MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SALTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL ON MONDAY 06 MARCH 2017 AT 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. D. Kenyon-Vaughan (Chairman), Cllr. N. Matthews (Vice-Chairman) Cllr. A. Ling, Cllr. Miss L. Sadler, Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice, Cllr. J. Stevens and Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware. In attendance – Cllr. M. Dearden- Hythe Ward Member 2017/

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies were received from KCC Cllr. Miss S. Carey (Member for KCC - Elham Valley).

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

31. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 06 FEBRUARY 2016:

The Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 06 February 2017 having been circulated were taken as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. J. Stevens and seconded by Cllr. N. Matthews.

32. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 06 February 2017:

Brockhill Road/School Road junction – surface water – Cllr. N. Mathews reported that the Kent Highways District Manager had inspected the site and was of the opinion that the surface water problem at the junction of Brockhill Road and School Road was the responsibility Affinity Water. Arrangements were being made for Affinity Water to re-inspect the water system in the area of Brockhill Road.

33. REPORTS:

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(a) County Councillor's Report - Copies of a written report from Cllr. Miss S. Carey had been circulated to Members. Matters referred to in her report were –

KCC Budget for 2017/2018 had been set as reported at the last meeting of Saltwood Parish Council. There had been no amendments to vary the rise in council tax either up or down but a few minor amendments had been accepted.

Now that the Great British Spring Clean weekend was over there would be continuing efforts with

Highways England and the districts to Keep Kent Clean. Cllr. Miss Carey had used some of her Member grant to fund litter picking equipment for volunteers and the kits were available from

Civic Centre in Folkestone.

District Council are responsible for collecting waste and recycling with KCC responsible for its disposal. KCC had a target to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill to 5% by 2020. Because

ways had been found to recycle mattresses and the hard recycle plastics this target has already been beaten with the current figure just 2.6% over the year. The ambition is now to send zero to landfill.

Kent Highways had now repaired the footpath and put up bollards to deter lorry parking near the

entrance to Hillhurst Farm. These works had been funded by Cllr. Miss Cary's Member grant as they fell outside planned maintenance but were clearly urgently required.

Highway works through Pedlinge had been completed and included extensive, though not visible.

drainage improvements and noticeable road repairs.

Made in Kent – the apprenticeship campaign launches on the 7 March. Advice for employers and

for those who want to be apprentices is available on the KCC website.

(b) District Councillor's report – In his report, Cllr. M. Dearden spoke on the following matters –

Princes Parade, Hythe. The Cabinet had agreed to proceed with an application for planning permission for Princes Parade. Should planning permission be given then a full business case and financial appraisal to be considered by Cabinet prior to any building work proceeding. A covenant to be drawn up to protect greenspace.

District Councillor's Report (contd),

Budget 2017/2018 – The Cabinet had recommended to Council and Council had agreed the final

2017/2018 Budget and recommended and agreed Council Tax Requirement for 2017/2018 of £11,44,953 which is a 1.99% on Band D.

Single East Kent Council – Cabinet will consider Business Case for a single council. **Opportunities and Business Plan for 2017**/2018 – The Cabinet will consider in camera progress report on the plan for 2017/2018. 42 properties or thereabouts in portfolio. **Ward allowances** - £3000.00 Ward allowance per councillor for 2017.

34. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION – No matters raised

35. PLANNING (a) Planning applications

Y17/0185/SH – 10 Grange Road, Saltwood – Crown reduction back to previous reduction points of two silver birch subject of Tree Preservation Order No.2 of 1973. No objection subject to any comments of the District Council's Tree Manager.

36. FINANCE:

(a) To receive balances at 06 March 2017 -

HSBC – Community Account £500.00 HSBC – Business Account £10,787.86 Nat. Savings Investments £989.31

(b) Accounts presented for payment --

100079 - Saltwood Primary School – hire of room for Parish Council meeting on 06 March 2017.

£12.00

100080 - $\,$ Paul Thompson Tree Surgery and Fencing -

Children's Play Park - Cutting back trees and bushes £445.00

Following a proposal by Cllr. N. Matthews and seconded by Cllr. Miss S. Sadler the above payments were agreed.

(c) **Donation** – Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice, seconded by Cllr. Miss L. Sadler it was agreed to make a donation of £200.00 to the Kent, Surry and Sussex Air Ambulance.

37. BUSINESS CASE FOR SINGLE COUNCIL FOR EAST KENT:

The Business Case document for creating a single Council for East Kent had been circulated to Members. It was agreed to defer commenting on the proposal until after the meeting to be held on the 22 March 2017 when Shepway DC will make a decision as to whether to move to the next stage of public engagement.

38. KCC FRIGHT ACTION PLAN FOR KENT PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

The Chairman reported that he had responded to KCC's Freight Action Plan Consultation Questionnaire.

39. BROCKHILL PARK PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE:

The Chairman reported e-mail from Brockhill Park Performing Arts College inviting the Parish Council to be involved in their proposed celebration of their school and community to be held on the last day of the Summer Term, the 21 July 2017. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware it was agreed to accept their invitation to have a stall at the event and to donate £200.00.

40. VILLAGE GREEN -

- (a) Painting of Village Sign and Notice Board Quotations awaited.
- **(b) Christmas Tree lighting** Cllr. Mrs. Spice reported that she had been given contact details for a firm called Festive Lighting, who were based in north Kent, and provided tree lighting. She would forward the details to the Clerk to enable her to make contact with the firm.

Village Green (cont).

(c) Trees on the Village Green - Report received from the Clerk on her meeting with Mr. David Sephton. Shepway District Council's Tree Manager. He had inspected all the trees on the Village Green and was satisfied with their condition. He had also confirmed that the size of the seat proposed to be erected around the smaller horse chestnut tree was acceptable.

41. CHILDREN'S PLAY PARK:

Renewal of equipment inspection contract – Reply awaited from Safeplay Playground Maintenance Services.

42. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

Monday, 03 April 2017 at 6.30 p.m.

E-mail dated 17 February 2017 from KALC re Kent Estates Partnership Board.

E-mail dated 02 March 2017 from KALC re. Department for Culture Media and Sport regarding the Government's "The Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme".

Shepway District Council – Public Spaces Protection Order – Consultation.

43. DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH CO
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