

SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING

Held via Zoom on

MONDAY 1st March 2021 at 1830

PRESENT:

Cllr. N. Matthews (Chairman), Cllr. F. Boland, Cllr. L. Johnson (part), Cllr N Russill-Roy, Cllr. L. Sadler, Cllr. M. Carter, KCC Cllr. R. Love, FHDC Cllr L Whybrow.

Locum Clerk: C. Skinner

2 members of the public.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received and accepted from: Cllr. N. Meurice, FHDC Cllr G Treloar

WELCOME

Cllr Matthews declared the meeting open at 1835 and welcomed all to the meeting.

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Johnson, personal interest planning

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the remote meeting held on 1st February 2021 were **resolved** to be a true and accurate record. Proposed: Cllr. Boland, seconded: Cllr. N Russill-Roy - AGREED

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

5.0 REPORTS FROM KCC AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Love reported that the issues at School Road have been discussed at JTB with the 30mph limit being extended to the cricket club at Tanners Hill. Work is imminent but may have already started. 2 pairs of repeater 20mph signs are due to be placed in School Road shortly.

Covid-19 updates from KCC show that Saltwood/Seabrook/Etchinghill have very few cases and have therefore fallen off published stats. Cases have been falling across Kent since the beginning of January.

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Council tax will increase by 1.99% plus an additional adult social care levy. It is anticipated that more pressure could be placed on the social care system when lockdown ends. KCC are seeking a longer-term solution from the Government.

Cllr Matthews asked Cllr Love to note the poor condition of pavements in the parish, Cllr Love to follow up.

FHDC Cllr Lesley Whybrow – apologies were sent by Cllr Treloar who is still waiting for a response in respect of planning questions raised at the last meeting.

The integration of East Kent Housing with FHDC is progressing well with an aim to be carbon zero by 2030 in the council estate. There is a further aim to reduce in a wider district.

Otterpool development – public engagement will start at the end of the month alongside parish councils and other community groups. Cllr Boland offered to participate in any meetings and consultations, whilst he does not have confidence in the consultation process in general. There are many serious questions which remain unanswered, in particular water supply.

Cllr Matthews thanked Cllr Love and Cllr Whybrow for their contributions to this meeting.

6.0 FINANCE

6.1 Bank Balances:

HSBC (1)	£ 4975.27
HSBC (2)	£12464.18

It was proposed to accept the above balances by Cllr Boland, seconded by Cllr Russill-Roy – all AGREED.

6.2 Payments to be authorised:

Cathy Skinner – Locum Clerk	£ 157.50
Lionel Robbins (Internal Audit)	£ 120.00
Zoom reimbursement to Cllr Matthews	£ 14.39

It was proposed to authorise the above payments by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Johnson – all AGREED.

6.3 Cllr Matthews reported that an increase of 3% has been applied to the grounds maintenance contract, the cost is just under £65 per cut.

It was proposed to accept the increase by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Russill-Roy – all AGREED.

7.0 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME

The meeting was adjourned to allow public participation.

Mr Morgan spoke about his planning application ref 0175/FH. Two previous applications have been refused, therefore some amendments have been made to mitigate issues.

8.0 PLANNING

8.1 Applications

21/01/0175/FH: St John Ambulance Headquarters, New Road, Saltwood, Hythe CT21 4QE. Conversion of a derelict commercial property into a residential family home

After some discussion, Cllr Matthews proposed to object to the application, this was not seconded and therefore failed.

Cllr Russill-Roy proposed to support the application, seconded Cllr Sadler – Agreed by majority.

Other Planning Matters

8.2 None.

9.0 TELEPHONE BOX/DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Boland has applied to FHDC for funding and is looking at other funding sources. The cost of the project is £2125, Cllr Boland will follow this up with CHT and BT in respect of the phone box adoption, also planning permission will be needed to change the use of the phone box.

Cllr Matthews proposed that the project should be progressed to completion, seconded by Cllr Russill-Roy. All AGREED

10.0 PLAYPARK

3 bolts will be replaced in the zip wire casing. It was felt that multiple inspections of the equipment give assurance that faults are not missed. It was agreed that Safeplay provide a good service for inspections and repairs.

It was proposed that Safeplay should continue as contractor, proposed by Cllr Matthews, Seconded Cllr Russill-Roy. All AGREED

11.0 WEBSITE & EMAIL

A decision is needed in respect of email hosting, the website is hosted by 1&1 Ionos, they can provide 8 mailboxes for £9.60 per month.

It was proposed that 1&1 Ionos provide the email hosting by Cllr Matthews, seconded by Cllr Boland, All AGREED.

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12.0 VILLAGE GREEN PARKING

The original mitigation plans from KCC were not supported by the parish council and local residents, an amendment has been received which has parking restrictions only on the corners. Reference plan: 2021-HP-FH-0002-104 V3.

Cllr Matthews proposed that this plan be accepted, seconded by Cllr Boland AGREED.

Cllr Matthews will confirm the decision to KCC.

13.0 CORRESPONDENCE

A member of the public has raised concerns regarding a tree – Cllr Matthews will investigate further and follow up.

Cllr Boland has heard reports of blocked public rights of way however it is unclear where and if there is a current issue.

14.0 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / NEXT AGENDA

It was reported that rubbish bins have not all been emptied – Cllr Matthews will follow this up with FHDC.

15.0 NEXT MEETING

Due to the Bank Holiday this will be on:

Monday 12th April 2021 at 1830, via Zoom.

Annual Meetings

At present it is unclear how these will be arranged, to be followed up at the next meeting.

16.0 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

At the closing date, one application has been received for the post. One candidate has come forward and an interview will be arranged.

17.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2029.

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