

SALTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING

Held via Zoom on

MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2021 at 1830

PRESENT:

Cllr. N. Matthews (Chairman), Cllr. L. Johnson (part), Cllr. N. Meurice, Cllr. F. Boland, Cllr. L. Sadler (part), Cllr. M. Carter, KCC Cllr. R. Love

Locum Clerk: C. Skinner

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received and accepted from: Cllr N Russill-Roy, Cllr Whybrow, and J Bessell (Clerk)

WELCOME

Cllr Matthews declared the meeting open at 1835 and welcomed all to the meeting.

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the remote meeting held on 7th December were **resolved** to be a true and accurate record. Proposed: Cllr. Carter, seconded: Cllr. Boland. **AGREED**

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr Carters reported that good progress is being made with the new waste bins, details of the signwriting are awaited at present.

Memorial – to be discussed at the February meeting.

5.0 REPORTS FROM KCC and FHDC COUNCILLORS

Cllr Love reported that little has happened since the last meeting in terms of KCC activity. With only one meeting held on 10th December dealing with rural and urban broadband and mobile phone not-spots. £38m has been invested through various schemes, 95% of homes and businesses in Kent have access to superfast broadband. 0.5% of premises have no access to this level of service, mobile not-spots also need to be addressed. It should be noted that whilst KCC are not responsible for these, they try to influence where possible.

SIGNED:

KCC Strategic Plans set the course for the next few years but these are currently viewed as interim due to Covid-19 impacts over the next 18 months.

Brexit Impacts: This is the first working day after the holiday and no major issues have arisen. Junction 10 and 0a are open and flowing well which is key as they offer access to William Harvey Hospital.

Cllr Boland added that the role played at Dover is crucial as it is a pinch point, this causes some concern due to the lack of preparation for potential issues. Cllr Love believes that the lorry holding areas currently in the development stage should help. Recently unexpected situations have caused problems, but these matters were out of KCC's hands or local residents. It is felt that the M20 should not be used as an easy solution as it can be a problem, mitigation for the unexpected is essential.

Further lorry holding areas outside of Kent would assist.

School Road, Saltwood: the speed survey may not give the best result due to holiday impacts; Cllr Love will continue to support the Parish Council on this issue.

6.0 FINANCE

6.1 Bank Balances:

HSBC (1)	£ 7127.69
HSBC (2)	£12464.18

It was proposed to authorise the above balances by Cllr Boland, seconded by Cllr Carter – all AGREED.

6.2 Payments to be authorised:

Reimbursement to Cllr Matthews (Zoom)	£ 14.39
Gary Marsh (grass cutting)	£ 25.00
Cathy Skinner – Locum Clerk	£ 157.50
Commercial Services	£ 148.73
Water Supply	£ 22.75

It was proposed to authorise the above payments by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Sadler – all AGREED.

6.3 Precept for 2021 – 2022

Having reviewed the expenditure estimate for the next financial year, **Cllr Matthews proposed a precept request of £10,500. Seconded by Cllr Boland – All Agreed.**

Cllr Love confirmed that he would be willing to consider a grant towards the cost of a defibrillator.

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7.0 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME

No Public Present

8.0 PLANNING

8.1 Applications

20/1733/FH: Castle View, Castle Road, Saltwood, CT21 4QY
Erection of a single storey rear extension - No Objection

20/1935/FH: Springville, Sandling road, Saltwood, Hythe, CT21 4QJ
Erection of rear extension - No objection subject to FHDC conditioning access for construction traffic in the construction management plan.

Proposed by Cllr Boland, seconded Cllr Sadler – ALL agreed

9.0 TELEPHONE BOX/DEFIBRILLATOR

Ongoing, more information will be provided at the next meeting.

10.0 WEBSITE

Cllr Sadler reported good progress, emails now need to be set up.

Many documents are already on the new website, Cllr Boland reports that a draft Complaints Policy has been circulated, others to follow. These need to be formally adopted at future meetings of the Council.

11.0 PLAYPARK

Graffiti has recently become an issue and a bench has been damaged. Cllr Matthews suggested undertaking a visual check of the equipment and looking at the Safeplay report before requesting a quote for repairs. FHDC will help to remove the graffiti and Cllr Love suggested reporting the problems to FHDC Community Safety Team to aid detection.

12.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Matthews will circulate an email from Cllr Whybrow.

13.0 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / NEXT AGENDA

It was reported that rubbish bins have not all been emptied – Cllr Matthews will follow this up with FHDC.

14.0 NEXT MEETING

Monday 1st February 2021 at 1830, via Zoom.

15.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

SIGNED:

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1951.

Approved

SIGNED: