

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARETS-AT-CLIFFE

Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the above Parish Council held on Monday 11th March 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, J Harris, R Wilkie, G Macgregor.
Apologies for absence received from Cllr Newton (funeral).

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

Following issues raised during Public Question Time:-

- Can the duck-house can be moved from one pond to another. Issue will be raised with the “Pond Warden” in Chapel Lane.
- Re hedges encroaching into village car park – Clerk had been contacted and this has been reported to DDC.
- Further rubbish dumped at village car park – Clerk had reported as Flytipping. Question of moving the CCTV camera to be addressed.
- Large branch has broken away in the middle woods in the Valley – to be addressed.
- Re recent planning application for the White House – local residents have expressed serious concerns re vehicles during construction using local and private roads. Residents encouraged individually to contact DDC Planners.
- Reported that Doctor’s Surgery in village has now been classified as “Good” following recent CCQ visit.

<p>1. <u>Confirmation of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 11th February 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> – Cllr Wilkie registered an interest in the planning application for May Cottage, as he had previously acted in the property sale.</p>	
<p>3. <u>County / District Councillors Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Jull advised that DDC continues to buy back ex local authority housing.• Re Rapid Bus Transit – this is being revisited with outcome due next Friday.• Dover Boys Grammar School have presented plans re proposals for future of School site.• DDC apprentice has won “Apprentice of the Year” award; two further apprentices taken on re Kearsney Abbey park.• Cllr Simcox asked if Cllr Jull could take back some feedback on the new Leisure Centre, viz water is generally too shallow and there is very little room for children to stand around the pool during swimming galas. All other facilities felt to be good.	

4. Reports from Sports Clubs

- Mike Fielding re **Cricket Club:**
- Senior side merged with Dover Cosmopolitans given problems with too few members in St Margaret's – now known as St Margaret's Cosmopolitans. New website in this respect created.
- Over last few years, senior numbers have plummeted.
- Now have 2 league sides and a Sunday side.
- On the youth side, now running 3 teams.
- Last year ran coaching for 5-8 year olds and attracted 45 children. With the help of Sport England were able to provide the children with kits etc.
- Reported that the ground is currently looking fantastic.
- Club is very pleased with CCTV; has put in wi-fi, redecorated and purchased a new mower.
- Thanked Parish Council for ongoing support and financial assistance.
- Currently have 4 youth coaches.

- Mike Fielding re **Bowls Club:**
- Club is generally in healthy state, with membership fairly static.
- Club works hard to attract new members.
- On the snooker side are doing well, with a number of new members.
- Currently have snooker, darts, table tennis – reliant on the social side for finances.
- Club has completed the pavilion extension which now allows extra space for social functions.
- Club is to put new carpet tiles/flooring in social area – likely to cost £2,500.
- Finances are generally healthy, costs of Club are around £9k per annum.

- Peter Blake re **Tennis Club:**
- Members have diminished, with now around 15-20 members.
- The membership is mostly retired people, with no youngsters now playing – average age round 75.
- They hope to raise a Dover League team this year.
- Social side of Club is quite good.
- Thanked PC for their continued support and registered thanks to Mr Miller, the PC maintenance contractor.

- David Fielding re **Football Club:**
- (The Cliffe team) – have around 30 players aged 17-49.
- Season has been “middling” in terms of results.
- Most of players come from St Margaret's.
- Next year is 30th anniversary of mens team.
- Share pavilion and field with the youth side.
- Pleased with new plumbing for showers but changing rooms are looking a bit tired.

