

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARETS-AT-CLIFFE

Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the above Parish Council held on Monday 12th October 2015 at St Margarets Hall, Reach Road at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs T Porter, E Cooke, R Simcox, R Fagg, R Beasley.. Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Smith (holiday), Fielding (holiday) and Maddison (engagement). Apologies also received from District Cllr Keith Morris. County Cllr Steve Manion in attendance.

Following issues raised during Public Question Time:-

Sandy Liggins noted streetlight not working at bottom of Church steps (this had been reported by Clerk); light not working at Post Office Corner (Clerk will report); manhole cover at junction of Townsend Farm Road with Station Road is dipping – Clerk will report.

Jim Stone asked if double yellow lines could be placed at beginning of Reach Road outside Heath Court as parking continues to cause problems at this point. Chair confirmed this would be a topic for conversation with Kent Highways.

Jenny Harris asked re decisions made on planning decisions ahead of meetings – Clerk confirmed this had taken place during PC summer break given time constraints on responses.

Terry Claringbould pointed out continue problems with parked cars during events at the village hall and asked why the Glebe Field was not being used. Chair advised that a formal written agreement by the Bay Trust had never been reached in this respect re the Hall.

1. The minutes for the meeting on 14 th September 2015, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed.	
2. <u>Declarations of interest</u> Cllr Simcox reported an interest in planning application 0819 for the Nursery and After School Club mobile building which is located on the land at St Margaret's Primary School and Portal House as she is a Trustee for the lease..	
2a) <u>Tracy Evans re proposal for bus shelters</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracy made a plea for the Parish Council to apply for grants available of up to £2,000 in respect of 2 bus shelters; one at Nelson Park and one near the Red Lion.• She pointed out that particularly at Nelson Park, children are standing out in this exposed position in all weathers.• IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council would consider quotations in this respect, with Mrs Evans to provide these to the Council for consideration.	
3. <u>Clerk Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Met with Royal Mail rep – allowing for services survey done to satisfaction, postbox at end of Kingsdown Road should be in place by end of November.• Ex Councillor Tracey Purchase has agreed to manage Footpath Walk. Chapel Tea Rooms will provide refreshments with invoice awaited.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overgrown hedge from village car park reported – Highways have written to Heath Court asking that they cut it back. • Cricket Club advised only one incident in recent history re Wayside property – Chair will speak to them. • Operation Stack – Clerk had attended meeting at DDC Offices, with notes given to Councillors. • Have written to Kent Highways and PROW re definition of Beach Road – reply still awaited. • Kent Highways being reticent re meeting but will pursue. • “Meet the Councillors” – meeting set for Friday 27th November 3.30 – 6 p.m. in the Channel Room - Councillors to meet to see how they want to present this. • Asked DDC re sign for buses going up Lighthouse Road – reference 170340. • Non-working streetlight reported at end of footpath to Church – reference 172597. • Requested sign re “no through road” for The Droveaway – reference 170341. • Shutter contractor visited KGV Pavilion – quote awaited. • Litter bins at war memorial – reported – slight improvement appears to have been seen. • Met with Mark Jones tree surgeon – he will provide quote re professional report. • Further quote requested re internal damage at KGV Pavilion – awaited. • Neighbour next door to property “Breezes” reported obstruction to highway – reported to DDC. Community Warden advises this has now been dealt with. • Chair agreed that he and Clerk would attend KALC Finance Conference on 22nd October. 	<p>Chair to deal</p> <p>Clerk to chase</p> <p>Clerk to monitor</p> <p>All Councillors to deal</p> <p>Clerk to chase</p> <p>Report awaited</p> <p>Clerk to chase</p> <p>Chair and Clerk to attend.</p>
<p>4. <u>Co-option of Councillor</u></p> <p>Council had been provided with two nominees for co-option, namely Brenda Paul and Peter Evans. It was agreed that Councillors would meet with these two persons before coming to a decision. Clerk to contact and arrange.</p>	<p>Clerk to deal</p>
<p>5. <u>Planning</u></p> <p>DOV/15/00908 Erection of a dwelling, detached garage and creation of vehicular access (existing building to be demolished) – Cliffe Place, Station Road <i>No objections</i></p> <p>DOV/15/00819 Continued use of 6 bay mobile building – Land at St Margaret’s Primary School and Portal House <i>No objections</i></p> <p>(Cllr Simcox declared an interest as Trustee of the building).</p>	
<p>6) <u>Report from Community Warden</u></p> <p>Warden Lee Kidd provided a written report to the meeting, a summary of which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asking residents to keep hedges/shrubbery cut back from pavements/roads. 2. Reporting of highway faults. 3. Action in case of suspected stroke. 4. Parking problems – asking motorists not to block drives/dropped kerbs. 5. Bogus callers. 	

7. Finance and Accounts

Cheque for £87.44 payable to British Telecom for the office phone was duly ratified.

IT WAS RESOLVED that donkey springer be repaired at cost of £583.32. Clerk to check with Wicksteed re any guarantee on work.

