

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARETS-AT-CLIFFE

Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the above Parish Council held on Monday 12th March 2018 in St Margarets Hall, Reach Road at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs R Simcox (in the Chair), Cllr J Harris, Cllr A Fielding, Cllr G Macgregor. Apologies received from Cllr B Paul (illness), Cllr A Newton (illness), Cllr C Smith (family funeral), Cllr R Wilkie (professional witness in court hearing). County Cllr S Manion and District Cllr K Morris in attendance for early part of the meeting). District Cllr P Jull in attendance. Cllr Simcox was nominated and took the Chair for the meeting.

Following issues raised during Public Question Time:-

Viv Verren could the Parish Council confirm agreement for the Scouts to hold their summer fete at the King George V Playing Field – agreed.

David Hall – advised that he had telephoned Kent Highways during recent icy/snowy weather, to ask if Station Road near Martin Mill railway station could be salted. Advised that no-one had called him back following this call. Advised that hedge on A258, from junction heading towards the Swingate Inn is still partially obscured by hedges from two farmers' land. Agreed that Clerk would contact Highways in this regard.

<p>1. <u>Confirmation of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 12th March 2018</u> The minutes, having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of interest</u> – none declared on agenda items.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Charles Lynch, Senior Architect for Dover District Council</u> Mr Lynch provided details of the proposed refurbishment of the beach huts at St Margaret's Bay. DDC plan to invest in improvements to current huts, currently 14 in number, and provide additional 10 new beach huts.</p> <p>The current tall hedge is planned to be removed, with replacement planting to be undertaken. Plan is to keep existing block work on current huts, stripping out timbers and providing new windows and doors. New log cabins would be bought in for new huts, anchored down. Shutters would be put in place to cover glass. Cabins would arrive in flat pack form.</p> <p>There is a strong demand for current huts, with a waiting list. Would initially need to apply for planning permission and consultation is taking place with Coastal Engineer re proximity to sea wall. Current price is £800 per annum – believes this is likely to increase but not to a great extent.</p>	
<p>3a. <u>County and District Councillor Reports</u></p> <p>District Cllr Morris = advised that DDC budget set last week – increase of 2.95% but that this would entail no staff cuts or cuts to services. 3 further staff to be recruited – 1 into Tourism, 1 into Transport and 1 into Enforcement. Advised that Enforcement and Environmental Teams will now work from “one room” to share information.</p>	

<p>Cllr Jull – advised that proposal re imposing Sunday parking charges has been deferred. Advised that electoral review of warding arrangements for Dover under way – to reduce total number of councillors elected from 45 to 32. St Margaret’s recommendation is to reduce to 1 Councillor for the Ward, this to include Guston – agreed at Electoral Matters Meeting and to go before Council on 28th March.</p> <p>County Cllr Steve Manion displayed video re transport initiative “Arriva Click” – has been trialled in other parts of County. This runs on an “Uber” like basis, with travellers using a phone app to call up buses as and when needed. Pilot of scheme should possibly be in place by September. Advised that a multi-agency approach had been in force during recent very bad weather – the snow/ice had seen a huge impact on road surfaces and a pothole blitz was to be put in place – residents asked to report to Kent Highways.</p> <p>Cllr Manion was asked to check on current situation re the Community Warden as St Margaret’s currently has the part-time services of Hannah Osborne following the departure of Lee Kidd. Cllr Manion was asked if anything could be done to prevent lorries parking in laybys in village – he confirmed that KCC and DDC are working together to try and resolve this ongoing problem. Suggestion of “no lorries” signs at two junctions to be investigated.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Clerk Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk advised re Pond Warden David Carey from Hadlow PC – originally went to wrong destination. Clerk will continue to liaise to set up further meeting. • KALC training day at Whitfield starts attended by Cllrs Macgregor, Newton and Clerk. • Clerk had been in liaison with DDC re old bus stop pole in Station Road – this should shortly be removed. • Spoke to DDC re dumping of domestic waste in litter bin at King George V – resident had been advised re use of own waste/recycling bins. • Clerk had been questioned by resident about new bus shelter at Nelson Park. • Langdon Close application re-advertised following further information. • Grasscutting contract with Idverde – confirmation sent to continue with grasscutting, excluding KGV Field. • Still awaiting response from Zurich re liability on memorials in Foreland Valley. • Cheques for grants prepared – to be approved under Finance. • Fallen Hawthorn on Madge Field – Ian Miller has dealt with this. • Awaiting response from DDC re protected open spaces in Local Plan. It was confirmed that Clerk asks Planning Office to remove old Neighbourhood Plan from DDC website, as this is now defunct. • It was agreed that Clerk could seek price from fencing contractor re missing fence between car park and Churchyard. 	<p>Clerk to deal</p> <p>Clerk to follow up</p> <p>Clerk to deal</p> <p>Clerk to deal</p>
<p>5. <u>General Data Protection Regulations</u></p> <p>Clerk had provided Councillors with GDPR toolkit provided through KALC by NALC, for the impending new regulations – to be effective from 25th May 2018. Cllr Harris advised that KALC are having several meetings over next few weeks when this will be discussed and it was agreed that PC wait for April meeting of KALC before moving forward. It was stressed that Councillors should maintain a separate email account for PC emails.</p>	<p>Clerk to await further information</p>
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6. Planning