5. Clerk Report

- Gridlock group meeting with Kent Highways rep on 19th March.
- Election leaflets received – timetable sent to Councillors by email.
- New account now open with Lloyds for Cemetery – will pay in relevant cheques as and when received. Income received thus far this year will be transferred. Registrar fees to be deducted from received income.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although on agenda, nothing received re grasscutting costs from Idverde – Clerk has chased company. • Re climbing frame at Play Area – Roger Crowther not able to undertake. Can PC engage someone else? Suggestion of local carpenter Dan Kerr made. Councillors will consider other contractors. • Initial meeting with Ian Miller – notes provided. Can PC form a working party to decide on way forward when Ian retires in 2020. This was agreed to be made of Chair, Cllr Harris and Cllr Smith. Clerk to arrange initial meeting and item to be placed on agenda for May meeting. • CPR training on Monday 18th at Hall – Clerk will attend. • Supportive letter sent to DDC Planners re proposed car park for NT Lighthouse traffic, copy sent to Jon Barker. • Re National Clean Up Campaign – posters provided – Cllr Paul advised that through WI she plans to arrange a number of litter-picks. Any photographs to be sent to campaign local manager. • Dangerous leaning tree removed from behind tennis courts – invoice under Finance at £200. • Footpath Walk – Cllrs Paul and Harris will provide scones/teas. • Clerk reported she had been approached on resident wishing to become involved as a Tree Warden – he will be placed as an agenda item for May meeting. • Clerk had reported to DDC hedges encroaching in car park. • Reported that old empty telephone kiosk at Nelson Park had been removed. • Bus shelter (wooden) at Nelson Park – recently vandalised, Mr Miller had undertaken temporary fix today but had been vandalised again before the end of the day. • Clerk will approach Mr Miller re replacing CCTV signs in car park. 	<p>Clerk to monitor</p> <p>Clerk to liaise</p> <p>Clerk to deal</p> <p>Clerk to attend</p> <p>Cllrs Paul and Harris to deal</p> <p>Clerk to deal</p> <p>Clerk to speak to Mr Miller</p>
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<p>6. <u>Planning</u></p>		
<p>The following comments were made on the applications considered:-</p>		
<p>DOV/18/01307</p>	<p>Erection of two storey and single storey side and rear extensions with dormer windows to front and rear roofslopes, integral double garage and rear stepped terrace (existing rear extension, steps, garage and shed to be demolished) High Hills The Droveaway <i>No objections</i></p>	
<p>DOV/19/00139</p>	<p>Erection of detached dwelling, garage with associated parking and new vehicular access Townsend Bungalow, Station Road <i>No objections</i></p>	
<p>DOV/19/00211</p>	<p>Garage conversion to facilitate ancillary accommodation May Cottage, 34 Granville Road <i>No objections</i> (Cllr Wilkie abstained)</p>	
<p>DOV/19/00138</p>	<p>Erection of 2 no. bus shelters (demolition of existing shelter on North side of Station Road) Bus Shelter Between Hardy Road And Nelson Park Road (& Shelter Opposite) Station Road <i>No objections</i></p>	

7. Finance

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept quotation from D A Tree Surgeons in the sum of £435 for tree work at King George V Playing Field

Clerk to deal

The following payments made since February meeting were duly ratified:-

St Margarets History Society – S137 grant.	£1,000.00
St Margarets Nursery and ASC – S137 grant	£1,000.00
Pegasus Playscheme – S137 grant	£1,000.00
St Margarets Parent Baby and Toddler Group – S137 grant	£500.00
Spirit of St Margarets – S137 grant	£300.00
St Margarets Cricket Club – S137 grant	£600.00
St Margarets PCC – S137 grant	£100.00
Ringwold Alpines – repairs in Play Area	£1,116.00
Playforce Ltd – play area inspection	£240.00
St Margarets Village Hall – Hall hire	£66.30
Jane Cook – reimbursement of planning fee	£117.00
Fields in Trust – subscription	£65.00
Mr I Miller – February invoice	£900.60
D A Tree Surgeons – yew tree, King George V Field and Pond works	£3,275.00
Petty Cash	£23.75
Jane Cook – salary	£1,138.78
Jane Cook – internet/phone	£29.42
HM Revenue and Customs	£245.25
Mr D A Hart – Valley equipment	£152.47
Idverde Ltd – line marking	£52.80
NEST Pension – Clerk and Council	£163.34
	£12,085.71

Receipts:

Credit interest - £3.97
 Football Club - £88.00
 Cemetery fee - £50.00

8. Re: Funding for South Foreland Valley

In the absence of Cllr Newton, the Chair proposed to defer this item to next month. Cllr Newton had provided brief report of meeting with David Hart, Chris Little and WCCP. Chair had spoken to WCCP who had advised that, in going for grant funding, matched funding would be required from PC, Cllr Simcox proposed that £10k is ring-fenced in order to make most efficient use of the money.

9. Cemetery Registrar Fees

IT WAS RESOLVED to increase by £5 for each activity on fee list. Clerk will now print notices for noticeboard at Cemetery.

Clerk to liaise with Registrar

10. **Report from Gridlock Group**

- Cllr Fielding had provided a “Secondary Report and recommendations” from Group.
- Various items discussed from report which will be discussed in detail with Kelly Garrett at meeting with Kent Highways on 19th March. Following points discussed at meeting:
- Will raise possible restrictions which may be imposed on SIDS device proposed. Initially proposed near Red Lion.
- Will discuss idea of gated entrance – near entrance to village - £780 per pair.
- Coloured “crossing points” exhibited in report and will be discussed.
- Will look at possible “pinch point” in Sea Street to alleviate speed.
- Looking at “no parking” section of Sea Street from Bay Hill with suggestion of provision of layby, or increasing width of path at one point.
- To discuss introduction of 20mph speed limit.
- Cllr Fielding will create a “Statement of Principles” for whole plan and email to Councillors.
- Cllr Smith stressed the need for provision of costings as he feels costs will be prohibitive for some of the initiatives.

