

Chislet Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 19th October 2023 at 7.00 pm at Hersden Community Centre

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

In attendance : Mr. G. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, KCC Cllr Marsh, and 3 members of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Rose and CCC Cllr Carnac

2 Declarations of Councillor's Interests in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of Councillor's interests in items on the Agenda

3 Co-option onto the Council

After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed to co-opt David Halfacre onto the Council. David thanked the Cllrs and joined the Meeting

The Clerk was asked to arrange the necessary paperwork with CCC

Clerk

4 Public discussion

Two members of the public complained about the amount of litter in Chislet / Marshside. There was a general discussion about the litter problem and the employment status of the former litter picker

A member of the public referred to his email to the Clerk stating that he had been litter picking across the Parish and wished to get involved with others to take this forward. It was agreed to discuss how to implement a long-term solution for this problem at the November 2023 Meeting

5 KCC & CCC Cllr reports

KCC Cllr Marsh outlined the very serious situation regarding KCC's finances and stated that unless significant savings were made service reductions were inevitable

6 Minutes of the last Meeting and matters arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st September 2023 were unanimously approved

There were no matters arising of note

7 To discuss correspondence received

Email from CCC re boundary review – briefing session 24th Oct @4.00 pm

Email from parishioner re litter picking – to be considered further at the November 2023 Meeting

Email from CCC Cllr Carnac re no pavement parking sign in Upstreet – to discuss with Rachel next Meeting

Emails re 23/01763 – a 5-day exemption request to fell 2 trees in rear garden of Holmleigh, Chitty Lane. The Clerk reported that he had as requested written to CCC objecting to any felling of trees in a conservation area without prior agreement

Email from Parishioner regarding planning appeal 21/02265 (see item 8) asking the Parish Council to request the Planning inspector refuses the application. (Other residents had also contacted Cllr Cassidy voicing their objections and reasons for refusal). It was agreed that Cllr Cassidy would draft a letter to be sent to the Inspector detailing these objections and concerns **Cllr Cassidy/Clerk**

8 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters

New Planning applications

23/01786 – TPO No 9/1976 Lime tree, fell in front garden
Ferry Cottage, 127 Island Road, CT3 4DE

The Parish Council supports the recommendation of the Tree Officer

23/01718 – TPO No 1/1961 T21- Scots pine located in grounds of property, fell
9 Stour Valley Close, CT3 4DB

The Parish Council supports the recommendation of the Tree Officer

23/01753 – single storey side and rear extension together with single storey incidental outbuilding
9 Stour valley Close, CT3 4DB

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

Decided Planning applications

23/01538 – alterations to windows and balcony together with addition of roof lights
6 Abingdon Grove, Upstreet, CT3 4DW

Granted

21/02265 – Planning Appeal : digestate storage Ecobag, land south of Marley Lane

Cllr Cassidy declared an interest in this application as a neighbour

There was a general discussion regarding the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, including parishioner's objections. It was agreed that Cllr Cassidy should draft a letter of objection to the Inspector

Cllr Cassidy/Clerk

9 Highway Improvement Plan

The Clerk reported that new dates had been offered by Highways for the HIP review Meeting. It was agreed to opt for 2nd November 2023 between 11am – 2pm. Clerk to advise (subsequently changed to 16th November 2023 at 11am)

Clerk

10 Parish Engagement subcommittee update

After a brief discussion it was agreed to hold an Extraordinary Meeting on 16th November 2023 between 6.00pm – 7.00pm, to consider and discuss the subcommittee's initial report which had been circulated by email

A budget of up to £150 was approved to cover expenses incurred in having a stall at the Chislet Christmas Fayre, including items for a colouring competition for the children

11 Litter picking and grass cutting

This item was to be discussed in detail at the November 2023 Meeting

12 To consider Finance matters

The following accounts were approved for payment -

		£
Chq Inland Revenue	Clerk's tax	£100.40
Chq Hersden Community Centre	Room hire	£25.00
Chq John Caddick	Grass cutting	£180.00

The monthly Standing Order was noted and approved

£

G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses

465.52

The following bank balances as at 30th September 2023 were noted –

Treasurers account	£	21121.43
Fighting Fund	£	1228.99
Business Bank Instant	£	3803.19

Finance Report

The Finance report for the period 1st April – 30th Sept 2023, circulated by email was briefly discussed and the Report approved

Banking arrangements

The signatories on the new Unity Trust Bank accounts signed the mandate. Clerk to submit this along with the other information requested and a cheque for £500 made payable to Chislet Parish Council

Clerk

13 Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss

14 Date of next Meetings

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Thursday 16th November 2023 - Extraordinary Meeting at 6.00pm; Ordinary Parish Council Meeting at 7.00 pm, at Hersden Community Centre

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.50. pm