

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARETS-AT-CLIFFE

Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the above Parish Council held on Monday 9th April 2018 in St Margarets Hall, Reach Road at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs C Smith, J Harris, R Wilkie, A Newton, G Macgregor. Apologies received from Cllr R Simcox (family illness) and Cllr A Fielding (illness). District Cllr P Jull in attendance. Apologies received from County Cllr S Manion. Cllr Smith was nominated and took the Chair for the meeting.

Following issues raised during Public Question Time:-

Mr P Wells – reported that the bushes at the edge of Bay Hill are obscuring white lines – Clerk confirmed this had been reported before but will again inform Kent Highways. Peter expressed concern that woodcutting is occurring in the Valley by working parties and that the wood left on the ground could create a fire risk. Also reported that vehicles had been using roads in the area for racing/wheel spins.

Sandy Liggins – advised that bus stop pole in Sea Street had been removed as requested.

David Hall – on Easter Sunday, it had taken him 20 minutes to get from flyover on Upper Road to St Margaret’s due to queuing traffic at National Trust car park. Agreed that this could be brought to the attention of the Trust at meeting. David also queried how the NT could change what is effectively a permissive footpath into an access road to reach Lighthouse from Upper Road.

<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>County and District Councillor Reports</u> District Cllr P Jull advised that further proposal re introducing Sunday parking charges had been put forward, in relation to Middle Street, Deal. Advised that planning appeal re the Gladman housing development at Cross Road, Walmer had been successful. It is possible that DDC could be open to speculative housing developments due to the lack of five year housing supply (Planning Inspector comment). Current Boundary Commission review ends today – further consultation will take place in August.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Clerk Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following email from David Carey of Hadlow PC, Councillors were asked what/if plans could be put in place re Reach Road Pond. Clerk was asked to contact Kent Highways to establish if Pond is an official “road drain”. • Clerk had arranged meeting with fencing contractor re Church/car park missing fence – contractor failed to attend and further site visit to be arranged. • Graffiti in red paint sprayed on noticeboard at Nelson Park and old BT telephone box – Ian Miller has cleaned off noticeboard and incident reported to PCSO/Warden by Clerk. • Councillors will have seen email from Zurich re public liability cover for South Foreland Valley. PC needs to keep vigilant re access to sites in the Valley. 	<p>Clerk to deal Clerk to deal</p>

- Following Mr David Hall's enquiry, Highways advise they will not grit/salt road near Martin Mill railway station as this is a secondary route. Hedges on A258/junction – spoke to Highways and they will continue to place pressure on land owner to clear.
- Re memorial for B52 aircraft – planning permission will be required – Clerk had been in liaison with Brian Cole – IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council would meet the cost of the planning application.
- Warding arrangements – “consensus” last meeting was to agree to 1 District Councillor to cover Wards of St Margaret's and Guston.
- Councillors had been advised that St Margaret's will be getting a new Community Warden appointed.

5. Planning

The following applications, delegated at the previous meeting, were duly ratified:-

DOV/18/00202 Removal and replacement of front wall and creation of
and 18/242 parking spaces –
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*

(Cllr Smith raised his own concerns re the removal of part of the wall and resultant parking and access issues on this part of Kingsdown Road. Cllr Newton had also visited the site and had some concerns in this respect).

The following comments were made on the applications considered:-

DOV/18/00171 Change of use of land for the siting of a mobile seafood stall –
Site rear of Parking Bays, St Margarets Bay *No objections*

DOV/18/00282 Erection of a detached dwelling and associated parking –
The White House, 3 St Margarets Road *Object in line with
Planning Inspector's previous refusal*
(Cllr Macgregor abstained)

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

DOV/18/00322 Extension of existing ménage area and erection of posts
and rails as means of enclosure –
Owl House stables, Station Road *No objections*

DOV/18/00317 Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling
(with all matters reserved) -
Wincolmlee, 46 Salisbury Road *No objections*

