

Chislet Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 23rd February 2023 at 7.30 pm at Hersden Community Centre

Present : Cllrs Fee (in the Chair), Rose Warnock & Appleby

In attendance : Mr. G. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, and KCC Cllr Marsh

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Chandler, Prosser & Stoward, and CCC Cllr Carnac

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 the KCC budget challenges and various other local issues

5 Minutes of the last Meetings

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 24th November 2022 and 19th January 2023 were unanimously approved

6 Matters arising

There were no matters arising of note

7 To discuss correspondence received

Email from William Hawkins confirming his resignation from the Parish Council

Email from CCC re consultation on electric vehicle and infrastructure survey

Emails from Parishioners regarding the amount of litter in the Parish

Email from CCC regarding the forthcoming Parish Council elections

Email from CCC acknowledging our response to the draft Local Plan consultation

Email from Parishioner regarding speeding traffic – Clerk has replied with appropriate advice

8 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters

New Planning Applications

23/00014 – four detached 3-storey dwellings
Nethergong Wood Yard, Nethergong Hill, CT3 4DN

It was agreed to support in principle but a number of concerns were discussed. Agreed Cllr Appleby to draft a reply and circulate for consideration before submitting to CCC
Cllr Appleby

23/00148 – change of use of stables to holiday let accommodation
1 The Snuggery, Chapel Lane, CT3 4LZ

There were no objections to this application

Decided planning applications

22/02645 – installation of external boiler and flu to rear elevation
Holly Cottage, Highstead, CT3 4LX

GRANTED

23/00020 – application for lawful development certificate for installation of solar panels
Abbots Lodging, Forge Lane, CT3 4EF

WOULD BE LAWFUL

9 To consider Finance matters

The following accounts were approved for payment –

	£
Cheque No 1358 Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax	93.80

The monthly Standing Order was noted and approved -

	£
G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	425.43

To note bank balances as at 31st December 2022

Treasurers account	£13244.77
Fighting Fund	£1223.27
Business Bank Instant	£ 3785.48

To adopt the updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, previously circulated by email, were approved

Finance Report 1st April – 31st Dec 2022 and full year forecast

The Finance Report for the period 1st April – 31st Dec and full year forecast, previously circulated by email, were noted

Other Finance matters

After a brief discussion it was agreed to make a donation of £200 to the Hoath & Chislet Parish magazine

10 Litter picking

After a full discussion it was unanimously agreed to advertise for a Parish litter picker – 35 hours per month, National Minimum Wage, and to be employed by the Council. Clerk to draft advert and circulate, once approved to be posted on the website

Clerk

11 Any Other Business

Cllr Appleby reported that there were a number of deficiencies with the KCC, CCC and Police online reporting tools making them difficult or impossible to use. It was agreed to raise these concerns with CCC Cllr Carnac and KCC Cllr Marsh

Clerk

After a brief discussion it was agreed to put a notice on the website clarifying why Sue Huckstep was no longer undertaking the litter picking role

Clerk

12 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 16th March 2023 at 7.30 pm at Hersden Community Centre

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.45 pm