

SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School

Present : Cllrs Boland (in the Chair), Johnson, Matthews, Carter, Sadler & Curran

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, FHDC Cllr Whybrow, and one member of the public

A Minute's Silence was observed to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II on 8th Sept 2022

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from KCC Cllr Love

2 Registering declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

Cllrs Matthews & Carter declared an interest in planning application 22/1569

3 Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th July 2022 were unanimously approved

4 Matters arising

There were no matters arising of note

5 Reports

FHDC Cllr Whybrow spoke about FHDC's recent cost of living summit and updated on the Otterpool proposals

6 Finance

a/ To receive bank balances

The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 31st August 2022 (Sept statements not received)

Community (current) account	£5565
Business Manager (savings) account	£12470

The balances were unanimously approved

b/ To approve invoices presented for payment

The following invoices was approved for payment –

G Eaton, Clerk's salary/expenses (Sept 2022)	£265.50
P Marsh, grass cutting on the Village Green	£120.00

7 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Inclusion

There was a general discussion regarding planning application 21/2258 and the applicant outlined the changes he had made to his original application

8 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning applications

22/1059 – garage conversion into habitable space to include internal alterations and new doors and windows. Two parking spaces including retaining structure. Erection of garden shed
15 Grange Road, CT21 4QS

It was noted that this application had already been refused

22/1223 – erection of single storey rear glazed extension
The Old Stables, 32 Grange Road, CT21 4QS

It was noted that this application had already been approved with conditions

21/2258 – re-consultation following the submission of additional details or a change in circumstances – amendments to dwelling, alterations to the coppice, revised tree report, revised reptile mitigation strategy
The Pleasance, Sandling Road, CT21 4QJ

Whilst the Council acknowledged the smaller sizes of the proposed homes and the creation of a turning area for larger vehicles, the original concerns about access via New Road and erosion of green space remained. The Council objects to the application for these reasons

22/1569 – works to trees in a Conservation Area comprising the removal of hedge with the root system from the Grange Road and the Rectory Lane sides
Saltwood Village Hall, Rectory Lane, CT21 4PZ

The Parish Council objects to this application. The removal of the hedges would have a negative visual impact on the area and would adversely affect wildlife. The Parish Council would like to see the hedges cut back/trimmed and thereafter properly maintained rather than removed

9 Proposed Base Station upgrade at the Orchard end of Rectory Lane, CT21 4QA

The email outlining the proposed Base Station upgrade was discussed – there were no comments or objections to the upgrade

10 Environment Agency's proposed tree works at Mill Leese Wood

Cllr Boland reported that the Environment Agency are on site and some minor tree works have taken place. It was noted that a reply to the FOI requests were still awaited from the ICO

11 Playpark

Cllr Johnson reported that the damaged swing had been repaired

It was agreed that the planned tree works in the playpark should be deferred for 12 months

12 Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Boland reported that he had applied to FHDC for an event to be held on Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2022, and kindly offered to contact the various organisations and individuals inviting them to take part in the event and to organise proceedings as last year

Cllr Boland

13 Follow up on late Queen's Platinum Jubilee

It was confirmed that the Council and the Village Society both wished to plant trees, probably cherry trees, on the Village Green to mark the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Cllr Curran kindly offered to circulate tree details

Cllr Curran

14 Land adjoining 15 Bartholomew Lane

Cllr Matthews outlined the recent quote he had received from Harmers for the proposed works to the land adjoining 15 Bartholomew Lane. It was agreed to have the vegetation cut back and the area sprayed. After that to consider laying a barrier to prevent further growth

Cllr Matthews

15 Correspondence

Email from FHDC re 6-month rule for by-elections

Email from FHDC re ongoing support for Ukrainians

Emails re Otterpool Park update

Email from parishioner about fencing adjoining the playpark

16 Any Other Business

There was a general discussion regarding having some decorative lighting on the Village Green at Christmas. Cllr Boland kindly offered to look at what options were available

Cllr Boland

17 Date of next Meetings

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meetings would be held on 7th November 2022 and 5th December 2022 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.20 pm