

# Chislet Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.00 pm at Hersden Community Centre

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

**In attendance** : Mr. G. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, KCC Cllr Marsh, and Viv Thompson volunteer litter picker

**Action by:**

### **1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fee, Prosser & 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 Public discussion**

There was a general discussion regarding litter picking and the need for more volunteers. Clerk to contact CCC for litter sacks

**Clerk**

It was agreed to request a new waste/dog bin at Abingdon Grove as there were regular deposits of dog waste. Clerk to contact CCC

**Clerk**

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

CCC Cllr Carnac's emailed report, as circulated, was noted with thanks

KCC Cllr Marsh reported that there would be a 5% increase in the KCC element of Council tax. Alan updated on the budget challenges and the struggle to provide statutory services

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

The Minutes of the two Meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were unanimously approved

There were no matters arising of note

## **6 To discuss correspondence received**

Email from John Harper, Hannafin, re residential development at Nethergong woodyard – will attend January 2024 meeting to outline revised plans prior to submitting application to CCC

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

### New Planning applications

There were no new planning applications to discuss

### Decided Planning applications

There were no decided planning applications to note

## **8 New statutory information for the website**

Cllr Appleby reported that two documents were required to be available on the website – the Asset Register and an approved Code of Conduct for Cllrs. The Clerk was asked to circulate the Asset Register to Cllrs for information and to post onto the website. Clerk and to source and circulate a model Code of Conduct. This could then be amended if required and adopted by Cllrs at a future Meeting

**Clerk**

## **9 To consider Finance matters**

### The following accounts were approved for payment –

		<b>£</b>
Online payment - Inland Revenue	Clerk's tax	100.40
Online payment - Hersden Community Centre	Room hire	25.00
Online payment - Vivian Thompson	Litter picking sundries	124.60

### The monthly Standing Order was noted and approved

	<b>£</b>
G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	457.32

### To note bank balances as at 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Unity Trust Bank	£ 23000
Lloyds TSB	£ 6981 (includes £6586 Concurrent Function funding for 2023/2024)

**Budget 2024/2025 and Precept requirement**

There was a general discussion regarding the proposed budget for 2024/2025 and no major projects were planned. Given the forecast underspend for the current year and the relatively high levels of reserves it was agreed to keep the Precept at the same level as the current year, £15000. Clerk to notify CCC

**Clerk**

It was agreed that a list of possible projects for 2025/2026 be drawn up

**Cllrs**

**10 Any Other Business**

Cllr Halfacre raised the issue of CCC waste collection lorries using Chislet as a rat run – from Highstead through to Upstreet. The lorries are noisy and polluting and the roads unsuitable. Clerk to contact CCC to request this dangerous practice ceases

**Clerk**

There was a brief discussion about PC specific email addresses but agreed this should be deferred to the January 2024 Meeting

**11 Date of next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00 pm, at Hersden Community Centre

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.20 pm