

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SALTWOOD VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 04 APRIL 2016 AT 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. D. Kenyon-Vaughn (Chairman), Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice, Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware and Cllr. A. Ling.

In attendance – Cllr. Miss S. Carey - KCC Member Elham Valley and Cllr. M. Dearden - Hythe Ward Member.

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- 18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received and approved from Cllr. N. Matthews and Cllr. Miss L. Sadler.

- 19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were none.

20. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 07 MARCH 2016:

The Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 07 March 2016 having been circulated were taken as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware.

21. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 07 MARCH 2016:

School Road – Community Speedwatch Volunteers – Cllr. Mrs. Spice reported that following the press release for volunteers she now had recruited a few more volunteers. Once everyone had completed their training we could then start implementing the Community Speedwatch scheme.

- 22. REPORTS – (a) County Councillor's report** – Cllr. Miss S. Carey reported that Pent Valley Primary School would be closing and that footpath protection treatment works to be carried out in Sandling Road to the footpath from Brockhill Performing Arts College to Sandling Station.

(b) District Councillor's Report – Report received from Cllr. M. Dearden on the following -
Lorry Park – Government response had been held back slightly so it can consult further – idea of several sites further north.

Swimming Pool- Report on Princes Parade expected end of April. The Green not rejected for legal reasons but because of insurability. They could not insure loss if building demolished only reinstatement. Hythe Civic Society had invited Councillors to a meeting to be held on 15 April 2016 at Hythe Pavilion with the suggestion of a further site which will save £2.6m on the project. In the meantime the existing pool had been closed twice recently for safety reasons, one reason due to storm damage and the other a chemical leak.

Hythe Ward Plan – Gull proof bins on the Hythe seafront proceeding and other are projects progressing.

Ward Budget – Cllr. Dearden said that he had contributed from his budget to the Play Park in Saltwood. Ward Budget for SDC Councillors may be increased from present level but await decision.

Queen's 90th Birthday – Hythe Town Council are looking to a firework display on the beach close to Twiss Road Car Park and in front of the Hotel Imperial.

Housing Stock – Reported at Cabinet on 23 March 2016 that in 2009 it had been identified there was a need for 1318 additional affordable homes in the District each year. Currently 1628 households registered on Council's waiting list. Housing stock - 3367 homes for rent with houses and bungalows comprising half the stock. Sheltered and semi-sheltered account for 30%. Since 1998 382 homes have been sold under the Right to Buy scheme and in 2015, 22 exercised RTB. Hythe, Saltwood and Seabrook have 618 or 18% of housing stock. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan looks to build 30 dwellings each year. A number of sites were being considered.

- 23. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION:** No matters raised.

24. FINANCE:

(a) To receive balances at 04 April 2016 –

HSBC – Community Account	£500.00
HSBC – Business Account	£10,118.04
Nat. Savings Investments	£983.42

(b) To confirm payments since last meeting –

100139 The Kent Men of the Trees – entry fee to Tree Competition	£10.00
100140 S.J. Harland & Co. – Christmas Tree	£42.00 (incl.VAT £7.00)
100141 Safeplay Playground Services Ltd. – Children’ Play Park Inspection of equipment.	£30.00 (incl.VAT £5.00)
Following proposal by Cllr. L. Spice, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware the above payments were confirmed.	

(c) To approve accounts presented for payment –

100142 Clerk’s Salary January, February and March 2016	£667.12
and Office/Electricity expenses 2015/2016.	£150.00 £817.12
100143 Clerk’s Admin. Expenses for 2015/2016 – Postage £10.07, paper and ink £52.89 and ‘Phone & Internet £221.28.	£284.24
100144 G. Marsh - Village Green Mowing 3.5 hours @ £10.00	£35.00
100145 Cllr. N. Matthews – Reimbursement for payment to Currys PC World for new laptop and soft ware.	£438.99 (incl.VAT £73.15)

Following proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Spice, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. S. Ware the above payments were agreed.

25. PLANNING – (a) Planning applications –

Y16/0199/SH – Holiday Extras, Ashford Road, Newingreen, Hythe. Erection of a two storey office building and extension of the car park (alternative to planning permission Y15/017/SH).

Support.

As the following three applications had only just been received it was agreed that details be forwarded to Members to enable them to view applications on the SDC website:-

Y16/0091/SH – Beacon Hill, School Road, Hythe – erection of detached dwelling.

Y16/0257/SH – Hayne Barn House track from Sandy Lane to Hayne Barn House, Saltwood – Erection of one 3 bedroom holiday chalet to be used as a Holiday Let and in association with the existing wedding venue.

Y16/0319/SH – Saltwood House, Rectory Lane, Saltwood – Listed Building Consent for internal alterations and installation of partition walls to the first floor principal bedroom.

Comments on the applications to be sent to the Clerk by the 23 April 2016 for submitting to SDC.

All comments submitted to SDC will be reported at the next Parish Council meeting.

26. QUEEN’S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: To receive update

It was reported that Saltwood Village Society was forming a group to organising the planting of a tree on the Village Green and Castle Green WI members were progressing with their arrangements for the Tea Party to be held at Saltwood Lads Club. Timing for the proposed Saltwood Village Picnic to be held at the Children’s Play Park to be decided once the times for other events taking place on the day had been finalised.

27. CHILDREN’S PLAY PARK – Addition equipment

Cllr Mrs. L. Spice reported that she had received funding of £600.00 from Cllr. Dearden’s Ward Budget and £2,500 from the Roger De Hann Charity Trust and £1,632.75 from the Saltwood Community Group and was now able to hand over a cheque for £4,732.75 towards the “Basketgoal Handball” equipment. The cost of the equipment excluding VAT was £4850.00 and was included in the original quotations received for the improvements for the Play Park. The remaining £117.25 would come from funding agreed for any new equipment in the annual estimates for 2016/2017.

28. CORRESPONDENCE:

E-mails reported and to be circulated to Members -

From UK Power Networks: Priority Service Register and energy efficiency advice leaflet.

From RoSPA Playsafety Ltd. – re Playsafety Routine & Operational Playground Inspection and Training Courses – new venue for 2016 in Sittingbourne.

From Kent County Council – Consultation on Bus Services.

29. ANYOTHER BUSINESS – No matters raised.

30. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – AGM - Monday 09 May 2016 at 6.30 p.m.

SignedChairman)

09 May 2016.