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6. Finance The following items were approved for payment:-		
British Telecom – office phone	£100.83	
D A Tree Surgeons	£1,685.00	
NEST Pension	£145.36	
Mr I Miller	£2,837.00	
Idverde Ltd – linemarking	£105.60	
Jane Cook – salary	£1,129.85	
Jane Cook – phone/internet	£26.15	
H M R C	£227.30	
The Isle of Wight Computer Geek	£63.99	
	£6,321.08	
<u>Receipts:-</u> Credit interest £2.37		
(Clerk advised that Precept of £87,547 received into bank account).		
7. <u>White Cliffs Countryside Project</u>		
Clerk had provided Councillors with request from WCCP for funding for this year of £5,000. Clerk cited minute reference 8 of PC minutes of January 2016 whereby it had been agreed to meet a one-off payment of £5,000 to WCCP for one year only, to commence April 2016. Clerk was asked to contact Richard Haynes at WCCP to arrange a meeting to discuss further.		Clerk to arrange
8. <u>Fencing – Churchyard perimeter/village car park</u> – Clerk advised that fencing contractor had failed to attend arranged site visit but will be in touch again to re-arrange.		
9. <u>Public Conveniences, Reach Road Car Park</u> - IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council would meet 100% of the cost of running these facilities for the year 2018-2019, in the sum of £6,644.75 (a reduction for this year of £620.29), It was agreed that Clerk sign the Service Level Agreement between PC and DDC in this respect.		Clerk to deal
10. <u>Electrical testing on Sports Pavilions</u> - as Cllr Fielding was absent due to illness, it was agreed that this item stand until the next meeting.		Cllr Fielding to deal
11. <u>Play Area Equipment</u> - Cllr Harris had spoken to the Toddler Group re proposed new equipment, following advice from Play Inspector / Consultant. As advised previously, proposal is to purchase a train at cost of £2,019.40 and wooden trail at cost of £3,299 (exclusive of installation). It was agreed that two further quotes be sought before further consideration is given to this proposal. Cllr Harris will seek quotes.		Cllr Harris to deal
12. <u>Correspondence</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letter from Kent Highways re snow emergency / highway damage ○ Resident email re Walletts Cottage. ○ James Hawkins, Zurich Insurance re public liability insurance. ○ David Carey re visit to Reach Road Pond. ○ Jon Barker, National Trust re centenary of WW1 (meeting next week). ○ DDC Planning re bus shelter, Station Road – planning permission would be required. 		Clerk had alerted DDC

<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Kent Police – Rural Liaison Team Report.○ Further resident letter re Walleys Cottage.○ Richard Haynes, request for meeting with PC.○ Kent Highways re A2 potholes.○ DDC Community Housing re Community Housing Self Build (agreed that Clerk will make contact to arrange meeting, pointing out lack of land in St Margaret's).○ Letter from resident re proposed surgery / housing development at Station Road – noted.○ Resident letter re “nuisance neighbours” – Clerk had referred correspondent to DDC Anti-Social Behaviour Unit; PCSO; Community Warden.○ Kent Highways – response re issues raised by Mr D Hall last month.○ HM Land Registry Wales – re registration of adverse possession – land on south-east side of The Nooket – confirmed PC raised no objections.	Clerk will deal Clerk to deal Clerk to deal
<p>12. <u>Reports from Councillors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cllr Harris reported on last week’s KALC meeting. New website is currently under construction. Further guidance re GDPR to be forthcoming (all laptops used by Parish/Town Councils need to be encrypted). Emphasised the need for all Councillors to use a dedicated email address for Parish Council business. Advised that Kent Fire and Rescue Service are available to attend PC meetings if required. Question of sourcing candidates for next year’s Parish Council elections was raised. Suggestion that all Councillors write a brief article for the Parish magazine on what the role entails.● Cllr Harris had been advised by that Stagecoach did not have permitted rights to erect bus shelters (despite being advised this by Planning Clerk at DDC). Cllr Harris asked District Cllr Jull if he could investigate this on PC behalf.	
<p>14. <u>Village Maintenance / Matters affecting the Parish</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Playing field inspection undertaken by Cllr Smith – cases of rust appearing on the Multiplay Unit (chain links underneath seats). Clerk will initially liaise with Mr Miller in this respect.● Cllr Simcox had sent in a copy of broken barriers around Chapel Lane Pond – Clerk will check and liaise with Mr Miller.● Cllr Simcox had sent in photograph of new railings in the Bay – already showing signs of rust on the joins. Clerk will forward to DDC.● Clerk confirmed that cost of cutting King George V field by Idverde had been quoted at £894.51 (assuming 23 cuts over the season). Not taken forward.	Clerk to deal Clerk to deal Clerk to deal
<p>15. <u>Information received since last meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Clerk was delegated to deal with quotation from D A Tree Surgeons re removal of rotten/falling tree adjacent to Chapel Lane Pond (cost £435).	Clerk to deal

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Confirmed:

Chairman

9th April 2018

Correspondence received prior to meeting
14th May 2018

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