

# **SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E Primary School**

**Present** : Cllrs Boland (in the Chair), Matthews, Curran & Iacob

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

### **1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Carter & Williams and FHDC Cllrs Martin & Holgate

### **2 Registering declarations of interest in items on the Agenda**

There were no declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

### **3 Minutes of the last Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were unanimously approved

### **4 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising of note

### **5 KCC & FHDC Cllr reports**

KCC Cllr Love spoke about the Family Hub Transformation Scheme, a government initiative, involving a wide range of agencies providing locally based activity centres focusing on the first 1001 critical days of childhood. Rory also updated on the budget for 2024/2025 and the challenges it posed

FHDC Cllr Jones reported that the hoardings at Princes Parade are being removed and noted with sadness and concern the closure of Hythe Youth Centre in the New Year

## **6 Finance**

### a/ To receive bank balances

The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Community (current) account	£20870
Business Manager (savings) account	£12645

### b/ To approve invoices presented for payment

The following invoices were approved for payment –

	£
G Eaton, Clerk's salary/expenses (Dec 2023)	285.85
Saltwood C/E School, hall hire	25.00
Stephen Bailey, excavate two tree pits	100.00
F Boland, Christmas tree lights	39.88

### c/ Banking arrangements

Cllr Boland reported that he was still investigating opening an account with Metro Bank which offered free business banking if the account balance was over £6000

**Cllr Boland**

### d/ 2024/2025 Budget and Precept requirement

There was a discussion regarding the 2024/2025 budget and as no particular projects were identified it was agreed to keep the precept at the same level as the current year - £13635

**Clerk**

## **7 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Inclusion**

There were no members of the public present

## **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence of note

## **9 Planning & Enforcement**

### New planning application

**KCC/FH/0221/2023** – proposed removal of boardwalk and replacement pathway surfacing  
**Brockhill Country Park, Sandling Road, CT21 4HL**

There were no objections to this application

#### **10 Update on Mill Leese**

There was nil of note to report

#### **11 Update on the management of trees**

There was nil of note to report

#### **12 Update on proposals for a 20mph speed limit in Sandling Road**

KCC Cllr Love reported that he had asked Highways to look at the issues of concern in Sandling Road with a view to proposing improvements

#### **13 Christmas Tree and lights**

Cllr Boland reported that the Christmas tree would be delivered and erected on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December and that he had purchased lights to decorate the tree

#### **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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E Primary School

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 7.20 pm