

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARETS-AT-CLIFFE

Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the above Parish Council held on Monday 10th June 2019 in St Margarets Hall, Reach Road at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs R Simcox (in the chair), A Newton, C Smith, A Fielding, J Harris, P Blake.

Apologies for absence received from County Cllr S Manion and District Cllr Oliver Richardson.

Following issues raised during Public Question Time:-

Mrs Liggins raised the question of the removed postbox in The Droveway which Clerk continues to chase for replacement.

Mr Peter Wells that on one occasion recently there were 4 coaches dropping off approx 200 school children on the turning circle at the top of Bay Hill. Also reported what he believes is human waste in the South Foreland Valley which he believes may be from campers/caravaners. (Clerk will raise this with PCSO/Warden).

Resident raised the question of jet-skis in the Bay which Clerk had raised with District Councillors.

Mr David Hall advised that a recent holiday home being delivered to the Holiday Park had encountered severe problems due to an overgrown hedge near Heath Court – Clerk will investigate. He also advised that he felt the current poor state of the Reach Road car park toilets was a matter of concern and need both renovating and maintaining to a good standard – Clerk will contact DDC.

Penny Bailey advised that tree roots outside 24 Royston Gardens are coming up through the path again – Clerk had previously reported but will advise Highways again. Also advised that the Station Road speed limit sign near the Dover Road junction was hidden by trees – Clerk will report.

Mrs Liggins advised the car park bin was again overflowing.

1. <u>Confirmation of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 13th May 2019</u> The minutes, having been circulated to all members, were duly confirmed as a correct record.	
2. <u>Declarations of Interest</u> – None declared on agenda items.	
3. <u>County / District Councillors</u> – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing to report.	
4. <u>Clerk Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flashing speed sign obscured near Holiday Camp - reported and cleared.• Holding letter received from MP Charlie Elphicke re postbox in The Droveway.• Brenda Paul paid re expenses for Footpath Walk• Re Public Space Protection Orders – new orders brought in during July 2018 and last for 3 years. Therefore no order can be placed until 2021. Historic complaints would play a part in DDC considering evidential base.• Payment for Hall under Finance re Dementia Friends event, as agreed. Clerk had provided Registrar with new fee sheets for Cemetery, together with new information sheets for noticeboard.• Highways response received re imposition of “keep clear” markings on turning circle. This should be implemented fairly shortly.	

- Footpath at end of Lighthouse Road reported – “awaiting action” at Public Rights of Way.
- Cllr Blake booked on event at Dover 23rd July, Cllr Simcox at Folkestone on 12th June. Planning Conference on 1st July was fully booked.
- Wrote to Sgt Norbury re PCSO, response received. Have alerted him to graffiti and problem with off-road bikes on footpath.
- Received standard “we will be attending email from Playsafety re ROSPA report which has been dismissed. Clerk to contact Playforce to organise an inspection.
- Sue Clark re request re garage safari – PC had no issue with this.
- B17 memorial event – IT WAS AGREED that PC could meet expenses of volunteers in place of sum agreed for lunch which had been donated free of charge.
- Re new blade for mowing machine – likely to be around £400 – Dave Hart will liaise on his return from holiday.
- Problem with coffee drop-in as no space at Hall – reported to David Hart.
- New router needed for CCTV as connection kept breaking down – under Finance.
- Issue with grasscutting at Alexander Field following Club laying new turfs – Clerk resolved.
- Issue of ladies toilet being closed recently reported.

Clerk to deal

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5. **Cricket Club**

- Cllr Fielding advised that Club had recently purchased a new electronic scorecard, which is fairly large and needs to be sited. Three options being considered: (1) place the scorecard on substantial poles outside the pavilion; (2) place the scorecard above the current storage doors; (3) take out large window and put in its place – this would mean no light in the visiting changing rooms. Club would meet the costs involved.
- It was agreed that Cllrs Fielding and Blake would take this idea forward with the Club.

Cllrs Fielding and Blake to deal

6. **Planning**

The following application, delegated at May meeting, to be ratified:-

DOV/19/00534 *Erection of single storey rear extension –
Moor Glen, St Vincent Road* *No objections*

The following observations were made on the applications considered:-

DOV/19/00552 Erection of single storey side extensions and alterations
to existing rear window
4 Amy Temple Cottages, Chapel Lane *No objections*

DOV/19/00478 Erection of pitched roof single garage and replacement
windows and doors to lower and ground floors
South Foreland House, Hotel Road *No objections*

DOV/19/00550	Erection of a single storey side extension 1 Amy Temple Cottages, Chapel Lane	<i>No objections</i>
DOV/19/00548	Erection of a single and two storey extensions and alterations Clare House, 41 The Droveaway	<i>No objections</i>
DOV/19/00568	Erection of a two storey rear extension and conversion to form 2no. flats (existing first floor to be demolished) Flat 1, Curfew House, 14 Kingsdown Road	<i>No objections</i>
DOV/19/00533	Erection of one and half storey side extension (existing one and a half storey extension to be demolished) Thalassa, Foreland Road	<i>No objections</i>
DOV/19/00589	Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) to allow design changes to the external finish of planning permission DOV/18/00619 (application under Section 73) Dane, Nelson Park Road	<i>No objections</i>
DOV/19/00586	Erection of ground and first floor rear extensions, replacement windows, render and cladding of exterior walls, replace part of roof with aluminium, replacement balustrades, enlarge garage opening and installation of solar panels to roofslope Southgate, 17 Granville Road	<i>No objections</i>
DOV/19/00567	One beech tree - crown thin by 15% to remove dense, crown reduce by 1.5 metres Colton, 25 Granville Road	<i>Refer to Trees Officer</i>

