

# **SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 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 Holgate  
(part of the Meeting only)

### **1 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 were unanimously approved

### **4 Matters arising**

Cllr Boland reported that he had attended his first Meeting of the Robert Thompson Charities as one of the Parish Council nominated Trustees

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

KCC Cllr Love updated on work within his Education and Skills portfolio and confirmed no Kent schools had been closed as a result of the RAAC (reinforced aerated autoclaved concrete) surveys and were all open for face-to-face learning. There was also a discussion regarding the pot hole crisis and bus timetable revisions

### **6 Finance**

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

The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

Community (current) account	£15572
Business Manager (savings) account	£12604

The balances were approved

b/ To approve invoices presented for payment

The following invoices were approved for payment –	£
G Eaton, Clerk's salary/expenses July & August 2023	561.00
P Marsh, grass cutting	225.00
KALC, annual subs	421.44
Playsafety, play park inspection	123.60
Commercial Services, grounds maintenance	330.90
Castle Water, water for fountain	40.48
Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax	84.97

c/ Internal Audit Report

There was a general discussion about the internal audit report 2022/2023 and the report was noted

**7 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Inclusion**

There were no members of the public present

**8 Correspondence**

Email re temporary closure of Sandy Lane on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Email re temporary closure of Sandling Road from 21<sup>st</sup> October to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Email from Southeastern Railways re proposed closure of ticket offices

**9 Planning & Enforcement**

New planning application

**23/1233** – two storey outbuilding with occupied attic space ancillary to the main building  
**Willow Wood, Sandling Road, Sandling CT21 4HG**

There were no objections to the application but it should be conditioned the building cannot be sold as a separate dwelling

Decided planning application

Decision notification letter received re 21/2258 – erection of two detached dwellings and a detached 4 bay carport together with widening works and provision of a turning area to The Coppice, The Pleasance, Sandling Road CT21 4QJ. The decision is approved with conditions

### **10 Update on Mill Leese**

Cllr Boland reported that he was still waiting for the Court to reach a decision on his appeal concerning the failure of the Information Commissioner's Office to carry out its responsibilities regarding the previously outstanding Freedom of Information request relating to Mill Leese

### **11 Proposed cycle path to Sandling Station**

There was a discussion regarding the suggestion to create a cycle path to Sandling Station. The road is in a poor condition in many places and the pavements are often very narrow or non-existent, resulting in the road being very dangerous for pedestrians, including school children. Creating a cycle path would mean narrowing the road still further, which would compound these problems. Given this the Parish Council is unable to support the idea of a cycle path

### **12 Any Other Business**

Cllr Boland gave an update on the recent meeting of the Otterpool working group

Cllr Carter reported that FHDC had undertaken to fix the damaged litter bin in Sanding Road

### **13 Date of next Meetings**

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meetings would be held on 16<sup>th</sup> October and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E Primary School

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.00 pm