The following comments were made on the applications considered:-

DOV/18/00083 Raising of roof and erection of front and rear dormers to facilitate creation of first floor living accommodation
16 Langdon Close *Object – Proposal is an incongruous design, overlooking of nearby properties, out of character with street scene*

DOV/18/00150 Removal of Conditions 5 and 7 and Variation of Conditions 1, 2, 11 and 13 of planning permission DOV/16/01253 (application under Section 73)
Site R/O The Shrubbery, St Margarets Road
Defer to Planning Officer

DOV18/00165 Erection of a first floor extension incorporating rear balcony with glass balustrade, installation of external flue and construction of front external steps
Two Ways, 32 Salisbury Road *No objections*

DOV/18/00181 Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission DOV/17/01168 (approved drawings) (section 73 application)
Red Lion Public House, 1 Kingsdown Road
Defer to Planning Officer

DOV/18/00182 Variation of Condition 1 (approved drawings) of listed building consent DOV/17/01169
Red Lion Public House, 1 Kingsdown Road
Defer to Planning Officer

DOV/18/00189 Erection of a detached chalet bungalow dwelling, new garage and creation of parking (existing garage to be demolished)
Michaelmas, Convent Close *No objections*

Clerk was delegated to deal with the following applications, received since publishing of the agenda:-

DOV/18/00202 Removal and replacement of front wall and creation of parking spaces –
and 18/242 Cliffe Cottage, Cripps Lane *Positively support as this sees removal of vehicles from the roadside*

DOV/18/00246 Alteration to boundary wall and creation of parking spaces –
Red Lion Public House, 1 Kingsdown Road *No objections*