7. Finance

The following payments made since last meeting were approved:-

Kent County Council – fee re bus shelters	£395.00
IOW Computer Geek – re website	£74.99
Zurich Municipal – annual insurance	£2,613.88
NEST = Clerk/Council Pension payment	£172.89
Mr A Fielding – reimbursement re CCTV router	£126.98
St Margarets Village Hall – re Dementia Awareness event	£65.00
Mr I Miller – May invoice	£1,177.00
Petty Cash	£35.37
Jane Cook – salary	£1,285.73
Jane Cook – office expenses	£24.26
H M Revenue & Customs	£206.51
Lynne Hopwood re cleaning	£112.00
Idverde – grasscutting for May	£227.11
KALC – re training courses	£132.00
	£6,648.72
<u>Receipt</u> - credit interest £3.57	

- Cllr Newton confirmed she had received one quotation in respect of the idea mooted of a walking trail around the King George V Playing Field – this came in at a price of £22,910. This would involve a rubber mulch placed over the grass with a membrane underneath. Given the likely cost it was agreed that this idea be placed on the “back burner” for the time being.
- Clerk to place an agenda item on next month re the purchase of a gate into the Central Compartment of the South Foreland Valley, for access by the tractor and trailer re scrub cutting.

Clerk to deal

8. **Correspondence**

- Jon Barker, National Trust re parking / planning application – question raised whether PC can put pressure on DDC to push forward with the extra parking off Reach Road. Clerk to contact District Councillor Keith Morris to arrange a meeting.
- KALC re introduction of KCC Recycling charges – on website and noticeboards.
- Kent Police Rural Liaison Team report.
- KALC re Communication and Social Media event.
- NALC Chief Executive Bulletin
- T Perrow re Home Start Volunteers campaign – placed on website.
- KCC re House Waste sites.
- KALC re Dover Area Committee meeting 26th June – Cllr Harris is away and will be unable to attend but Cllr Newton should be in attendance.
- KALC re Planning event 1st July – event already fully booked.
- Mr C Oakley – request for speed restriction signs on Dover Road (Westcliffe). Clerk asked to contact DDC re “change of circumstances” to see whether this can add leverage to this request.
- Thank you letter re PC contribution to Dementia Awareness event.
- Invitation to NHS Workshop on hospital changes – Cllr Newton likely to attend.
- Thank you letter from St Margarets Nursery and invoices re grant funds provided.
- Mrs T Evans – re tree encroaching on ER275 – Clerk will contact PROW in this respect.
- Mrs T Evans – request re use of Madge Field for WW2 event with Forces Sweethearts singing to schoolchildren. Clerk to contact advising that PC would have no objections in principle but would require details re numbers involved, risk assessment, traffic issues, etc.

Clerk to deal

Cllr Newton to attend

Clerk to deal

Clerk to contact

9. **Reports from Councillors**

- Cllr Simcox had been in liaison with Inspector Norris re Smart Water Initiative. The idea of personal calling on all residents is felt onerous and Cllr Simcox will investigate the idea of a “drop in” session.
- Cllr Fielding advised that link to car park on CCTV had been lost – this was deemed by engineer to be because of router losing signal on occasions. Therefore, new router has been purchased and will be installed tomorrow.
- Cllr Simcox confirmed that two new bus shelters were now completed and installed – PC now has ownership of all the shelters in the village.

Cllr Simcox to deal

10. **Village Maintenance / Matters affecting the Parish**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playing field inspection had been undertaken by Cllr Blake. Broadly everything in order although question of disintegration of large log noted. Idea of turning the log over suggested and Clerk will speak to Mr Miller in this respect. Poor state of “bench” noted at Alexander Field – this in fact remains of old dug-out. Cllr Fielding will liaise with Club re requirements / issues. | Clerk to deal
Cllr Fielding to deal |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request made by residents for extra salt bin in Granville Road – Clerk to contact Highways in this respect (just before “The Boat” at the first part of the road). | Clerk to deal |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roles and responsibilities – this to appear on July agenda. | Clerk to deal |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website / emails – Councillors should now all be using the new email addresses. Cllr Simcox stressed that all Councillors needed to look at messages regularly. Financial information for last three years to be placed on website. | Clerk and Cllr Smith to deal |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Simcox would like to organise another defibrillator training session and will liaise with Clive Harding in this respect. | Cllr Simcox to deal |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Simcox thanked the organisers of the recent B17 memorial event. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re PC badges – it was agreed to wait before ordering further badges depending if any further co-optees are forthcoming. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Simcox asked that Councillors keep up to date with closed Facebook group for PC – Cllr Blake to be added. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large blue tent has appeared at top of Seaview Road – Clerk to contact Warden to advise. Also van is back parking in the Valley – registration A752 GAL. | Clerk to deal |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re “flower bed” outside village shop – Cllr Simcox and Clerk will investigate via Land Registry. | Cllr Simcox and Clerk to deal |

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

Confirmed:

Chairman

10th June 2019