

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SALTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY, 04 DECEMBER at 6.30 p.m.

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

Cllr. R. Love – KCC Ward Member

Cllr. M. Dearden – Hythe Ward Member

144. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received and accepted for Cllr. N. Mathews and Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware.

145. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr. D. Kenyon-Vaughan and Cllr. J. Stevens declared a personal interest in planning application Y17/1303/SH Saltwood Village Hall as they represented Saltwood Parish Council on the committee of the Robert Thompson Charities who were the applicants.

Cllr. D. Kenyon-Vaughan also declared a personal interest in planning application Y171395/SH St. Peter & St. Paul Church as he was known to Mr. R. George, the applicants architect.

146. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 06 NOVEMBER 2017:

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 06 November 2017 having been circulated were taken as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr. Mr. L. Spice and seconded by Cllr. J. Stevens.

147. MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 06 NOVEMBER 2017:

Village Green - Tree lighting –The lights having been fixed to the smaller of the horse chestnut trees it was suggested that additional lighting was also required around the Notice Board area of the Village Green. Following a proposal by Cllr. Miss L. Sadler, seconded by Cllr. J. Stevens it was agreed to purchase additional lights to decorate the Notice Board and one of the small trees.

148. REPORTS:

County Councillor's Report –Cllr. Love reported that work on the new M20 junction 10A would commence early in 2018 and that Southern Railway was considering new franchise in 2018.

Recycling and waste – waste recycled last quarter had been 49.5% and waste converted to energy 49.4%.

Ash Trees - Cllr. Love gave an update on the Ash Dieback outbreak and the work KCC had been carrying since the first Kent cases were confirmed in 2012. The Ash Project, managed by the Kent Downs AONB Unit, had recently launched its own website - theashproject.com.

Bus services – KCC were looking at developing a “Click and Ride” taxi share scheme in Rural Areas alongside community minibuses. Meetings were being held with a number of taxi operators in the county.

District Councillor's Report – Cllr. M. Dearden reported on the following matters –

(a) KCC grant opportunity for groups and charities working with young people and their families in Shepway. Non-profit making organisations can apply for grants to deliver activities to reduce childhood obesity by promoting a healthy eight and positive self-image. Projects using existing indoor or outdoor community facilities. Supporting family resilience and reduction in young peoples' misuse of alcohol and substances.

(b) The revised Electoral register had been published on 01 December 2017. The annual canvass achieved a 94.15% response rate and a total electorate of 82801. Hythe Ward including Saltwood is the largest ward with 9158 electors with Hythe Rural War having 4830 electors.

District Councillor's Report (contd.)

(c) Otterpool– Charter for Otterpool Park including comments on Charter available on SDC website. Includes Saltwood Parish Council's comments which have been noted. Reference will be made to providing community facilities at the earliest opportunity. Three quarters of the land in control of SDC and Cozumel Estates. Homes and Communities Agency was well advanced in discussions regarding its role as a delivering partner. The Master Planning well underway with the submission of an outline planning application scheduled for Spring 2018. Application had been made for a £281 million grant for a range of physical infrastructure including education, transport and utilities.

(d) Aldi had submitted a planning application for new store on the Kenwood Estate, Dymchurch Road, Hythe.

(e) Housing – there were 3367 Council Houses of which 3340 paid social rent of £87.49 average over 50 weeks and 27 affordable rent at £124.83 average.

(f) Lorry Park – Department of Transport had withdrawn plans for a lorry park at Stanford West. Highways Engineers will now develop plans for a permanent solution, including a lorry park. Consultation to take place in 2018 followed by planning application in 2019. In the interim a movable steel barrier to be built on M20.

(g) SDC has contributed £20,000 towards improvements at Sandwich Station for the Open Golf Championships at Royal St. Georges in 2020. This was with other District and Borough Councils. The last time the Championships were held at Sandwich the Littlestone golf course was used as a practice ground.

