

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

PRESENT: Cllr. N. Matthews, Cllr. D. Kenyon-Vaughan, Cllr. Miss L. Sadler, Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice, Cllr. J. Stevens. and Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware.

Cllr. R. Love – KCC Ward Member

Cllr. D. Owen – Hythe Ward Member

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr. N. Matthews (Vice-Chairman)

2019/

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received and accepted from Cllr. D. Sercombe.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

28. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 04 FEBRUARY 2019:

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 04, February 2019 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.

**29. MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE
04 FEBRUARY 2019:**

BOXING DAY RUN – It was reported that nothing further had been heard from the organisers of the Boxing Day Run regarding the Run's future.

30. REPORTS: (a) County Councillor's Report – Cllr. R. Love reported that KCC was proposing to increase Council Tax by 4.99% to balance Budget for 2019/2020. Increase made up of 2.996% general increase and 1.992% for the Adult Social Care Levy. £3m had been earmarked for repairs to potholes. The Regulation Committee Members Panel had rejected an application to register the land known as Hythe Green, Hythe as a new Town or Village Green.

(b) District Councillor's Report – Cllr. D. Owen reported that the Otterpool Park planning application had been submitted and once the application had been validated consultation would begin. Extra Government funding of £1.25m for Otterpool had been granted from the Capacity Building Fund. This brings the total of Government funding to £2.83m. The District Council's Area Officers team, that has been in post for the last six months, had tackled more than 4000 issues across the district. They including cleaning graffiti and picking up litter and working with businesses and community groups. Tourism – Figures from Visit Kent show that 5000 people work in tourism related jobs in the district and there had been 4.3m day trips to the area in 2017 an increase off 40% from 2015. Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) - This year SWEP was activated when the temperature dropped below freezing for just one night instead of three as had been in place. The District Council had given a thank you gift of £500.00 to the Folkestone Salvation Army for providing temporary shelter during cold weather this winter. The District Council had also set aside £3m for regeneration of the High Streets across the district.

31. SALTOOD VILLAGE CONSULTATION 2019:

It was reported that there had been a good response to the Salwood Village consultation from local resident and organisations. It was suggested and agreed to form a Working Group who would discuss the comments received and prepare plans for discussion with the various Kent Highways officers concerned. The first meeting to be held on the 18 March 2019.

32. SCHOOL ROAD/TANNERS HILL/CASTLE ROAD JUNCTION:

Cllr R. Love reported he had received several emails from local residents of Saltwood regarding the School Road/Tanners Hill/Castle Road Junction. The new Highways Project Manager would be visiting the area to look at what possibly could be done to improve the safety of residents at this junction.

33. PLANNING - (a) Planning applications:

Y18/1320/SH – The Lads Club, Rectory Lane, Saltwood.

Erection of single storey extensions and installation of ramped access, together with felling of a Gingko Tree subject to T.P.O. No.3 of 1997. Removal of Gingko tree added to original proposal. It was agreed that the District Council be informed that Saltwood Parish Council continue to support in principle the proposed extensions to The Lads Club, but feel we cannot support the removal of the Gingko tree as we would prefer to have the tree replanted. It is understood there is special equipment for carrying out this work to mature trees.

However, if permission is given to fell the tree then the Parish Council would wish to see another Gingko tree planted on site.

(b) Other planning matters:

Planning application Y15/0514/SH – Hillgay, School Road, Hythe.

The Chairman reported that it had been brought to the Parish Council's attention that building work had commenced on the site of the above application in breach of various conditions appended to the grant of permission. The Parish Council was also aware all the trees had been felled and the site cleared regardless of Condition 8. It was agreed to write to the Head of Planning at Folkestone & Hythe D.C. requesting that a Stop Notice be served on the development before further damage was caused.

34. FINANCE:

(a) To receive balances at 04 March 2019 -

HSBC – Community Account £500.00

HSBC – Business Account £16,692.10

National Savings Investments £1001.20

(b) Accounts presented for payment -

100270 - Saltwood Primary School – Hire of room for meeting held
on 04 February 2019 - £24.00

Following proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice and seconded by Cllr. J. Stevens the above payment was agreed.

35. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION: No matters raised

36. VILLAGE GREEN:

(a) Benches – Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware and seconded by Cllr. J. Stevens, it was agreed to accept the quotation of Sprinks Construction for £650.00 plus VAT for providing and repairing concrete strip foundations for bench feet to three benches and £440.00 plus VAT for cleaning and applying clear timber treatment solution to five benches.

(b) War Memorial – Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware and seconded by Cllr. J. Stevens it was agreed to accept quotation from Sprinks Construction for £77.00 plus VAT to uplift one loose copping stone, clean off and re-bed on new mortar.

37. TO ARRANGE DATE FOR PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

It was agreed to hold the Parish Council Annual General Meeting on Monday, 13 May 2019 at 6.30 p.m. to be followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45 p.m.

38. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 04 March 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

..... (Chairman) 01 April 2019