

# **SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School**

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

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

### **1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Carter

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were unanimously approved

### **4 Matters arising**

Cllr Boland reported that he was unable to find any suitable outside Christmas tree lights but would continue his research **Cllr Boland**

Cllr Curran undertook to circulate updated detail of Cherry tree species to be planted to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee **Cllr Curran**

### **5 Reports**

KCC Cllr Love spoke about the educational successes of Kent's Schools compared to national averages, and the consultation on the rationalization of KCC's community assets

FHDC Cllr Treloar reported on FHDC's budget challenges and updated on the Princes Parade development

## **6 Finance**

### a/ To receive bank balances

The Clerk reported the bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 -

Community (current) account	£41521.42
Business Manager (savings) account	£12490.99

The balances were unanimously approved

### b/ To approve invoices presented for payment

The following invoices was approved for payment –

FHDC, repayment of CIL monies paid in error	£28945.26
G Eaton, Clerk's salary/expenses (Dec 2022)	£265.50
Saltwood C/E School, hall hire	£50.00

### c/ To agree the budget/Precept requirement for 2023/2024

There was a general discussion regarding the revised budget/precept figures for 2023/2024 previously circulated by email, and it was unanimously agreed to request a Precept of £13635.00. Clerk to notify FHDC

**Clerk**

### d/ To consider a donation to Saltwood Church towards the maintenance of the burial ground

The request from Saltwood Church for a contribution towards the maintenance of the burial ground was considered. It was noted that £200 pa had been paid previously but this had stopped during the COVID lockdowns. A contribution of £250 was provisionally agreed. Cllr Boland to discuss various issues with the Honorary Treasurer

**Cllr Boland**

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

There were no members of the public present

## **8 Planning & Enforcement**

### New Planning applications

There were no new planning applications to consider

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

Cllr Boland reported that all work had now stopped at Mill Leese, and that he was corresponding with the ICO case officer

## **10 Playpark**

There was nil of note to report

## **11 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence of note

## **12 Any Other Business**

There was a discussion about the May Parish Council elections, and Cllr Boland kindly agreed to write to the local Schools asking them to advertise these to parents **Cllr Boland**

It was agreed that the Parish noticeboard required some maintenance – Cllr Matthews agreed to arrange this **Cllr Matthews**

It was noted that despite instructing Harmers the vegetation at land adjacent to 16 Bartholomew Lane had still not been cut back. Cllr Matthews to chase Harmers **Cllr Matthews**

## **13 Date of next Meetings**

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meetings would be held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6.30 pm at Saltwood C/E School

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 7.55 pm