

SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th October 2021 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School

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

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

Cllr Boland opened the Meeting by thanking everyone for attending and welcomed the member of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Carter & Russill-Roy and KCC Cllr Love

2 Registering declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interests in items on the Agenda

3 Minutes of the last Meetings

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 6th September and 28th September 2021 were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman

4 Matters arising

There were no matters arising of note

5 Reports

FHDC Cllr Martin gave a report on the Local Plan and updated on the Otterpool development and the Public Inquiry into the Princes Parade Road closure. It was also noted that the garden waste collection service has been resumed

6 Finance

a/ To receive Bank balances

The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 31st August 2021 (the September statements had not been received) –

	£
Community (current) account	7507.21
Business Manager (savings) account	12465.12

The balances were unanimously approved

b/ To approve invoices presented for payment

The following invoices were approved for payment –

	£
CPRE, annual subs	36.00
F Boland, hall hire and postage	31.17
RoSPA, annual inspection of play park	115.80
Safeplay, new roundabout	3499.20
G Eaton, Clerk's salary/expenses	257.29
N Matthews, keys for noticeboard	15.00
Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax (July-Sept)	160.63*

* As the Clerk is an employee of the Parish Council his monthly salary has tax deducted. Every 3 months the tax deducted must be paid over to the Inland Revenue

7 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Inclusion

The member of the public was invited to speak during the discussion in agenda item 9

8 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning applications

21/1900 – felling of one Pear tree subject of TPO No 4 of 1997
2, The Sandlings, School Road, CT21 4PL

There were no objections to this application but a condition was requested that a replacement tree be planted

21/1824 – erection of single storey side and rear extension
Bennington, Rectory Lane, CT21 4QA

There were no comments on this application

9 Environment Agency's proposed tree works at Mill Leese Wood

There was a general discussion regarding the Environment Agency's proposed tree works and fierce local opposition. It was noted that the Environment Agency had applied to the Magistrates Court to obtain a warrant to enter the area without the owner's consent. This was due to be heard tomorrow (Tuesday 5th October 2021) and it was hoped an adjournment would be granted

10 Proposed shrub removal at The Green

There was a brief discussion about the shrub removal on The Green. It was reported that as no permissions were required from FHDC the works were progressing

11 Playpark

Cllr Johnson gave a brief report on the recent RoSPA inspection of the play park and noted certain repairs were required. There followed a general discussion about the need for a budget to cover ongoing repairs and replacement of equipment. It was agreed that this should be incorporated into the 2022/2023 Precept requirement

12 Inspection of Parish Council owned trees

After a discussion Cllr Boland kindly agreed to arrange for an inspection and report on the condition of Parish Council owned trees in the play park/Village Green

Cllr Boland

13 Telephone Box/Defibrillator

Cllr Boland reported that the defibrillator was due to be delivered this week and that he would then arrange installation with the Community Heartbeat Trust

Cllr Boland

14 Remembrance Sunday

There was a general discussion regarding the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Matthews reported that the Village Hall had been booked and that refreshments would be available. Marshalls, to keep people safe on the roads, the Salvation Army, and a wreath had also been organised. Cllr Boland offered to liaise with the Church and School and to finalise the arrangements

Cllr Boland

15 Correspondence

Email from KALC re 74th AGM to be held on 13th November 2021

Email from Royal British Legion Industries re Preparation for Remembrance 2021 – Clerk to circulate

Email exchanges with Mr. Craddock, acting on behalf of the British Horse Society, about upgrading footpath HE287 to a bridleway, between Saltwood Castle and Blackhouse Hill

16 Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss

17 Date of next Meetings

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meetings would be held on 1st November 2021 and 6th December 2021 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.05 pm