The following cheques were passed for payment:-

CPRE – annual subs	£36.00
St Margarets Village Hall re meeting 27 th November	£27.00
The Landscape Group Ltd – grasscutting	£450.74
Mr I Miller – labour/expenses/fuel/retention fee	£1,341.00
Petty Cash	£18.83
Lynne Hopwood – cleaning at KGV Pavilion	£51.00
Jane Cook – salary for September	£1,065.50
Jane Cook – office expenses	£25.59
H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE/NIC	£193.44
	£3,209.10

Receipts

Credit interest £1.82 + 16p

Walleys Court re pitch marking £77.86

Quotations for shutters, internal repairs at KGV Pavilion and report from tree surgeon still awaited – to remain until November agenda.

Clerk to deal

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8. Football Clubs – costs

Cllr Fielding was absent for this meeting, so item to be on agenda for November. Clerk confirmed she had just received copies of electricity invoices from junior club. Clerk will liaise with Cllr Fielding on his return from holiday.

Clerk and Cllr Fielding to deal

9. Precept 2016-2017

Clerk provided Councillors with summary of present financial position. It was agreed that Councillors would meet on Monday 7th December between 9-11 at the village hall for informal discussion re Precept/budget.

Clerk to notify and prepare figures

10. Correspondence

- Mr M Thompson – follow up email re land on junction of Dover Road/Station Road – Clerk had responded.
- KALC re KCC Highways and Transport Survey 2015.
- Mike Fielding re Bowls Club roof and further email from Cllr Smith – Clerk will speak to Claringboulds re an inspection of the corrugated roof and quotation.
- Andy Steele DDC – press release re continued work on St James’ development.
- Stephanie Wadhams, Kent Highways re highway salt supplies – supply still held at farm, Clerk to check if a bag can be sourced later in the season.

Clerk to deal

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- Simon Brown re bench on The Madge – it was agreed that bench could be installed and Clerk to liaise with Mr Brown and Ian Miller.
- Rebecca Simcox re letter sent to Granville Road residents by Kent Highways.
- Louise Cooke, Democratic Services re co-option of Councillor.
- Mr J Stone – copies of letters sent to Charlie Elphicke MP and KCC Public Rights of Way re Beach Road.
 - Correspondence re traffic issues:- Mr C Bailey; Mrs M Woods; Mr R Maraniello; Mr F Andrews; Ms L Marshall.
- Email response from Traffic Schemes at Kent Highways re request for sign re “unsuitable for coaches” – Highways are not able to undertake any such signage due to budget constraints.
- KALC – re AGM 21st November – agreed that Chair would attend.
- DDC advice re Scouts nomination of the Glebe Field as a community asset.
- Kirk Alexander – email re continued funding of work in the South Foreland Valley. It was agreed that reps Cllr Beasley and Cooke would arrange for meeting with Kirk and interested parties to discuss further.
- Mr D Jaenicke – email re: trees/bank at end of Kingsdown Road; parking in the “turning circle”; vehicle speed/verges Kingsdown Road to Hogs Bush; Beach Road. Report re trees still awaited but Chair will speak to Mr Jaenicke.

Clerk to deal

Chair to attend with Clerk to organise

Cllrs Cooke and Beasley to arrange meeting

Chair to deal

11. Reports from Councillors / Advisers

Cllr Fagg had been asked to raise question of long-term parking in village car park; it was felt that there is little that can be done here, as confirmed by recently visiting traffic attendant.

Cllr Manion advised that the streetlighting survey by KCC ends on 29th November.

Cllr Cooke had been asked to raise question of dogs on the beach during the winter season – it was felt that signs in the vicinity were not clear.

12. Village Maintenance / Matters affecting the Parish

It was agreed that a tree be purchased from Cluffs for Post Office Corner – cost likely to be £200-£250. Ian Miller will deal with erection of tree on 3rd December with Councillors asked to help on the day. Cllr Porter is to speak to Shakti at the shop re any involvement.

Cllr Porter to deal

Clerk was asked to arrange for a condolence card to be sent to the Purchase family, following the recent death of Gerry Purchase, long time previous Clerk to the Council.

Clerk to deal

Cllr Fagg raised the question of any works on the Reach Road Pond – he will investigate funding and/or assistance re trailer for clearance.

Cllr Fagg to deal

Mr Miller had recently had to remove human waste from the King George V Play Area and surrounds.

Handrail on footpath from Kingsdown Road to The Freedown is broken – Clerk to report to PROW.

Clerk to deal

Re Kingsdown Road – investigations have shown that resident used to pay Alistair Lyon to cut back verges, these residents have now moved away. Re the path running alongside that road, Mr Miller should be able to cut back brambles etc using the Valley equipment and he has been asked to undertake this.

Clerk provided details of ROSPA report, which has received an overall “medium” risk rating.

There being no further business, the meeting closed 8.45 p.m.

Confirmed:

Chairman

12th October 2015