

Chislet Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 24th November 2022 at 7.30 pm at Hersden Community Centre

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

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

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1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from KCC Cllr Marsh

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

CCC Cllr Carnac updated on the Parish Charter and the Local Plan consultation. It was also confirmed that the Concurrent Function Grant would be uplifted by 10% next year

5 Minutes of the last Meetings

The amended Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd September 2022 and the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th October 2022 were approved and signed

6 Matters arising

There were no matters arising of note

7 To discuss correspondence received

Email from CCC re Precept request 2023/2024 – to be considered at the December Meeting

Email and attachments from CCC re Local Plan meeting notes (circulated by email)

8 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters

New Planning Applications

22/02189 – change of use for stationing of 4 no camping pods and 15 no camping pitches and erection of a welfare amenity building

Port Farm, Island Road, Upstreet, CT3 4DA

This application was considered between Meetings and objection grounds agreed by email

The Parish Council strongly objects to this application – outside settlement area, adverse impact on neighbouring properties, noise and light pollution and various other grounds

22/02359 – TPO no.1 1961 – T1- Horse Chestnut – to reduce the tree down to its previous cutting points and reshape all round, in rear garden

6 Stour Valley Close, Upstreet, CT3 4DB

There were no objections to this application

Enforcement – Traveller sites next steps

There was no further update

9 Traffic & Highways - HIP update

Following a discussion, it was agreed by a majority vote, to continue with the HIP process

Cllr Appleby reported that East Kent Highways had carried out ATC speed surveys in 3 locations in Upstreet during the week of 7th – 14th November. There was a discussion regarding the need for greater community engagement on the ongoing HIP proposals, and how this might best be achieved

10 To consider Finance matters

The following accounts were approved for payment -

Cheque No 1350 S Huckstep, litter picking
Cheque No 1351 Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax

£
315.00
93.80

The monthly Standing Order was noted and approved -

G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 425.43
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The bank balances as at 31st October 2022 were noted

Treasurers account	£15408
Fighting Fund	£1223
Business Bank Instant	£3784
	£20415

11 Employment status of the Parish litter picker

There was a full discussion regarding the employment status of the Parish litter picker. It was agreed by a majority vote, that a contract of employment should be offered, as the role could no longer be undertaken on a self-employed basis. The Government's online tool to check the employment status for tax (CEST), and independent professional advice, had confirmed that the litter picker should be employed. Clerk to contact the litter picker and draft an employment contract to be effective from 1st January 2023

Clerk

12 Any Other Business

Cllr Hawkins outlined some proposed comments on the Local Plan consultation. It was agreed that this should be considered further as an agenda item at the December Meeting

There was a discussion about the food vouchers being offered by CCC's Lord Mayor. It was agreed that a suitably worded notice be put on the website advising parishioners of this and how to apply

Cllr Hawkins

13 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 15th December 2022 at 7.30 pm at Hersden Community Centre

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm