

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SALTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY, 04 November 2019 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. N. Matthews (Chairman), Cllr. F. Boland, Cllr. J. Stevens, Cllr. Mrs. L. Johnson and Cllr. N. Meurice.

In attendance - Cllr. R. Love – KCC Ward Member.

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- 124. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received and accepted from Cllr. Miss L. Sadler.
Cllr. Mrs. L. Whybrow and Cllr. J. Martin - Hythe Ward Members.

125. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

126. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 07 OCTOBER 2019:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 07 October 2019 were taken as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr. N.J. Stevens and seconded by Cllr. N. Meurice.

127. MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 07 October 2019:

- (a) Telephone Box – The Chairman reported that he had been in contact with BT and understood that the Telephone Box was to remain but the door would not be reinstated. The Telephone Box had been cleaned.
- (b) Litter Bin - Cllr. Stevens reported that he had nothing further to report on the refurbishment of the litter bins in Saltwood. A reply was awaited from Cllr. J. Peall, District Council Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste & Building Control.

128. REPORTS:

- (a) **County Councillor's Report** – Cllr. R. Love reported that Cllr. Roger Gough had been elected the new Leader of Kent County Council. He also spoke about the 2017 'good' Ofsted judgement of Kent's Children's Services which had put Kent's children services among the top 30% in the country. Since 2015 the percentage of schools with good or outstanding Ofsted inspections has improved. Kent schools with an Ofsted judgement of good or better now standing at 91%. An increase from 79.6% in 2015 and is above the national average. In conclusion Cllr. Love spoke about the Local Partnership Groups established across Kent to look after the health and wellbeing of children and young people, including the Folkestone Partnership Group.

(b) District Councillor's Report:

The Chairman read out following report from Cllr. Mrs. L. Whybrow.

"Since my last report a number of cross-party working groups have been set up at the District Council. We are pleased to have a representative on each group - The Otterpool Working Group, The Climate & Ecological Working Group, The Folkestone Town Centre Group and The Corporate Plan Working Group.

A Low Carbon and Sustainability Specialist has been appointed to support the Climate & Ecological working group and the recommendations from the first meeting of that group include: To recommend to Council that electric vehicles, charging points, costs and location are considered when replacing fleet vehicles.

To recommend to Council that the Civic Centre building energy impact on climate change is explored and costed

To promote reduction of food waste, packaging and healthy diets to all residents using a communication channel plan, such as 'Your District Today'.

District Councillor's report contd.

At the September council meeting I proposed a recommendation that cabinet make a Fair Tax declaration. This was passed and so will now be considered by cabinet.

It was also agreed that a cross party working group be set up to look at the possibility of changing from the cabinet system to a committee system and work is now being done on this. The council has commissioned some market research in the future of Folkestone Town Centre and surveys will be carried out there during November.

Following the problems at East Kent Housing the council is carrying out a consultation regarding the possibility of bringing the management of its council housing stock back into house. More details here: <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/EKH/Consultations>

129. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION:

The Meeting was closed to enable a local resident to speak on a planning application they would be submitting for two detached dwellings on land at Minstead, Sandling Road, Salwood. The Chairman thanked him for keeping the Parish Council informed.

130. PLANNING - (a) Planning applications: No applications received.

(b) Other planning matters: - No matters raised.

131. FINANCE;

(a) To receive balances at 04 November 2019 –

HSBC – Community Account £967.73

HSBC – Business Account £21,119.32

Nat. Savings Investments £1001.20

(b) To confirm payments since last meeting -

100297 – Jati Ltd. – Two Benches for Village Green £639.98 (includes VAT of £106.67)

Following a proposal by Cllr. J. Stevens and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Johnson the above payments were confirmed.

(c) Accounts presented for payment –

100298 – Jati Lt. - Anchor – Hard ground anchor set for

benches to be erected on Village Green. £55.00 (includes VAT of £9.17)

100299 – Mr. W. Kempson – Plants for War memorial £30.00

100301 – Saltwood C.E. Primary School – Hire of room for meeting

held on the 04 November 2019. £20.25

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. L. Johnson and seconded by Cllr. F. Boland the above payments were agreed.

132. LAND ADJ 16 BARTHOLOMEW LANE:

Report received from the Chairman on meeting held on 04 November 2019 with Mr. I Farthing of Frederic Hall (Solicitors). It had been suggested that arrangements be made to clear the land and secure the fencing to the front of the land. Mr. Farthing to submit report on his comments made at the meeting with Cllr. N. Matthews and Cllr. F. Boland.

133. CHILDREN'S PLAY PARK:

(a) Repairs to equipment – Following a proposal by Cllr. N. Meurice and seconded by Cllr. J. Stevens it was agreed to accept quotation from Safeplay Playground Services to replace the missing fixing to the Cable Runway and on the MUGA to replace missing fixings and re-attach netting to the goal.

(b) Litter Bin – The Clerk reported that a quotation for providing hard standing for the new litter bin was awaited. Once this was received and accepted then a new bin would be ordered.

134. SALTWOOD HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS PLAN:

The Chairman thanked Cllr. F. Boland for preparing and delivering letters regarding "Safety of Pedestrians, including Children, on School Road" to School Road residents and handing out

letters to parents of children who attended Saltwood Primary School.

135. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

The Clerk reported that all arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Service on the Village had been finalised. They included permission to close the road from the junction of Grange Road/Rectory Lane with The Green to outside “The Homestead”, The Green, refreshments after the service and Saltwood Village Society Exhibition in the Village Hall, the Hythe Salvation Army Band to play for the service and the appointment of Stewards.

136. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

The following emails had been circulated to Councillors –
NALC Chief Executive Bulletin -National CSSC Green Message – 25 October 2019.
Affinity Water – Water resources South East – update October 2019.
NALC Chief Executive Bulletin – 18 October 2019
KALC – Kent Community Safety Team re. hate crime awareness.
KCC – Budget Consultation 2020/2021
District Council - Otterpool Park – Note on water supply
District Council - Westernhanger Castle Open day.
KALC – Letter from Pageant Master VE Day 75 – Update for Local Councils.

137. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) **Agenda items for next meeting** – Defibrillator Funding and VE Day 75th Anniversary 08 to 10 May 2020.

(b) **World War 1 Trenches, Tilford Hill.**

Cllr. F. Boland drew attention to email from Mr. M. Dugdale informing the Parish Council that his application to have WW1 practice trenches on Tilford Hill added to the schedule of Monuments Historic England had been successful. Mr. Dugdale had pointed out that the Canadians who trained at the Sandling Camp and in particular on Tolsford Hill, became infamous for their trench warfare in Northern France. It was agreed a letter be sent to Mr. Dugdale congratulating him on the success of his application and thanking him for his continued interest in the history of Saltwood.

138. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 02 December 2019 at 6.30 p.m.

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