

SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th September 2021 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School

Present : Cllrs Boland (in the Chair), Johnson, Matthews, Carter, Sadler & Russill-Roy

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, KCC Cllr Love, FHDC Cllr Whybrow and two members of the public

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

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

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 Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th July 2021 were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman

4 Matters arising

Cllr Boland noted that as FHDC had not received any expressions of interest in the vacancy on the Parish Council a new member could be co-opted. The Clerk was asked to put a notice on the website

Clerk

5 Reports

KCC Cllr Love reported that KCC was gradually returning to normal after the COVID restrictions with face-to-face meetings now resuming. Cllr Love updated on his involvement with Mill Leese and the Princes Parade development

FHDC Cllr Whybrow updated on the Princes Parade development, the resettlement of Afghan families, and the continuing problems with the household waste collection service

6 Finance

a/ To receive Bank balances

The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 31st August 2021 –

	£
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 –

	£
The Community Heartbeat Trust, defibrillator, cabinet, training etc	3225.00
Commercial Services, quarterly grounds maintenance	382.98
F Boland, card and flowers for J Bessell's funeral	87.55
G Marsh, grass cutting	165.00
Safeplay, playpark repairs/renewals	462.00
G Eaton, Clerk's salary and expenses	246.94

7 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Inclusion

The members of the public wished to discuss the land at 16 Bartholomew Lane and the Parish Council's plans for it. They stated that they may be prepared to make an offer to purchase the land or to lease it from the Council. Cllr Boland thanked them for attending the Meeting and said that the Council would consider their proposals

8 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning application

21/01735 – works to trees within a conservation area comprising: Cherry (T1) crown reduction by 3 metres in height and 4 metres laterally; Holly (T2) and Yew (T3) crown reduction by 4 metres in height and 3 metres laterally; group of Holly and Hawthorn (T4) fell

15 Grange Road, CT21 4QS

There were no objections to the application

To note planning applications commented on between Meetings

21/1541 – fell one Laurel subject of TPO No 4 of 1981
Bullaceton, School Road, CT21 4PP

There were no objections to this application but it was requested that a condition be applied that the replacement Ash be planted as soon as possible

21/1602 – fell one Sycamore (T7) and one Sweet Chestnut (T8), both situated within a conservation area
Bennington, Rectory Lane, CT21 4QA

There were no objections to this application but it was requested that a condition be applied for replacement trees to be planted

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

Cllr Boland spoke briefly about the many emails and letters, including the recent letter from Damian Collins MP, regarding the proposed tree works at Mills Leese. It was agreed that there is mounting pressure on the Environment Agency to reconsider its position due to the over whelming opposition to their current plans and the rationale behind them

10 Proposed shrub removal at The Green

Cllr Carter outlined the position regarding the shrub and explained the reasons why it should be removed. It was agreed that clarification should be sought from FHDC around ownership of the land. The matter to be discussed again when this had been clarified

11 Telephone Box/Defibrillator

Cllr Boland thanked FHDC Cllr Whybrow for her grant towards the defibrillator

Cllr Boland reported that the defibrillator and cabinet had been received and he would contact Community Heartbeat Trust to arrange installation, although an issue with the signage had still to be resolved with FHDC

Cllr Boland

12 Website and Facebook

Cllr Russill-Roy set out, for discussion, her vision for the Council's Communications Strategy including a much-enhanced role for the Facebook page which she saw as a powerful communication tool. There was a general discussion and agreement with her proposals starting with posting Meeting agendas and Minutes. Volunteers were sought to be involved in updating the Facebook page as it was considered too time consuming for one person to manage

13 Correspondence

Letter from The Pensions Regulator confirming receipt of our declaration of compliance with the Pensions Act 2008

Email from KCC - consultation on household waste recycling centres booking system

Email from FHDC - garden waste collection to be stopped temporarily from end of July 2021

14 Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss

15 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on 4th October 2021 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.00 pm