apologies were also received from Cllr. Miss S. Carey (KCC-Elham Valley).

**142. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**143. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 07 NOVEMBER 2016**

The Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 07 November 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.

**144. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 07 NOVEMBER 2016.** No matters raised.

**145. REPORTS –**

- (b) District Councillor's Report:** In his report Cllr. M. Dearden drew attention to the following matters – Flyposting – Shepway D.C. to have a new Flyposting Protocol to reduce the amount of flyposting in the district.

Council Tax Reduction scheme proposals for 2017/2018 - scheme had been subject to consultation and has to be approved by the 31 January 2017.

Princes Parade – been put back to February 2017. Cabinet awaiting report.

Hythe Swimming Pool – it was anticipated that the pool would be re-opened on the 03 January 2017 but depends on removal of scaffolding.

Philbeach House, Tanners Hill, Hythe – Outline application for 84 extra Care Flats to be considered by the Planning and Licensing Committee on the 20 December 2016.

Sandling Road from Brockhill School to entrance to approximately Sandling Station - vegetation clearance and siding to reclaim footpath completed.

**146. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION:**

The Chairman closed the meeting so that local residents could express their concerns that the proposed conversion of the former St. John Ambulance Headquarters would have on their properties. The main concerns were overlooking of neighbouring properties and loss of privacy in to gardens and windows of houses in Victoria Terrace.

The meeting was re-opened.

**147. PLANNING – (a) Planning applications –**

**Y16/1104/SH** – St. John Ambulance Headquarters – New Road, Saltwood. Change of use and conversion of former St. John Ambulance Station to a 3-bed dwelling and a self-contained live/work studio. Object – (a) inappropriate development of the site and (b) overlooking of existing properties and detrimental to their amenity.

## **148. FINANCE:**

### **(a) To receive balances at 12 December 2016 -**

HSBC – Community Account	£500.00
HSBC – Business Account	£12,118.05
Nat. Savings Investments	£983.42

### **(b) Accounts presented for payment --**

100167 Safeplay Playground Services – Play equipment Inspection.	£25.00 plus VAT £5.00
100168 Affinity Water – Water supply to Fountain, Village Green – June to November 2016	£17.11
100169 Mr. G. Marsh – Village Greening - mowing October/November 2016	£55.00
100170 Saltwood Primary School – hire of room for Parish Council meeting on 12 December 2016	£12.00

Following a proposal by Cllr. N. Matthews and seconded by Cllr. Miss L. Sadler the above payments were agreed.

## **149. CHILDRENS' PLAY PARK:**

- (a) **Update on repairs to equipment** - Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice reported that having been informed by Playdale Playgrounds that the warranty on the Boogie Tower had expired and that the cost for repairing the equipment, which also included fixing a loose Tram Track pole, would be £250.00 plus VAT, she had contacted Playdale Playgrounds Ltd. about the proposed costs. In reply they had reduced delivery and installation charges to £195.00 plus VAT to cover re-concreting the loose pole. The work on the scramble net ground anchor of the Boogie Tower will be carried out at the same time as concreting the loose pole and there would be no charge for this work. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice and seconded by Cllr. N. Matthews, it was agreed to accept Playdale Playgrounds Ltd. revised quotation for £195.00 for re-concreting the loose pole
- (b) **Cutting back of trees and shrubs** – Following proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice, seconded by Cllr. Miss L. Sadler it was agreed to accept quotation received from Paul Thompson Tree Surgery and Fencing in the sum of £445.00 for works to trees and shrubs in the Children's Play Park.
- (c) **Gang mowing works 2017** - Following a proposal by Cllr. J. Stevens, seconded by Cllr. Miss L. Sadler it was agreed to accept the quotation from Landscape Services of £648.38 plus VAT to carry out grass cutting of the Play Park on 16 occasions, including back up strimming around obstacles and field perimeter during 2017. This was an increase of £12.72 on the quotation for 2016.

## **150. OTTERPOOL PARK:**

The Chairman reported e-mail dated 15 November 2016 from Cllr. David Monk, Leader of Shepway District Council (SDC) confirming that the Government had announced their support for SDC's Expression of Interest in creating Otterpool Park – A Garden Town for the Future. Shepway DC would receive £750,000 to help develop the plans. Residents in the parishes of Lympe, Postling, Saltwood, Sellindge and Stanford had been sent letters explaining that SDC were planning to hold consultation events in the area in December. He also reminded Members of the public engagement events on Otterpool Park to be held on the 08, 09 and 10 December. (SDC e-mail dated 22 November 2016 which had been forwarded to Members on the 29 November.)

## **151. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **Letters and e-mails received and noted**

**Volunteer Support Wardens Scheme** – Letter dated 18 November 2016 from KALC and KCC re. scheme to enhance the Kent Community Wardens by the provision of Volunteer Support Wardens.

Other correspondence (cond.)

**BT Public Payphone Removals Community Consultation** – E-mail dated 18 November 2016 from Shepway District Council re. BT proposal to remove 25 public payphones in Shepway.

**Regulation 18 Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) England. Notification of preparation of the Kent Minerals and Waste Sites Plans and “Call for Sites”** – Letter dated 2 December 2016 from Kent County Council.

**RoSPA Playsafety Playground Inspection Training Courses** – dates for 2017 –E-mail dated 08 December 2016 from RoSPA Playsafety Ltd.

**152. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Village Green – Seat** – Letter from Mrs. J. Mather regarding erecting a seat around the smallest Chestnut tree on the Village Green in remembrance of her late husband. Agenda item for next meeting.

**153. DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:**

Monday, 09 January 2017 - 6.30 p.m Saltwood Primary School.

..... (Chairman) 09 January 2017