

Chislet Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 19th August 2021 at 7.30 pm at Hersden Community Centre

Present : Cllrs Fee and Chandler (in the Chair), Wilkinson, Higglesden, Rose, Prosser, Stoward, Hawkins & Warnock

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, CCC Cllr Carnac, and guest speaker CCC Cllr Dekker

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from KCC Cllr Marsh

2 Declarations of Councillor's Interests in items on the Agenda

Cllr Wilkinson declared an interest in planning application 21/01949

There were no other declarations of Cllrs interests in items on the Agenda

3 CCC Cllr Dekker – Code of Conduct presentation

Cllr Dekker thanked the Chairman for being invited to the Meeting. After the introductions Cllr Dekker gave her presentation on the Code of Conduct. The Code is based on the Nolan Principles – selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership and Cllr Dekker suggested adding mutual respect. The presentation was interesting and informative based on actual examples. There followed a brief question and answer session

4 Public discussion

There were no members of the public present

5 KCC & CCC Cllr reports

CCC Cllr Carnac gave a brief report updating on various issues including the Puddledock site

6 Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd July 2021 were approved and signed

7 Matters arising

There were no matters arising of note

8 To discuss correspondence received

Email from CCC re consultations on licensing and gambling policies and on Open Spaces

Email from Pageant Master re The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons, 2nd June 2022

Email from Enso Energy re Marley Lane Solar Farm public consultation on 26th August 2021

Fieldwork and Countryside Voices magazines received from CPRE

9 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters

New Planning Applications

21/01736 – single storey rear extension

4 Stour Valley Close, Upstreet

There were no objections to this application

21/01949 – retrospective application for car port

1 Court Cottages, Church Lane

There were no objections to this application

Decided Applications

21/00972 – variation of condition for a porch to allow change of window materials

7 Becketts Wood, Upstreet

GRANTED

21/01516 – single storey outbuilding to front garden

105 Island Road, Upstreet

GRANTED

Other Planning Matters

There was a general discussion regarding the Puddledock site on Nethergong Hill and CCC's perceived failure to act on possible breaches at the site. It was agreed to make a FOI request seeking full information about CCC's handling of the alleged breaches between 2008 to date

Clerk

10 CCC Local Plan

Cllr Hawkins led a general discussion about the CCC Local Plan and stressed the importance of engaging in the consultation to make known the views and wishes of residents

11 Traffic calming in Church Lane

After a general discussion it was unanimously agreed not to proceed with traffic calming measures in Church Lane. This was due to the significant costs involved in relation to the limited funding available to the Council and the small number of parishioners who would benefit. It was confirmed that the Council would only fund projects/schemes which were affordable and which benefitted the Parish generally

12 To consider Finance matters

The following accounts were approved for payment

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Monthly Standing Order G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	400.10	
Monthly Standing Order Harmer & Sons, grass cutting	582.00	incl. VAT of £97.00
Cheque No 1293 S Huckstep, litter picking	315.00	
Cheque No 1294 Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax	87.40	
Cheque No 1295 Whitstable Designs, domain name renewal	9.99	

13 Any Other Business

It was agreed to purchase a defibrillator via KALC from the capital grant awarded to the Council from CCC

Clerk

There was a general discussion about the Council's 5 noticeboards all of which required repair or replacement. It was agreed to maintain 3 noticeboards – in the Upstreet bus shelter, at the Chislet Centre and Boyden Gate. It was agreed that the boards in Highstead, Grays Farm and outside the Post Office be retired

14 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 16th September 2021 at 7.30 pm at Hersden Community Centre

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm