

Chislet Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20th July 2023 at 7.00 pm at Hersden Community Centre

Present : Cllrs Fee (in the Chair), Chandler, Prosser, Warnock, Cassidy & Higglesden (from 7.30pm)

In attendance : Mr. G. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, and one member of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Stoward & Appleby, KCC Cllr Marsh & 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

The member of the public spoke about the phone box in Upstreet and suggested that it could be used for a community library. It was agreed that this was a good idea and the parishioner was asked to try and progress the project

4 KCC & CCC Cllr reports

There were no reports to note

5 Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th June 2023 were unanimously approved

6 Matters arising

There were no matters arising of note

7 To discuss correspondence received

Email re Grove Ferry Level Crossing – temporary closure

Email re Grove Ferry Bridge works in 2026

Email from Highways re new road markings in Upstreet and offer of Village gateways for Upstreet – it was agreed to ask if the funding could be used for other traffic calming measures **Clerk**

8 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters

New Planning Application

23/01057 – prior notification for reservoir container
Homefarm, Marshside, CT3 4EP

Considered between Meetings – no objections made

Decided planning application

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

Granted

9 To consider Finance matters

The following accounts were approved for payment -

	£
Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax	100.40
Hersden Community Centre, room hire	14.00

The monthly Standing Order was noted and approved

	£
G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	465.52

The bank balances were noted –

Treasurers account	£ 22822
Fighting Fund	£ 1227
Business Bank Instant	£ 3797

10 Any Other Business

It was noted that the School would soon be submitting a planning application to replace the small building next to the School and have requested the Council support it

There was a general discussion about ongoing works at 17 Hollow Street and anger and frustration expressed about the lack of any action for CCC Planning. Email to be sent to CCC Cllr Carnac

Clerk

There was a very heated and unpleasant confrontation instigated by Cllr Chandler towards Cllr Warnock culminating in Cllr Chandler leaving the room only to return a few minutes later to resume the verbal attack. It was unanimously agreed that his behaviour was totally inappropriate and unacceptable. It was agreed that Cllr Fee would email Cllr Chandler to officially suggest he takes 3 months leave of absence from Parish Council Meetings to reflect on his conduct and that this course of action be recorded in the Minutes

Clerk

11 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 17th August 2023 at 7.00 pm at Hersden Community Centre

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.40 pm