

# Chislet Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30 pm at Hersden Community Centre

**Present** : Cllrs Chandler (in the Chair), Fee, Hawkins, Higglesden, Stoward & Warnock

**In attendance** : KCC Cllr Marsh and CCC Cllr Carnac

In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr Fee was elected as Proper Officer for the Meeting

### **Action by:**

#### **1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Mr. G Eaton, Clerk, and Cllrs Prosser & Rose

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

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

#### **3 Public discussion**

There were no members of the public present

#### **4 KCC & CCC Cllr reports**

KCC Cllr Marsh updated on various issues including a proposed increase to the KCC portion of the community charge by £1.00 a week for a band D property, and agreed to discuss further with Highways the faulty Upstreet speed sign

CCC Cllr Carnac advised that the requirement to remove the insert for paper from the blue bin and leave the insert by the side did not have Council approval and could be ignored provided the recycling had been sorted correctly with the paper and card separated as directed

Parking and enforcement are unwilling to reinstate the vandalised no pavement parking signs and are requesting double yellow lines instead. This was not possible as three dwellings require on road parking. Cllr Carnac will therefore press for reinstatement of the signs with CCTV cover

### **5 Minutes of the last Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th January 2022 were approved and signed although Cllr Warnock commented that he was shown as present although his name had been included in the apologies as he was unable to attend

### **6 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising of note

### **7 To discuss correspondence received**

Letter from Colin Carmichael re illegal traveller sites. Cllr Hawkins has circulated a reply and asked that Cllrs check and make comments, if any, before it is sent over the weekend

It was noted that Kent Police have replied to our letter saying that only one case of low-level crime has been reported and provided ways of reporting incidents to them. It was agreed to log every case with the police via their website and to also ask for posters with the information for placing on the parish website and noticeboards

Cllr Chandler has spoken to the Chairman of Fordwich Parish Council to see which local firm of Solicitors they used re their illegal caravan site and he has also identified a firm of Solicitors in Worcestershire who specialise in Parish Council matters who will do an initial telephone consultation free of charge. There are also several "no win no fee" legal firms offering the same service

Email re Queen's Jubilee Street Parties noted, no action required yet

Email re temporary closure of Chitty Lane, 28th Feb to 18th March noted, and Cllr Hawkins to place on the website.

### **8 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters**

#### New Planning Applications

**21/03103** – single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory  
**3 Forge Lane, Marshside**

There were no objections to this application

**21/03104** – detached garage following demolition of existing garage  
**3 Forge Lane, Marshside**

Objection on the grounds that Forge Lane is within the conservation area meaning that the scale of the new building at 10 x 8 m and 5m high with a 160 Sq m footprint and the proposed modern finishing materials make it oversized and not commensurate with the other surrounding dwellings

Decided Applications

**21/01271** – Listed Building Consent for 2 no roof lights  
**Little Grays Farm, North Stream**

**REFUSED**

**21/02842** – retrospective application for Listed Building Consent for removal of Rayburn and hot water tank and replace with external boiler  
**Holmleigh, Chitty Lane**

**GRANTED**

**9 To consider Finance matters**

The following accounts were approved for payment

	<b>£</b>
Cheque No 1313 S Huckstep, litter picking	315.00
Cheque No 1314 Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax	87.40

The following Standing Orders were noted and approved

	<b>£</b>
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

Annual review of the Clerk's salary

It was agreed to increase the Clerks remuneration from £12.50 to £13.50 per hour as no increase had been made since 2019

Cllr Chandler suggested that the Clerk received an automatic pay increase each year which was agreed by the meeting

**10 Any Other Business**

Cllr Higglesden advised the telephone box opposite the Chislet Centre had been adapted, the ivy removed and the defibrillator installed together with an LED light and sensor to turn on the light when the door is opened, all that is needed is for the code to be changed and details put on the website

Cllr Fee to contact Dr Brant to find out how to register the defibrillator with the emergency services

Cllr Hawkins reported that a "highway" in Marley Lane which runs along the parish boundary between Chislet and Hoath, crosses the Nethergong Penn, passes Chislet Park and joins the A28 at Hersden has been closed off with a gate. Cllr Hawkins will write to KCC copied to Cllr Marsh asking them to investigate

Cllr Warnock reported that no litter picking had taken place in North Street for some time but it was noted that the litter picker was on holiday at present

**11 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30 pm at Hersden Community Centre

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm