

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARETS-AT-CLIFFE

Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the above Parish Council held on Monday 11th February 2019 in St Margarets Hall, Reach Road at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs R Simcox (in the chair), A Fielding, B Paul, C Smith, A Newton, J Harris, R Wilkie.

Cllr Macgregor absent (no reason given). It was noted that Cllr Macgregor has now missed 7 of the last 8 meetings.

District Cllr Jull in attendance. Apologies for absence received from County Cllr Manion.

Following issues raised during Public Question Time:-

Mrs Liggins noted that October 2018 minutes are not on PC website – Clerk will remedy.

Peter Wells raised the issue of large fireworks in the Valley area. PC to give consideration to better signage.

<p>1. <u>Confirmation of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 14th January 2019</u> The minutes, having been circulated to all members, were duly confirmed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest</u> – following declared on the grant applications to be considered:- Cllr Smith – History Society Cllr Simcox – St Margarets Nursery Cllr Fielding – Baby and Toddler Group</p>	
<p>3. <u>County / District Councillors Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Jull advised that the Deal Middle Street car park is being resurfaced next week which will necessitate its closure for 3 days.• The second stage of refurbishment of Deal pier is to go ahead.• The re-building of Dover Boys Grammar School is now closer to fruition.• Re Whitfield Rapid Bus Transit route – given volume of opposition to original planned route, this is now being reconsidered.• Re sites submitted for inclusion in the Local Plan – were due for publication in June but Councillors have asked if this can be completed earlier.• New leisure centre due to open at the end of the month.• Cllr Fielding raised a question re access to Accident and Emergency hospitals in the event of a no-deal Brexit. Cllr Jull advised re plan for lorry park at Manston to alleviate highway problems. Confirmed that emergency planning continues by DDC.• Cllr Paul raised question re air quality/pollution levels in the area, which are likely to get worse in event of a no-deal Brexit. Cllr Paul will speak to Nick Kenton in this regard.• Cllr Harris asked if anything could be done re lorries parking on the edge of Jubilee Way in the run-off zone (this is an issue for Highways England).	

- Cllr Paul asked if it was possible for the layby just beyond the Duke of York roundabout to stop lorries parking here.

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4. **Proposal re new Car Park by National Trust**

- Ginny and Becky attended for the National Trust to advise of the Trust's new plans for a car park on the land acquired at Wanstone.
- Have sought and received advice from Kent Highways and Kent Downs AONB Office.
- Displayed draft design for car park which shows access from Upper Road (both entrance and exit at same point).
- NT is looking to create 200 spaces for cars.
- At the present time the site at Langdon can only park 4 or 5 coaches. Future plan would be for coaches to drop off visitors at Langdon and then be directed to new car park site.
- NT is looking at screening to reduce visual impact, and confirmed that they are not looking to increase visitor numbers but merely to manage current visitors. Data for last year shows a 12% increase in vehicles to the area.
- They have been advised that the current planning application in for Langdon site is likely to be refused given the SSSI status of the land.
- Advised that the cottage next to the Lighthouse will be absorbed into new facilities, and will no longer be used as a holiday let.
- NT undertakes no active promotion of the site and no extra events are organised.
- They are currently looking to preserve and prevent damage to the newly acquired WW2 structures on the Wanstone site.
- It was proposed and fully agreed that the Parish Council write to Dover District Council Planning Department in full support of the proposal.

Clerk to deal

5. **Clerk Report**

- Cllr Fielding had not spoken to Mr Stone re fence but will pursue this.
- Emailed series of dates re Highways meeting of PC and Gridlock Group (at Ashford) – dates to be confirmed.
- Election leaflets received – supply placed at library and Doctor surgery. Clerk still has a supply in case of need.
- Bench for Sea Street now in place. Advice received re any proposed planter which would include the need for a Highways licence to place anything here. It was agreed to leave this in abeyance for the time being.
- Tunnel work completed at Play Area by Ringwould Alpines, invoice still awaited.
- Surfacing work completed at access road to King George V Field – invoice under Finance.
- Abandoned car reported twice in Royston Gardens- has now been removed.
- Hannah Osborne Community Warden being moved on – replacement requested but no news at present.
- Plumbing work completed at King George V Pavilion and Alexander Pavilion – invoice under Finance.
- In process of opening account for Cemetery – Clerk will continue to pursue.
- Although on agenda, nothing received re grasscutting costs from Idverde.

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- Re rotten timbers on climbing frame at Play Area – Plane and Simple have gone into liquidation. It was agreed that local carpenter be approached to undertake work.
- Precept request now before DDC.
- Footpath walk to be arranged in April, and CPR training session to be arranged.
- Sports reps to be invited to March meeting.
- Small trees fallen behind tennis courts – Ian Miller will speak to Dave Austen.

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6. Planning

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

DOV/19/00001 Erection of a single storey and first floor rear extensions –
The Falcons, 79 The Droveaway *No objections*

DOV/19/00016 Erection of a two storey rear extension with glazed balustrade,
single storey rear extension, side porch and insertion of window
to first floor side elevation (front door to be removed, existing
conservatory and garage to be demolished –
77 Kingsdown Road *No objections*

The following comments were made on the applications considered:-

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DOV/18/01193 Erection of a two storey side extension incorporating garage,
including the creation of a recessed balcony with glass balustrade,
insertion of side dormer window, extension to front dormer window,
alterations to doors and windows, flue to side elevation, the creation
of a driveway, erection of glass balustrade around existing front
terrace (change of description) (amended plans)
Gironde, 43 Salisbury Road
*As before, considered to be overdevelopment.
PC has concern re two-storey building in such
close proximity to public right of way causing
oppressive path*

DOV/19/00024 Erection of an extension to existing balcony to front elevation
The Sheilings, Foreland Road *No objections*

<p>7. Finance</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council continue to meet 100% of the costs of the public toilets in Reach Road Car park at £6,920.26. Clerk to sign Service Level Agreement and submit to DDC.</p> <p>No financial information received from Idverde for coming financial year.</p> <p>The following payments, made since January meeting, were duly ratified:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Isle of Wight Computer Geek</td><td>£90.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Glasdon UK Ltd – Sea Street bench</td><td>£630.34</td></tr> <tr><td>Relm Plumbing & Heating Ltd – KGV and Alexander Pavilions</td><td>£881.00</td></tr> <tr><td>NEST Pension payment</td><td>£163.34</td></tr> <tr><td>Ovendens Allworks Ltd – Glebe Close</td><td>£3,829.20</td></tr> <tr><td>St Margarets Village Hall – Channel Room hire 2019-20</td><td>£308.55</td></tr> <tr><td>Mr I Miller – January invoice</td><td>£1,518.49</td></tr> <tr><td>Idverde Ltd – line marking</td><td>£52.80</td></tr> <tr><td>Jane Cook – January salary</td><td>£1,138.78</td></tr> <tr><td>Jane Cook – phone/expenses</td><td>£25.31</td></tr> <tr><td>HMRC</td><td>£245.25</td></tr> <tr><td>St Margarets Village Hall – re office phone</td><td>£168.17</td></tr> <tr><td>Petty cash</td><td>£24.37</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>£9,075.60</td></tr> </table>	Isle of Wight Computer Geek	£90.00	Glasdon UK Ltd – Sea Street bench	£630.34	Relm Plumbing & Heating Ltd – KGV and Alexander Pavilions	£881.00	NEST Pension payment	£163.34	Ovendens Allworks Ltd – Glebe Close	£3,829.20	St Margarets Village Hall – Channel Room hire 2019-20	£308.55	Mr I Miller – January invoice	£1,518.49	Idverde Ltd – line marking	£52.80	Jane Cook – January salary	£1,138.78	Jane Cook – phone/expenses	£25.31	HMRC	£245.25	St Margarets Village Hall – re office phone	£168.17	Petty cash	£24.37		£9,075.60		<p>Clerk to deal</p> <p>Clerk to monitor</p>
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<p>9. Cllr Paul re National Clean Up Campaign</p>																														
<p>Cllr Paul through her involvement with the St Margarets WI, would like to become involved in the national campaign. It was agreed that Parish Council equipment could be used and Cllr Paul will liaise with Cllr Smith in this respect. Further updates to follow.</p>		<p>Cllr Paul to deal</p>																												

<p>10. <u>St Margarets Civic Cemetery</u></p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to increase the Cemetery fees with effect from 1st April 2019. (Not increased since April 2016). Mr Miller has indicated a willingness to continue with his role as Registrar when he retires from his maintenance role in the village. It was agreed that a quotation be sought for a new Cemetery sign which is starting to look tatty (Mr Pierre Woodward?). It was agreed that the question of the Registrar payment rates be added to the agenda for March.</p> <p>Cllr Smith to place new rates on the website in due course.</p>	<p>Clerk to deal</p> <p>Cllr Smith to deal</p>
<p>11. <u>Gridlock Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Fielding confirmed that Group will shortly be meeting with Kent Highways to talk through traffic proposals. It was agreed that purchase of SIDS machine be deferred until after meeting takes place.</p>	
<p>12. <u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDC re upcoming Parish elections. • Emails from Mrs T Evans re ER275 • Paul Jaconelli DDC re abandoned car in Royston Gardens (now removed) • Jon Barker, NT re sound mirrors event. • Stephanie Wadhams / Darren Wadhams re proposed planter in Sea Street. • Chris Little re filming of Valley cattle. • Open letter from NALC to Parish Councils. • KALC re Lord Lieutenant of Kent's Civic Cemetery. 	
<p>- 5 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hannah Osborne re mobile community café – Clerk will make contact and advise re use of Hall. • DDC re opening of new leisure centre. • Mike Whiting, Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste – advice re bus feedback. • Steve Manion via Kent Fire Service re cliffs base jumper. • Andrew Hutchinson – advice re ER275. • DDC re Green Infrastructure strategy – questionnaire to be completed by Clerk to include Glebe Field. • DDC re Town and Parish meeting 25th Feb – Clerk and Chair to attend. • DDC re Tourism and Visitor Strategy – Cllr Simcox or Harris will attend. 	

<p>13. <u>Reports from Councillors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs Newton and Simcox reported re recent visit to South Foreland Valley with Jon Barker of National Trust and Richard Hayes of WCCP. There continues to be a constant and ongoing problem with vandalism and break-ins to the tunnels in the area, and Jon had spent money in replacing padlocks etc with heavier and more robust locks, with little effect. Also, a rave on 26th January had taken place, with evidence of vehicle damage and litter left behind. Phil Holyer works quite well with Jon Barker, and allows some management of keys and knowledge of visitors to the tunnel sites. NT may be looking to acquire a small parcel of land from the PC near lighthouse in order to install a further gate but this would require further discussion. • Cllr Newton had spoken with tree surgeon Dave Austen re yew tree on Post Office Corner – any shaping of the tree to use as a “Christmas” tree would take a long time for the tree to recover, with brown wood in evidence for a long time. It was therefore agreed that Dave Austen could undertake the work previously agreed. • Cllr Newton advised that the grant I relation to the South Foreland Valley discussed at last meeting was not taken forward, given time constraints and problems anticipated with any summer clearance. The next set of Lottery Heritage Funding has just come on stream. She put the case for the PC making £10,000 available for clearance of the central “corridor” (£1k committed from County Cllr Steve Manion). Cost breakdown provided by Richard Haynes showing that contracted clearance works together with grazing corral materials would meet £11,000.. WCCP would prepare any subsequent grant application through the Lottery Heritage Funding avenue. IT WAS RESOLVED that PC make this £10k available, subject to prior discussion with David Hart and Chris Little. • Cllr Simcox has prepared an insert for the Parish magazine ahead of the upcoming elections and will look to have this placed in next edition. 	<p>Clerk to contact to enquire of costs undertaken in replacement of locks</p> <p>Clerk to arrange</p> <p>Cllr Simcox to deal</p>
<p>14. <u>Village Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing field inspection undertaken by Cllr Smith. Reported that the tunnel complex now looks good following recent repair works. • Cllr Newton raised the subject of a “walking track” around the King George V Field (previously raised by Mrs Liggins). She will investigate any costs. 	<p>Cllr Newton will investigate</p>

- ER275 off The Avenue – Councillors feel that fence erected alongside the public right of way is too high and Clerk was asked to take this up with Planning Department at DDC. An anomaly has arisen re access from The Avenue for the footpath and it was agreed that Clerk begin paperwork to ensure that access is maintained and placed on the definitive map. Cllr Harris feels that the “dog leg” created in the path which has been created should be removed, leaving a straight path as it is currently felt not safe as regards lines of sight. Clerk and Chair to investigate possession of unregistered land beyond the path.
- Cllr Paul raised the question of Walleys Cottages again, where work continues with tree clearance and land clearance. Clerk was asked to refer this to DDC Enforcement Officer and also to Kent Downs AONB.
- Cllr Simcox confirmed that the planning application in respect of the proposed two new bus shelters is before DDC.
- Clerk and Cllr Smith to liaise re placing of financial information on PC website.

Clerk and Chair to liaise

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Confirmed:

Chairman

11th February 2019

Correspondence received
for Parish Council meeting 11th March 2019

Date forwarded

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