

Chislet Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20th April 2023 at 7.30 pm at Hersden Community Centre

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

In attendance : Mr. G. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, Sarah Cassidy newly elected Cllr in the 4th May elections, and two members of the public

The Meeting began with a follow up presentation by John Harper and his architect, Hannafin Contractors, to outline their proposed revised scheme for 4 dwellings at the Old Woodyard, Nethergong Hill. This was followed by a general question and answer session. Whilst the Parish Council was generally supportive of the scheme it still had concerns over the size and design of the proposed dwellings. John Harper undertook to take these concerns onboard and to draw up a revised scheme

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Warnock & Rose, and 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 was a general discussion with the members of the public regarding speeding and dangerous driving through Upstreet

4 KCC & CCC Cllr reports

There were no KCC or CCC Cllr reports

5 Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th March 2023 were unanimously approved

6 Matters arising

There were no matters arising of note

7 To discuss correspondence received

CCC Notice of uncontested election of Parish Cllrs for Chislet

Email from PCSO Rains re speed checks in Upstreet on 23.03.23 – to be posted on the website **Clerk**

Emails re new KCC road sign on Park Farm Road – there was a general discussion but it was concluded that as this was in Hoath Parish further queries/concerns should be raised with Hoath Parish Council

8 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters

New Planning Applications

23/00628 – two storey rear extension and first floor window to side elevation
The Six Bells, Church Lane, CT3 4DX

There were no objections to this application

23/00641 – retrospective application for formation of access and gates
2 Highstead Meadow, Boyden Gate Hill

It was unanimously agreed to object to this application

Decided planning applications

There were no decided planning applications to note

9 To consider Finance matters

The following accounts were approved for payment -

	£
Cheque No1363 Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax	93.80
Cheque No1362 DM Payroll Services, payroll admin	120.00
Cheque No1364 KALC, annual subs	385.00

The monthly Standing Order was noted and approved –

G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	465.52
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The bank balances as at 28th February 2023 were noted -

Treasurers account	£ 11370.31
Fighting Fund	£ 1224.41
Business Bank Instant	£ 3790.82

Hersden Centre - new charge for room hire

It was noted that the Hersden Centre were introducing a new charge of £14 per Meeting to help cover their increased energy costs. It was agreed to continue to use the Centre for Parish Council Meetings

10 King Charles III Coronation bench

It was agreed that one of the benches on the Village Green was in a poor state of repair and should be replaced. Further enquires would be made to identify a suitable bench **Cllrs Chandler and Prosser**

11 Any Other Business

There was a general discussion regarding the vacancy for the litter picker and it was noted that unfortunately there had been no applications. The Clerk was asked to confirm various issues with the Insurers regarding litter picking **Clerk**

Cllr Higglesden reported that new pads and batteries were needed for the defibrillator – Clerk to order **Clerk**

12 Date of next Meetings

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meetings would be held on Thursday 18th May 2023 at the Hersden Community Centre – **Annual Parishioners Meeting 7.00 pm and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm**

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.35 pm