

SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING

Held via Zoom on

MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2021 at 1830

PRESENT:

Cllr. N. Matthews (Chairman), Cllr F Boland, Cllr. L. Johnson, Cllr. M. Carter
KCC Cllr Rory Love
FHDC Cllr Georgina Treloar
2 members of the public
Locum Clerk: C. Skinner

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr N Russill-Roy, Cllr L Sadler, Cllr N Meurice - accepted

WELCOME

Cllr Matthews declared the meeting open at 1830 and welcomed all to the meeting.

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Boland declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 21/0067, Badgers Mount. Cllr Johnson declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 21/2059, The Grange.

3.0 MINUTES

Amendment to Minutes of 4th January – Cllr Boland has circulated the draft Complaints Policy so far, other policies to follow.

The minutes of the meetings held on 4th and 15th January 2021 were then agreed to be a true and accurate record: Proposed by Cllr Matthews, seconded Cllr Carter, ALL AGREED.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

None.

5.0 REPORTS

KCC Cllr. Rory Love reported that the budget remains a priority for KCC and they are working to contain a council tax increase of under 2%. Social Care is proving to be more of a challenge due to the pandemic – leading to a 3% precept.

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Cllr Love also spoke about the use of cameras to monitor traffic and people movement to help KCC Highways to better manage traffic flow and highway design. Data protection is a key concern and therefore all supplier data is encrypted and information will not be sold. Trial routes are being agreed for use by 48T HGV's (not in this area however), Cllr Love believes that these vehicles should be easily identifiable. The aim is to establish if more freight can be moved by rail.

Children & Young People Education Committee – Cllr Love wants to see live lessons online.

Brexit transition – KCC are monitoring the volumes of HGV traffic, currently it is less than normal and is running quite smoothly.

Scrutiny Committee – the farming economy in Kent needs support and has asked for a Cabinet Member to write to the Secretary of State for Rural Affairs requesting help. Once salad grower lost 40% of trade due to lockdown.

Cllr Love is now also a trustee of the Robert Thompson Charities.

FHDC Cllr. Georgina Treloar reported that the Otterpool Core Strategy Review has been undertaken and impacts of the AONB, water supply problems identified would mean a new main from Paddlesworth Reservoir.

Highways England will look at J11 separately.

District Members were informed in a meeting with officers that ongoing governance would be via a trust however there are concerns that this might move to a town council set up. How this relates to neighbouring parishes is unclear. The business plan is available online.

In general matters, FHDC's Planning Dept is currently overstretched. Cllr Boland asked Cllr Treloar about the length of consultation periods as often there is only a week in which to consider and respond. Cllr Treloar will raise this with the Head of Planning and report back.

Cllr Matthews would also like to see the 6 monthly planning group meetings reinstated.

6.0 FINANCE

Finance Report/Balances:

Community Account	£ 6711.32
Business Account	£12464.18
NS&I	£ 1016.48

It was resolved to accept the finance report. Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Boland: **AGREED.**

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Payments to ratify:

PKF Littlejohn – External auditor penalty fees £48.00

It was resolved to accept the payment - Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Boland:

AGREED

Payments presented:

Safeplay – November inspection	£ 49.20
Locum Clerk	£150.00
Zoom	£ 14.39

It was resolved to accept the payments: Proposed by Cllr Boland, seconded Cllr Johnson:

AGREED

7.0 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME

No comments.

8.0 PLANNING

8.1 Applications

8.1.1 21/2067/FH - Badgers Mount, Sandling Road, Saltwood, Hythe, CT21 4QN

Proposed demolition and relocation of existing garage; new double-storey front and rear extensions including new increased roof height with front and rear balconies; proposed front elevation sun-terrace and new main entrance; proposed rear patio and terra.

No objection – subject to conditioning retention of the current tree screen.

Proposed Cllr Matthews, seconded Cllr Carter - **AGREED**

8.1.2 20/2059/FH - The Grange, 30 Grange Road, Saltwood, Hythe, CT21 4QS

Erection of new outbuilding

The council objects to this current application.

Proposed Cllr Boland, seconded Cllr Matthews - **AGREED**

8.1.3 21/0109/FH - Hayne Barn House, Track from Sandy Lane To Hayne Barn House, Saltwood, CT21 4EH

Proposed Two Yurts and toilet and shower hut and associated below ground foul water drainage

No objection

Proposed Cllr Matthews, seconded Cllr Johnson - **AGREED**

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8.2 Other Planning matters

To Note: 20/1834/FH – Lads Club, Rectory Lane, Saltwood – approved with conditions.

Section 73 application for variation of condition 2 (submitted plans) and 3 (materials) of Y18/1320/FH (Erection of single storey extensions and installation of ramped access, together with felling of a Gingko tree subject to TPO No.03 of 1997).

9.0 TELEPHONE BOX & DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Boland has looked at various options and it is agreed that a quote should be requested. Cllr Matthews suggested asking District Councillors for a grant towards this project.

10.0 PLAYPARK

Safeplay currently undertake quarterly inspections and provide quotes for remedial works as required.

At the next meeting it will be necessary to ratify a payment for the contract. The last remedial report required works totalling £14500, of this the zip wire repair is the most urgent.

It was resolved to ask Safeplay to repair the zip wire. Proposed by Cllr Matthews, seconded Cllr Carter: **AGREED**

11.0 MEMORIAL

The centenary in May 2021 will be postponed until 2022.

It was resolved to cancel the event this year, proposed by Cllr Matthews, seconded Cllr Carter: **AGREED**

12.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Damian Cock – KCC Highways asked about parking in the village, Cllr Matthews has written regarding the 2-hr option by KCC do not appear to have acknowledged this suggestion.

13.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Carter has ordered the litter bins, delivery expected in around 6 weeks.

The meeting closed to members of the public as the next item is a personnel matter.

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14.0 PARISH CLERK

Cllr Matthews confirmed that the vacancy has been advertised with KALC, FHDC, SLCC, Saltwood PC's Facebook account.

Miss Bessell has provided Cllr Matthews with some paperwork to allow the council's finance records to be maintained.

It was agreed to make a final settlement to Miss Bessell of £1225.00.

Proposed Cllr Matthews, seconded Cllr Boland: **AGREED**

15.0 CLOSE & NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2105.

Next Meeting 1st March 2021.

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