

SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th October 2023 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E Primary School

Present : Cllrs Boland (in the Chair), Matthews & Iacob

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

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Curran and FHDC Cllr Jones

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 18th September 2023 were unanimously approved

4 Matters arising

There was a brief discussion regarding the Cherry Trees that would be planted to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The trees had been ordered with delivery on 14th November 2023 - arrangements would be made for their planting and watering

5 KCC & FHDC Cllr reports

KCC Cllr Love reported on KCC's very challenging financial position and the need to 'balance the books', with savings of about £35m being sought. This was partly the result of significantly increased spending on adult social care and home to school transport in particular

FHDC Cllr Martin gave an interesting update on the Otterpool development and the search for a strategic partner to fund the infrastructure requirements. Cllr Martin also reported on the reinstatement of the bus service in Lympe

6 Finance

a/ To receive bank balances

The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 30th September 2023

Community (current) account	£21757
Business Manager (savings) account	£12624

The balances were approved

b/ To approve invoices presented for payment

The following invoices were approved for payment –	£
G Eaton, Clerk's salary/expenses September 2023	285.85
Saltwood C/E School, hall hire	25.00

c/ Other finance matters

Cllr Boland reported that the website, hosted by Hugo Fox, had recently imposed a monthly charge for the hosting and support. It was agreed to purchase the Bronze package at £9.99 per month

Clerk/Cllr Boland

7 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Inclusion

The member of the public wished only to observe the Meeting

8 Correspondence

Email from FHDC regarding the reinstatement of the bus service in Lympe

9 Planning & Enforcement

New planning applications

23/1429 – subject of TPO No 21 of 1988, T1 mature copper beech tree – crown lift to give 5.5m clearance. T2 leaning goat willow – reduce end section of crown by 2.5-3m
Well House, Castle Road, CT21 4QY

There were no objections to this application

**23/1366 – planning permission in principle for up to 4 dwellings
Land at The Coppice, New Road, Saltwood**

Various strong objections to this application were discussed including – increased traffic, inadequate infrastructure including sewage, and overdevelopment of the site. It was agreed Cllr Boland would send a letter detailing these objections to FHDC Planning **Cllr Boland**

10 Update on Mill Leese

Cllr Boland reported that there was no activity on site and that a decision was still awaited from the Court regarding his appeal concerning the failure of the Information Commissioner's Office to carry out its responsibilities regarding the outstanding Freedom of Information request

11 Update on proposals for a 20mph speed limit in Sandling Road

Cllr Boland reported that his letter to Cllr Baker, KCC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, regarding the 20mph speed limit in Sandling Road had elicited a very disappointing response focusing on speed and crash data and dubious arguments. It was concluded that Cllr Boland would try and progress this issue with the District Cllrs **Cllr Boland**

12 Update on arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Boland and the Clerk gave an update on the arrangements for the Act of Remembrance at Saltwood War Memorial on 12th November 2023. The event application including request for the road closure had been submitted to FHDC who were circulating it to various organisations and bodies for comment. It was noted that once again representatives from the Canadian Armed Forces would be in attendance. Invitations had been sent to local Schools and Groups as in previous years and their replies were awaited

13 Any Other Business

There was a discussion regarding the tree work which was required in the playpark. Cllr Boland kindly offered to progress this with the contractor **Cllr Boland**

Cllr Matthews raised the issue of the vandalised metal table tennis tables in the playpark and the danger they posed. Cllr Matthews kindly offered to arrange for these to be removed - this was agreed **Cllr Mathews**

14 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on 20th November 2023 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E Primary School

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.15 pm