

# Chislet Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.00 pm at Hersden Community Centre

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

**In attendance** : Mr. G. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, KCC Cllr Marsh, CCC Cllr Carnac, and one member of the public

**Action by:**

### **1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Higglesden & Rose

### **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 Public discussion**

The member of the public contributed to the discussion under item 9, litter picking

### **4 KCC & CCC Cllr reports**

KCC Cllr Marsh updated on the perilous position of KCC finances with the 2024/2025 budget not yet agreed and the need to 'balance the books' - could see Council tax increase by 3%-5%

CCC Cllr Carnac spoke about the review of ward boundaries and the increasing recycling rates with the District. There was a full discussion regarding the no pavement parking sign on Island Road and Rachel kindly offered to progress this with the relevant officer and arrange a site visit **Cllr Carnac**

### **5 Minutes of the last Meeting and matters arising**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were unanimously approved

There were no matters arising of note

## **6 To discuss correspondence received**

Email from Parishioner critical of the Minutes and requesting they contain more information

Email re The Sea Link Project (circulated) – discussed and noted

Email re proposed base station upgrade in Island Road, pre planning consultation (circulated) – discussed and noted

## **7 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters**

### New Planning application

**23/02017** – detached carport with habitable room over  
**Puddledock House, Nethergong Hill, CT3 4DN**

There were no objections to this application – but comments to be made regarding the area of high landscape value. Cllr Cassidy to draft

**Cllr Cassidy**

### Decided Planning application

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

Granted

## **8 Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)**

2023 HIP – Cllr Appleby reported on a very positive meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November with East Kent Highways to discuss the HIP proposals. Confirmation of the improvements to be considered for funding will be notified by end of December 2023

2022 HIP – Highways had confirmed that the installation of white Village gateways and new 30mph signage will be completed by early 2024 (although the existing large 30mph sign would be removed)

Road maintenance/pot holes – Highways had confirmed that road maintenance and pot hole repairs cannot be included in an HIP (which is for new features only)

There was a general discussion about the poor state of many roads throughout the Parish and the Council may coordinate a road surface/pot hole survey and submit a comprehensive report to Highways on repairs required rather than ad hoc reports

### **9 Litter picking**

There was a full and productive discussion regarding litter picking with Vivian Thompson. Viv provided details of his regular litter picks and the waste collected. Vivian very kindly offered to co-ordinate a volunteer litter picking group. It was agreed that this should be widely advertised on website, Facebook and by word-of-mouth

**Cllrs/Clerk**

### **10 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 Chislet Parish Council	Unity Trust Bank account	£23000.00

To note bank balances as at 30.09.23

Treasurers account	£	20475
Fighting Fund	£	1230
Business Bank Instant	£	3810

The monthly Standing Order was noted and approved

**£**

G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	465.52
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### **Banking arrangements**

It was noted that the new Unity Trust bank accounts had been set up and accessed by the Clerk and some Cllrs. It was agreed to send a cheque for £23000 being most of the funds in the existing Lloyds accounts. A balance of c£1000 would be retained in those accounts until the final transactions had been completed then the remaining balance would be transferred to Unity and the accounts closed

### **11 Any Other Business**

D-Day 80 commemoration – Clerk to ascertain whether the beacon could be lit

**Clerk**

### **12 Date of next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.00 pm, at Hersden Community Centre

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.20 pm