11. **Correspondence**

- Mrs T Evans re fence alongside ER275 – height now reduced.
- DDC re Parish Council elections – details sent to Councillors.
- DDC Planning Enforcement re Westcliffe scaffolding business.
- Email re domestic rubbish in village car park – reported to DDC.
- NALC Chief Executive Bulletin.
- Kent Downs AONB Office – reply re land at Westcliffe.
- KCC re consultation on Kent Household Recycling Centres.
- Principal Planning Officer (Enforcement) re properties in The Bay.
- Peter Sherred re Keep Britain Tidy Campaign.
- Alexandra Lockyer re South Foreland Battery.
- Mr G Irvine re excessive speeding in village.
- Thank you re grant from Pegasus Playscheme.
- Thank you from Mr Stone re work to yew tree.
- Mr Fagg re hedges in village car park.
- Steve Manion re Stronger Towns Fund.
- Charles Elphicke re phone boxes.
- Thank you from St Margarets PCC re grant.
- Letter from resident re problems experienced in Kingsdown Road – agreed that a meeting be arranged with PCSO/Warden together with National Trust. Contact to be made with Mental Health Unit. Cllr Smith will place link for Community Safety Unit on website.

Clerk and Chair to liaise

12. **Reports from Councillors**

- Cllr Paul advised that WI have registered with Great Britain Spring Clean and will be undertaking litter-picks during March and April. Clerk asked to speak to Mr Miller to stop from litter-picking during those months.
- Cllr Paul advised of funeral of Tom Gould on 20th March. Clerk was asked to arrange a condolences card from the PC.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Item re Church clock to be deferred to next meeting, given Cllr's absence.- Cllr Wilkie advised on subject of acquiring land by adverse possessory title. To acquire a possessory title based on adverse possession, you need to demonstrate to the Land Registry that you have occupied the land with the intention to possess it to the exclusion of others openly and without payment or consent for at least 12 years. Adverse possession is to acquire legal ownership based on continuous possession or occupation of the land without the permission of the legal owner. Without satisfying these requirements, which the PC has not, there is no point pursuing the matter.- Cllr Simcox re Smart Water Project – an agenda item at recent Towns and Parish meeting attended by Chair and Clerk. Police presented a case for the use of the Project, and would be able to provide a discounted price for households of £10l dependent on the percentage taken up in the village. It was also suggested that the PC may be able to provide an additional discount to the price- supported in principle. Cllr Simcox will take forward the idea and report back further.- Cllr Simcox had talked to Jon Barker re access land for tunnels surrounding the Lighthouse, together with idea of signs in the tunnels. This item to be an agenda item for next month.	<p>Clerk to deal</p> <p>Cllr Simcox to deal</p> <p>Clerk to deal</p>
<p>13. <u>Village Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Playing field inspection not undertaken this month; Cllr Macgregor will undertake next month.- Cllr Simcox advised she would like to see different regular articles in the Parish magazine, re the Cemetery, sports clubs, Valley, etc. Cllr Simcox agreed she will put something in next edition re Smart Water project.- Cllrs Paul and Harris will undertake refreshments for Footpath Walk.- Re ACPM lunch – Cllr Wilkie will attend with his wife. Cllr Paul already attending.- Re grazing at Old Bottom Freedown – IT WAS RESOLVED that this be increased to £1,100 for the forthcoming year, with Braeside Stables to be so advised. Clerk will make contact and arrange paperwork.	<p>Clerk to send form</p> <p>Cllr Simcox to deal</p> <p>Cllrs Paul and Harris to deal</p> <p>Clerk to deal</p>

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Confirmed:

Chairman

11th March 2019

Correspondence received
for Parish Council meeting 8th April 2019

Date forwarded

20 Mar	Rebecca Brough DDC re retiring Parish Councillors.
21 Mar	ERHA re Ash Grove property for sale (part share).
23 Mar	KALC re Operation Brock on M20
25 Mar	Lee Kidd re new Community Water
28 Mar	Mr R Hulks re suggestion of walking track at King George V Field.
1 Apr	NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin
By post	Mr D Cousins re use of village car park