<p>7. Finance The following items were approved for payment:-</p> <p>St Margarets History Society – S.137 Grant £350.00 St Margarets Nursery and After School Club – S.137 Grant £415.80 Pegasus Playscheme – S.137 Grant £1,000.00 St Margarets Parent Baby & Toddler Group – S.137 Grant £511.32 Mrs L Winter – Spirit of St Margarets – S.137 Grant £300.00 St Margarets PCC – S.137 Grant £80.00 Dover District Scout Council – S.137 Grant £100.00 Idverde – line marking £52.80 NEST Pension £145.36 Lister Wilder – Equipment £752.07 Mr I Miller – February invoice £951.00 Fields in Trust – subscription £50.00 Jane Cook – salary £1129.65 Jane Cook – office expenses £25.46 H M Revenue and Customs £227.50 Petty Cash £21.00</p> <p>Receipts:- Credit interest £2.82 Football Club re line-marking £44.00</p>	<p>£6,111.96</p>	
<p>8. Sports Pavilions – Cllr Macgregor’s recent inspection of the shower units at the Alexander Pavilion had shown that a faulty kettle was causing the electric to trip out. Clerk was asked to check with Clubs re electrical testing; Cllr Fielding will ask local electrician for an overall price for dealing with PAT testing and overall circuit testing.</p>		<p>Clerk and Cllr Fielding to deal</p>
<p>9. Electoral Review of Dover – Warding Arrangements – after general discussion and explanation, it was agreed that this be deferred until next PC meeting, to allow greater discussion by absent Councillors.</p>		<p>Clerk to place on agenda</p>
<p>10. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Ayles re photo shoot in South Foreland Valley – Clerk had responded giving PC agreement. • David Hart and Chris Little = thank you on behalf of volunteer group re Valley equipment purchase agreed by PC. • Brenda Paul – re horse riders from stables in St Margaret’s. It was agreed that as no specific footpaths are named, that this be left for time being. • Steve Manion re KCC budget and school travel passes – no planned changes to young persons travel card. • Paul Hubbard, Kent Highways re Bay Hill lining – not to be undertaken due to budgetary constraints. • Mr G Wilson re litter at the monument – DDC are aware. • Sue Clark – thank you re Pegasus grant. • NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletin 8-23 Feb 2018. • Lee Kidd re Community Warden role – Cllr Steve Manion will investigate. • Steve Manion – forwarded message re water supply issues. 		

- Linda Winter – thank you re grant for Spirit of St Margarets.
- Paul Neagle, DDC re Public Spaces Protection Order
- Sandy Liggins – thank you re PCC grant.

11. Reports from Councillors

- Clerk had chased David Carey following aborted visit to Reach Road Pond and will continue to try and re-arrange.
- Cllr Paul had asked whether “danger, deep water” signs were required in respect of Chapel Lane Pond. This was decided against. The question of renewing the currently laminated signs will be re-visited at a later stage.

Clerk to deal

12. Village Maintenance / Matters affecting the Parish

- Cllr Harris spoke re the Play Area. Following visit by play consultant, the idea of the erection of an internal fence to protect younger children had been suggested – following public consultation this was decided against. Cllr Harris suggested that further equipment for early years children (age 10 months to 2½ years was needed. She produced artwork showing a wooden walking activity trail, together with a toy train – cost £2,019.40 and £3,299 exclusive of installation respectively. It was decided that this appear as a main topic on agenda for next month and Cllr Harris will speak to the Toddler Group to gauge interest

Cllr Harris to deal

(Cllr Macgregor left the meeting at 8.40 p.m.)

- It was agreed that Cllrs Harris and Simcox would meet with regard to the bus shelter to contact relevant companies.
- Cllr Simcox sought permission for Scout Group to hold an Easter Egg Hunt in the South Foreland Valley on 31st March – this was approved.
- IT WAS RESOLVED to accept tender at £1,050 from Breaside Stables for grazing at Old Bottom Freedown for coming year.
- Cllr Simcox pointed out that DDC was looking at agreeing to the suggested removal of the dog exclusion zone in The Bay (at the far end of the beach).

Cllrs Harris and Simcox to deal

Clerk to deal

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Confirmed:

Chairman

12th March 2018

Correspondence received prior to meeting
9th April 2018

13 Mar Letter from Kent Highways re snow emergency / highway damage
14 Mar Resident email re Walleys Cottage.
20 Mar James Hawkins, Zurich Insurance re public liability insurance.
20 Mar David Carey re visit to Reach Road Pond.
21 Mar Jon Barker, National Trust re centenary of WW1.
22 Mar DDC Planning re bus shelter, Station Road.
26 Mar Kent Police – Rural Liaison Team Report.
26 Mar Further resident letter re Walleys Cottage.
26 Mar Richard Haynes, request for meeting with PC.
29 Mar Kent Highways re A2 potholes.

23 Mar (by post) DDC Community Housing re Community Housing Self Build.
Undated letter from resident re proposed surgery / housing development at Station Road.