

SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th April 2022 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School

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

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

Cllr Boland opened the Meeting by thanking everyone for attending

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Johnson, Carter & Curran, and FHDC Cllrs Whybrow & Martin

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 7th March 2022 were unanimously approved

4 Matters arising

There were no matters arising of note

5 Reports

KCC Cllr Love reported that he was Chairman of the Growth and Economic Development Committee which would focus on encouraging business investment and job creation. Cllr Love also reported on a number of other Meetings he had attended, including a Full Council Meeting

FHDC Cllr Treloar spoke about the crisis in Ukraine and the Council's efforts to support refugees. Cllr Treloar reported that the Core Strategy Review had been adopted, as had the District wide Carbon Plan

6 Finance

a/ To receive bank balances

The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 31st March 2022 -

Community (current) account	£2181.23
Business Manager (savings) account	£12466.20

The balances were unanimously approved

b/ To approve invoices presented for payment

The following invoices were approved for payment –

G Eaton, Clerk's salary/expenses (March 2022)	£257.29
Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax (x3 months)	£160.63*
Castle Water, water for fountain	£48.86

* 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

There were no members of the public present

8 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning application

22/0356 - Works to trees subject of Tree Preservation Order No 2 of 1973 comprising of: T1 Yew crown reduction by 1.5 metres and lateral reduction by 1 metre, T2 Sycamore fell, T3 Holly fell, T4 Ash reduce back to previous pruning points, T5 Holly fell, T6 Holm Oak crown reduction by 3 metres and lateral reduction by 3 metres, T7 Conifer crown lift by 4 metres and crown reduction to previous point, T8, T9, T10 Portuguese Laurels remove and replace with Red Robins, T11 Conifer fell and T12 Bay crown reduction by 3 metres and lateral reduction by 1.5 metres, all located in front garden. T1 Ash fell, T2 Elder 2 metre crown reduction and 1 metre lateral reduction, T3 Holly remove and replace with variety of shrubs, T4 Conifer 3 metre crown reduction, T5 Sycamore fell, T6 Ash fell, T7 and T8 Conifer fell, all located in back garden
Romney House, School Road, CT21 4PP

It was agreed that there were no objections to the application, but to request that the FHDC Tree Officer closely monitors the works, and for the works to be carried out in School holidays to minimise traffic disruption

Clerk

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

Cllr Boland reported that there had been no Environment Agency activity on site, and that the appeal to the ICO was nearing completion. The final version would be circulated to the KCC, FHDC and Parish Cllrs and would be posted on the website/noticeboard

Cllr Boland

10 Playpark

There was nil of note to report

11 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

It had previously been agreed that the Parish Council would plant a tree instead of holding an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A Meeting with The Village Society, who had also decided to plant a tree, would be held soon

12 Inspection of Parish Council owned trees

Cllr Boland reported that he had instructed the tree surgeon to cut back the ivy on 3 trees, and to reduce the large Ash in the corner of the playpark by 40% during the winter period. The Horse Chestnut on the Village Green was discussed and it was agreed to keep a 'watching brief' as the tree did not look dangerous at present

13 Telephone Box/Defibrillator

Cllr Boland confirmed that the defibrillator and cabinet were both fully functional, although a new door would be sourced

14 Correspondence

There was no correspondence of note

15 Nomination of Trustees to the Robert Thompson Charities

The email from the Clerk to the Trustees, Robert Thompson Charities, was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to appoint two Trustees – Neil Matthews and Michael Carter. Clerk to reply

Clerk

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 9th May 2022, 6th June & 7th July, at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 7.40 pm