

# **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SALTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY, 03 APRIL 2017 AT 6.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. N. Matthews (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Miss L. Sadler, Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice and Cllr. J. Stevens.

In attendance – Cllr. M. Dearden- Hythe Ward Member

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr. N. Matthews (Vice-Chairman) chaired the meeting.

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**44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. D. Kenyon-Vaughan (Chairman), Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware and KCC Cllr. Miss S. Carey (Member for KCC - Elham Valley).

**45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**46. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 06 MARCH 2017:**

The Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 06 March 2017 having been circulated were taken as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. J. Stevens and seconded by Cllr. N. Matthews.

**47. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 06 MARCH 2017:**

**Brockhill Road/School Road junction – surface water** – Cllr. N. Matthews reported that Affinity Water had re-inspected the water supply at the Brockhill Road junction with School Road and had confirmed that tests carried out showed that the water was not coming from the main water supply. The problem had now been referred to the Kent Highways Surface Water Division.

**48. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR:**

Cllr. Matthews reported that the resignation had been received and accepted from Cllr. A. Ling.

**49. REPORTS:**

**(a) County Councillor's Report** – Cllr. Miss S. Carey in her written report had stated that the government had announced an extra £2bn for adult social care over the next three years. Kent to receive £52m of this which was enough to make a real difference. It will be used to help relieve pressure on hospitals and other measures to help the social care market. With Spring comes the annual repair programme of potholes caused by the winter weather. All potholes should be reported to Kent Highways and a note of the reference number should be kept to help if the work needs chasing.

**(b) District Councillor's report** – In his report, Cllr. M. Dearden spoke on the following matters  
**Planning application Y16/0712/SH** 17 Bartholomew Lane, Hythe. An appeal had been lodged by the applicant against Shepway District Council's refusal of planning application for extension to the care home.

**Otterpool Park** (i) It was hoped to go out for consultation in May 2017 or shortly thereafter. A leaflet "Your Questions Answered" had been issued and could also be viewed on SDC website.

(ii) SDC will get an additional £345,000 in addition to £750,000 received to support the delivery from the Government.

(iii) On several options he had seen there would be two Secondary School, 3 Primary Schools, a medical centre, a community centre and a centre for religious use of all faiths.

(iv) There have been discussions with the Rail Franchise to provide High Speed Links to Westenhanger which will not see a reduction in other connections but on review is likely to keep within the "one hour" mark.

**East Kent Project** – Single Council for East Kent – Shepway District Council had rejected the proposals to proceed further with public consultation for a single council for East Kent. (See report A/16/28).

Report of District Council (contd.)

**Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel** meeting held on the 28 March 2017.

Kent Volunteer Police Cadet scheme had been introduced and was open to young people between the age of 13-17 years and who live in Kent.

There was to be public engagement through more accessible website, street stalls, question time events, public consultation, traditional and social Media channels and proactive e-mail alerts.

2200 Samsung Galaxy Notes devices had been issued to officers in Kent. Well received by Officers but current offering includes a number of separate applications for each type of transaction. There was a strong case for an integrate solution. Cost to Kent would be a one-off deployment and integrate charge of £75K and revenue costs of approximately £46K per annum to 2020/21.

**Sailing Voyage Project** – Sailing ships Faramir and Queen Galadriel leave from the Folkestone Harbour Arm on Sunday, 09 July 2017 with 26 French/English young people from Shepway Area and Boulogne on board for the Boulogne Sea Festival on the 13 July after four weekends of intense cross border activity for 60 French/English young people. Jointly agreed and financed by the Boulogne and Shepway Co-operation

**Seabrook Road to Hythe** - It is proposed to ban footway parking after consultations.

**Princes Parade** – Awaiting reports.

## **50. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION:**

Mr. D. Carrera asked if the Parish Council knew if the District Council had made any decision on planning application Y16/12428/SH - Land adj. Beacon Hill, School Road, Hythe.

Cllr. N. Matthews said that he was not aware that any decision had been made on the application and would contact the District Council.

Mrs. T. Fryer asked what work the Parish Council were proposing to carry out on the land adj. 16 Bartholomew Lane. In reply the Clerk reported that it was proposed to reduce the height of the Hawthorn tree, remove the overgrown Laurel from against neighbouring fence, remove large Elderberry, reduce the height of the Ash tree and all brambles on the site to be cut back.

