

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SALTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL ON MONDAY 06 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 6.30 p.m.

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

In attendance – Cllr. D. Owen - Hythe Ward Member

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

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr. D. Kenyon-Vaughan, Cllr. N. Matthews, Cllr. A. Ling, Cllr. Miss N. Sadler and Cllr. J. Stevens declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No.20 planning application Y16/1360/SH as the applicant, Mrs. L. Spice, was a member of Saltwood Parish Council.

Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice declared a personal interest in planning application Y16/1360/SH as she was the applicant. Although Mrs. Spice remained in the room she took no part in discussion or voting on the application.

16. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 09 JANUARY 2016:

The Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 09 January 2017 having been circulated were taken as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice and seconded by Cllr. J. Stevens.

17. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 09 January 2017:

Brockhill Road/School Road junction -surface water Cllr. N. Matthews reported that after being informed by Affinity Water that there was no leak in the water system in the area of the Brockhill Road and School Road junction he had spoken to Kent Highways. Their District Manager for Shepway had inspected the site and was sorting out the problem.

18. REPORTS:

- (a) County Councillor's Report.** – Written report received from Cllr. Miss S. Carey copies of which had been circulated to Members. Matters referred to in her report were – Kent County Council had launched the next stage of the Regional Growth Fund to help Kent businesses grow and create employment. The launch took place on the 12 January 2017 at Westenhanger Castle who had been a recipient of a loan to expand its wedding and function business.

KCC's Freight Action Plan was now out for consultation with the effects of overnight lorry parking a big topic.

Campaign to recruit more apprentices to be launched by KCC in March.

The GB Spring Clean campaign also being supported by KCC who will be cleaning signs and renewing white lines. The clean-up weekend is from 3-5 March but KCC intend to keep it going with a Make Kent Clean campaign that involves Highways England, the District Councils and all the volunteers who are already doing such good work.

KCC's Budget meeting was on the 09 February and KCC were proposing a council tax increase of just under 2% for their wider work and a special 2% social care increase making the rise 3.99%. This would mean an extra £45.27 a year for a Band D house.

- (b) **District Councillor's Report** – Cllr D. Owen reported that the Cabinet on the 07 February 2017 would be making a decision on whether to submit a planning application for development at Princes Parade. He also reported on the proposal for the formation of a single District Council for East Kent. The four district councils of Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet had agreed to look into the advantages and disadvantage of merging into a single District Council. This work to take place through a Business Case and the Councils had requested KALC and Local Partnerships to prepare a Business Case to be submitted to each Council by the beginning of January 2017 for publishing and consideration in February and March 2017.

19. BUSINESS CASE FOR SINGLE COUNCIL FOR EAST KENT:

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had been informed that the Business Case had been published and could be viewed with background information including council reports and list of Frequently Asked Questions on each of the Council's web sites. It was agreed this matter be on the agenda for the next meeting to give Members time to view the 62-page Business Case document.

20. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION – No matters raised

21. PLANNING (a) Planning applications

Y16/1317/SH – Brockhill Park Performing Arts College, Sandling Road, Saltwood – Erection of fabric canopy between Saga and Crush Hall Buildings. Support.

Y16/1360/SH – Lyndhurst, School Road, Saltwood – Crown reduction of a copper beech subject of Tree Preservation Order No.14 of 2008. **No objection.**

Y17/0086/SH – Forge Cottage, The Green, Saltwood. Erection of a single storey front extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. No objection.

Y16/1428/SH – Land adj. Beacon Hill, School Road, Hythe. Erection of a two-storey detached dwelling house (Resubmission of refused application Y16/0091/SH). Saltwood Parish Council maintain their objection as follows to the erection of a two-storey dwelling on this site despite the reduction in size of the proposed dwelling –

- (a) It is considered that the proposed dwelling is unsuitable for this narrow site.
- (b) The proposed dwelling is not in character or relates sympathetically with the surrounding area.
- (c) Loss of amenity to neighbouring properties.
- (d) Loss of trees. There are two T.P.O Orders for the trees on the site. (T.P.O. No.6 of 2006 and T.P.O. No.15 of 2015)

Notwithstanding the Parish Council's comments on outline application Y06/112/SH the Parish Council wish to continue to support local residents in their concerns about the proposed development.

Y17/0087/SH – Stop 24 and Early Ports Arrivals, Stanford. Advertisement consent for the display of one V-shaped internally illuminated tenant sign. No objection to the proposed sign.

22. FINANCE:

(a) To receive balances at 06 February 2017 –

HSBC – Community Account	£500.00
HSBC – Business Account	£10,921.46
Nat. Savings Investments	£989.31 (includes inter for 2016 of £5.91)

(b) Accounts presented for payment --

100175 - S.J. Harland & Co. – Christmas tree	£42.00 (incl. VAT of £7.00)
100176 - Miss J.D. Bessell reimbursement of expenses in connection with provision of Christmas Tree-	
Regent Electrics – new batteries	£9.60. (incl. VAT of £1.60)
Brockhill Country Park – donation for Erecting and taking down tree.	£70.00
	Total £79.60
100177 - Saltwood Primary School – hire of room for Parish Council meeting on 06 February 2017.	£12.00

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice and seconded by Cllr. N. Matthews the above

payments were agreed.

Finance (contd.)

- (c) **Purchase of new printer** – Following a proposal by Cllr. N. Matthews, seconded by Cllr. Miss L. Sadler, it was agreed to apply for a grant from the National Association for Local Councils for the purchase a new printer.

23. GRANGE ROAD PLAY PARK:

Repairs to equipment - Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice reported that the repairs to the scramble net ground anchor had been carried out.

Renewal of equipment inspection contract – Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice, seconded by Cllr. Miss L. Sadler it was agreed to renew the Parish Council's contract with Safeplay Playground Maintenance Service for inspecting the equipment at the Play Park for a further two years.

24. SALTWOOD VILLAGE GREEN:

(a) **Painting of Village Sign and Notice Board** – Quotations awaited.

(b) **Donation of seat** – Following a proposal by Cllr. N. Matthews and seconded by Cllr. Miss L. Sadler it was agreed to inform Mrs. J. Mather that from details of the style of seats submitted the Parish Council would prefer the Cyan Teak Furniture Round Tree seat.

(c) **Christmas Tree** – Following a proposal by Cllr. N. Matthews, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice it was agreed to look for new suitable lighting for the Christmas tree as well as for two of the other trees on the Village Green.

25. LAND ADJ. 16 BARTHOLMEW LANE

Report was received from the Chairman on the progress of re-submitting the Council's application to establish title to the land by adverse possession. It was hoped that all information required would be ready shortly. The overgrown state of the land was discussed and it was agreed to obtain quotations for clearing the site.

26. KCC FREIGHT ACTION PLAN FOR KENT PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Deferred until next meeting.

27. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Kent Council dated 27 January 2017 re. Great British Spring Clean.

20.01.2017 - E-mail from KALC re message from Police and Crime Commissioner.

28. DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Monday, 06 March 2017 at 6.30 p.m.

..... (Chairman) 06 March 2017.