

SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th March 2024 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E Primary School

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

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

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Curran

2 Registering declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

Cllrs Boland & Iacob declared an interest in planning application 24/0216 – I, Highfield Close

3 Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th February 2024 were unanimously approved

4 Matters arising

Cllr Boland relayed that he spoken with a member of the Friends of Saltwood School (FOSS) and that a request for a donation was imminent

Cllr Boland reported that he had been into Metro Bank again and they now require a written 'Constitution' which Frank kindly offered to draft and circulate **Cllr Boland**

5 KCC & FHDC Cllr reports

KCC Cllr Love spoke about his Education portfolio and was pleased to report that 79% of parents were offered their first preference of secondary school place for their child. Kent also had the lowest % of students in England who were not in education or training. Rory was still involved in discussions about parking issues in Highfield Close

FHDC Cllr Martin thanked Cllr Love for his sterling efforts with his Education portfolio and achievements made. Jim led a lively discussion about the new EU travel regulations coming into force on 6th October 2024. Jim was pleased to report that FHDC had balanced its budget for 2024/2025 achieved primarily via a senior management restructuring, although there had been some limited redundancies

6 Finance

a/ To receive bank balances

The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 29th February 2024

Community (current) account	£18889
Business Manager (savings) account	£12727

b/ To approve invoices presented for payment

The following invoice were approved for payment –	£
G Eaton, Clerk's salary/expenses (March 2024)	285.85

7 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Inclusion

There were no members of the public present

8 Correspondence

The News Releases from FHDC re General Election voting changes, Safer Streets funding in Folkestone and a Flying Start (consultation) on Folkestone's future, were noted

9 Planning & Enforcement

New planning applications

24/0216 – rear and side extension and alterations to roof height
1, Highfield Close, CT21 4QP

There were no objections to this application

KCC/FH/0015/2024 – proposed relocation and upgrade of existing sewage treatment plant, installation of associated fencing, two manhole drains and temporary footpath diversion
Brockhill Country Park, Sandling Road, CT21 4HL

There were no objections to this application

Other planning matters

There was a discussion about the appeal lodged against the decision of the planning officer to refuse planning application 23/1366 – permission in principle to build 4 dwellings on land at The Coppice, New Road. It was unanimously agreed that the Council supported the decision. Cllr Boland kindly offered to draft a letter and to contact local residents informing them of the appeal

Cllr Boland

10 Update on Mill Leese

Cllr Boland gave a brief update and stated that he was considering making an appeal to the second stage review body against the dismissal of his complaint about the ICO's decision regarding his FOI request

Cllr Boland

11 Update on the management of trees

There was nil of note to report

12 Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)

Cllr Boland referred to the email correspondence with Highways regarding the HIP and was pleased to report that various items were being progressed (yellow lines and signage) whilst acknowledging that more needed to be done

13 Annual Meeting and Annual Parishioners Meeting in May 2024

It was agreed that the Annual Parishioners Meeting be held on Monday 20th May 2024 at 7.15pm following on from the Annual Parish Council Meeting commencing at 6.30pm

Clerk to draft list of attendees with contact details and circulate to Cllrs

Clerk

14 Any Other Business

Cllr Matthews proposed that the overgrown vegetation on land at 15 Bartholomew Lane be cleared. Following this he proposed a path be laid and an area of hard standing for a shed. Cllr Matthews kindly offered to obtain quote for clearing the vegetation

Cllr Matthews

Cllr Matthews also noted that the noticeboard needed repair and refurbishment and kindly offered to obtain a quote for the works

Cllr Matthews

15 Date of next Meetings

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meetings would be held on 15th April 2024 and 20th May 2024, at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E Primary School. The Annual Parishioners Meeting will take place at 7.15pm on 20th May following on from the Parish Council Meeting

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.20 pm