## **51. PLANNING-** there were no planning applications or other planning matters to be discussed.

## **52. FINANCE:**

### **(a) To receive balances at 03 April 2017 –**

HSBC – Community Account      £500.00

HSBC – Business Account      £10,320.86

Nat. Savings Investments      £989.31

### **(b) To confirm payments since last meeting -**

100180 Parochial Church Council for Saltwood – grant towards the upkeep of graveyard.      £200.00

100181 Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance – donation towards new helicopter.      £200.00

100183 Safeplay Playground Services – Inspection of equipment at Children's Play Park in February 2017.      £36.00 (incl.VAT £6.00)

100184 Clerk's salary for Jan/Feb/March 2017      £673.59

100185 Clerk's expenses 2016/2017 – Phone, IT. stationery and postage.      £287.59

Following a proposal by Cllr. Miss L. Sadler and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice the above payments were confirmed.

### **(c) Accounts presented for payment -,**

100186 Kent Assoc. of Local Councils – Annual subscription      £308.82 + VAT £61.76

100187 Saltwood Primary School – hire of room for Parish Council meeting on 03 April 2017.      £12.00

100188 Mr. G. Marsh – Village Green -mowing 5.5hrs @ £10.00      £55.00

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice and seconded by Cllr. Miss S. Sadler the above payments were agreed.

**53. BUSINESS CASE FOR SINGLE COUNCIL FOR EAST KENT:**

It was reported that meetings had taken place at Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet Councils on the 22 March 2017 to consider if they wished to proceed with the next stage of public consultation to seek the views of local people on the formation of a new single council in East Kent. Shepway District Council had voted not to proceed. As approval was required from all four councils to progress, plans for a single council would now be put on hold.

**54. VILLAGE GREEN –**

**Painting of Village Sign and Notice Board** – Further quotations awaited.

**55. CHILDREN’S PLAY PARK:**

The Clerk reported that the equipment inspection contract had been renewed for a further year for three inspections during the year at £30.00 plus VAT per inspection.

Cllr. Mrs. Spice reported that she had queried the inspection report carried out in February as some of the equipment had not been inspected and the report also covered items that were not at the Play Park.

**56. BUS SHELTER:**

Deferred until the next meeting.

**57. EXTENSION OF 20mph SPEED ZONE THROUGH VILLAGE:**

It was reported that Shepway District Council had suggested that the Parish Council contact Kent Highways directly as they were responsible for such schemes.

**58. BROCKHILL PARK PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE:**

The Clerk reported that the invitation from Brockhill Park Performing Arts College for the Parish Council to be involved in their proposed celebration of their school and community to be held on the 21 July 2017 had been accepted. They had been asked to let the Parish Council know the types of workshop they were considering. A reply was awaited.

**59. LAND ADJ. 16 BARTHOLOMEW:**

Quotations were awaited for reducing the Hawthorne tree and the Ash tree, removing the overgrown Laurel against neighbouring fence, removing large Elderberry tree and cutting back all the brambles over the site.

**60. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Otterpool Park** - Letter dated 07 March 2017 from the Otterpool Park Co-ordinator, Shepway District Council inviting the Parish Council to meet with the landowner team responsible for preparing the master plan for Otterpool Park. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange for the meeting to be held in Saltwood, possibly at the Lads Club on either 27 April, 11 or 18 May 2017 at 6.30 p.m.

**M20 junction 4-6 Maidstone** - Letter dated 13 March 2017 from Highways England giving details of full closures and lane closures on the London Bound and Coast Bound carriageways of the M20 at Maidstone between 19 March 2017 and 15 May 2017. The work to be carried out is resurfacing, replacing the loops, studs and road markings.

**Joint Standards Hearing Committee** - Email dated 22 March 2017 from Shepway District Council requesting nominations to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of one of the Parish Council representatives on the Joint Standards Hearing Committee. Members agreed that they did not wish to nominate anyone.

**61. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 08 May 2017 at 6.30 p.m. followed by the Annual the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45 p.m.**

.....(Chairman) 08 May 2017.