(h) Cabinet had approved (i) Opportunities Quarter progress report. (ii) General Fund Budget Monitoring, (iii) Update of General Fund Med Term Capital Programme and Capital Budget Monitoring Report, 2nd Quarter 2017/2018. (iv) Budget Strategy. (v) Fees and Charges for 2018/2019. (vi) Proposal to purchase a property to use as temporary accommodation as an alternative to expensive and less suitable Bed and Breakfast accommodation.

(i) Ward Budget 2017/2018 - Cllr. Dearden had £1866 of his Ward Budget available to spend on Hythe Ward projects.

(k) Hythe Swimming Pool – Presently leaking 37000 litres of water daily and closed for two weeks to see if problems can be resolved. Leaking had improved following new lining but still leaking an unacceptable amount of water. It had been suggested that lessons to improve swimming techniques should be available, that an underwater camera was required to give lessons in underwater camera work and inflatables provided for fun time.

It had been agreed to look at the suggestions but it had been pointed out that the primary concern at the present time was maintenance. Also raised had been the temperature of the water and officers had confirmed this would be checked.

149. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION: No adjournment.

150. PLANNING: (a) Planning applications

Y17/1303/SH – Saltwood Village Hall, Rectory Lane, Saltwood. Replacement roof tiles to roof slopes facing Grange Road. No objection.

Y17/1395/SH – St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Rectory Lane, Saltwood. Enclosure of south porch with glass infill panes and doors to form draft lobby. Support.

Y17/1416/SH – St. John Ambulance Headquarters, New Road, Saltwood. Change of use and conversion of former St. John Ambulance Headquarters to a 2-bedroom dwelling together with the conversion of the front garage building, including first floor extension to amenity/deck area (resubmission of Y16/1104/SH). The Parish Council maintain their objections submitted in respect of previous application Y16/1104/SH also apply to application Y17/1416/SH as it seems that not much had changed since the last application.

Y17/1514/SH and Y 17/1529/SH – Saltwood House, Rectory Lane, Saltwood. Planning and Listed building consent for the removal of two existing flat rooflights to the southwest wing mansard roof and reinstatement of two dormer windows. No objection.

(b) Other planning matters – None

151. FINANCE:

(a) To receive balances at 04 December 2017

HSBC – Community Account £500.00

HSBC – Business Account £16,289.48

Nat. Savings Investments-	£989.31
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(b) Accounts presented for payment –

100216 - Reimbursement to Mrs. L. Spice for

purchase of Christmas lights £60.52

100217 - Saltwood Primary School – Hire of

room for meeting on 04 December 2017. £12.00

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

152. OTTERPOOL PARK:

Following consultation on the draft Charter for Otterpool Park revisions have been made to the Charter. Saltwood Parish Council's comments on the Charter have been noted and can be viewed along with all the other revisions on the Shepway website. Reference will be made in the Charter to provide community facilities at the earliest opportunity.

153. LORRY PARK AT J11 M20:

The Chairman reported that information had been received from the Kent Association of Local Councils that on the 15 November 2017 the Government had announced that it was not defending the judicial review of the lorry park that was planned at Stanford West.

154. VILLAGE GREEN:

New Bench – It was reported that Mr. Matthew Whitehead had been unable to quote for providing suitable support for the bench legs as he was unable to take on any additional work at the present time. Further quotations to be obtained.

155. CHILDREN'S PLAY PARK:

Grass cutting 2018 – Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice and seconded by Cllr. J. Stevens it was agreed to accept the quotation from Landscape Services in the sum of £667.83 plus VAT for grass cutting with a ride on mower on 16 occasions, including back up strimming around obstacles and field perimeter. This was an increase of £19.45 on quotation for 2017.

156. CORRESPONDENCE:

E-mails reported from –

KALC - Help Kent Fire and Rescue Service – consultation.

KALC - Kent Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Policing Survey.

KALC - KCC Volunteer Support Warden Scheme.

KALC - Community Awards Scheme 2018 – closing date for submission 26.01.2018.

KALC - KCC Consultation – Gypsy & Traveller Site Allocation Policy.

157. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 08 January 2018 at 6.30 p.m.

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