

Chislet Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 18th August 2022 at 7.30 pm at Hersden Community Centre

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

In attendance : Mr. G. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, KCC Cllr Marsh, CCC Cllr Carnac, and two members of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Prosser

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

The members of the public complained about the overgrown vegetation in the closed Churchyard and urged the Council to re-think its decision to cease regular grounds maintenance there. There was a general discussion about responsibility, costs, and the negative visual impact this was having on the Church and Chislet Centre. It was agreed this would be an agenda item for the next Meeting

4 KCC & CCC Cllr reports

KCC Cllr Marsh updated on various issues including local bus services which were under threat

CCC Cllr Carnac reported that CCC had been in summer recess and updated on the traveller sites

5 Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st July 2022 were approved and signed

6 Matters arising

The Clerk noted that the payment to DM Payroll Services was incorrectly listed as paid in the April 2022 Minutes. The payment was authorised and paid in May 2022

7 To discuss correspondence received

Email from KCC re budget 2023/2024 consultation – comments by 5th September

8 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters

New Planning Applications/ Decided Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications to consider, and no decided planning applications to note

Enforcement – Traveller sites next steps

There was a brief discussion regarding various traveller sites and CCC's ongoing lack of enforcement action. It was felt that progress could only be made by instructing a specialist planning adviser/solicitor. Cllr Chandler offered to contact a firm who had been recommended and obtain a quote

Cllr Chandler

9 To consider Finance matters

The following accounts were approved for payment -

	£
Cheque No 1341 S Huckstep, litter picking	315.00
Cheque No 1342 Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax	93.80
Cheque No 1343 Whitstable Designs, website domain name	9.99

The monthly Standing Order was noted and approved

	£
G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	425.43

To note bank balances as 7th July 2022

	£
Treasurers account	18642.34
Fighting Fund	1222.72
Business Bank Instant	3783.76

Internal Audit Report 2021/2022

The Internal Audit Report 2021/2022, circulated by email, was discussed. It was noted that the recommendation regarding the Risk assessment template was actioned at the June Meeting when the updated template was approved. The Clerk was asked to update the Standing Orders and the Financial Regulations

Clerk

Finance Report 1st April - 30th June 2022

The Finance Report for the period 1st April – 30th June 2022 was discussed and approved. The Clerk was asked to prepare a full year forecast to review at a future Meeting

Clerk

10 Any Other Business

Cllr Hawkins outlined his idea of having a link to the Parish magazine on the website. This would be password protected with receipt of payment allowing access. It was unanimously agreed that this would be a good development and Cllr Hawkins was asked to pursue this with the magazine's editor

Cllr Hawkins

11 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 22nd September 2022 at 7.30 pm at Hersden Community Centre

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm