

Chislet Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 18th January 2024 at 7.00 pm at The Spitfire Café, Upstreet

Present : Cllrs Fee (in the Chair), Stoward, Appleby, Prosser, Warnock & Rose

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

There was a discussion with John Harper, Hannafin, regarding a planning application soon to be submitted for a small residential development at the former Nethergong Hill woodyard. John presented his revised proposals and there was an informative question and answer session

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Halfacre & Cassidy 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 were no members of the public present

4 KCC & CCC Cllr reports

KCC Cllr Marsh reported that the KCC budget had still not been signed off although Council tax would only increase by 5%. Alan also spoke about issues around young unaccompanied asylum seekers and the huge costs borne by KCC caring for them

There was a discussion about the speed sign near Chislet School which had been out of order for a considerable time, and frustration expressed that it was not working when all that may be needed was a new battery

5 Minutes of the last Meeting and matters arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th December 2023 were unanimously approved

There were no matters arising of note

6 To discuss correspondence received

Email from CCC responding to our complaint about refuse lorries using Chislet as a 'rat run' – drivers to be advised not to use inappropriate roads

Email from KCC re winter support scheme – after a discussion it was agreed that Cllr Appleby prepare a short paper/proposals for the February 2024 Meeting
Cllr Appleby

Email from KACL re the D Day 80 commemorations – it was agreed to contact the landowner regarding lighting the beacon as it was felt that this was a central to the commemorations
Clerk

Email from Hoath Parish Council inviting Cllrs to the next Joint Parish Group Event on Monday 18th March 2024 at 7pm. Cllr Appleby is hoping to attend

7 Parish Council email addresses

There was a full discussion regarding email addresses. It was agreed that it was each Cllr's individual decision whether to use their personal email address or the newly created CPC email address. The Clerk to send an email specifying each Cllr's email address so that address books could be updated
Clerk

8 Parishioner engagement update

Cllr Warnock updated on the CEC meeting held on 9th Jan 2024 and the Chislet Fair and referred to the previously circulated Minutes and notes

It was noted that as there were 5 members on the Committee, they would always have a majority vote on decisions taken by the full Council. It was therefore agreed to reduce the number of Cllrs on the Committee to 3 Cllrs. It was also noted that an agenda should be published in advance of the Meeting which should be open to the public to attend

9 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters

New Planning applications

23/02046 – siting of 12 additional caravans
Land at Puddledock, Nethergong Hill, CT3 4DN

After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed to send the draft letter of objection
Clerk

24/00025 – change of use to camp site and erection of 5 no. camping pods, plant store building and associated parking
Lower Chitty Farm, Chitty Lane, CT3 4EA

After a discussion it was agreed there were no objections to this application

Decided Planning applications

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

Granted

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

Granted

Other Planning matters

There was a discussion about ongoing building works at Hollow Street and CCC's apparent failure to take enforcement action. Clerk to contact CCC Cllr Carnac expressing the Council's continuing frustration with this and asking for an urgent update

Clerk

10 To consider Finance matters

The following accounts were approved for payment –

SO	G Eaton	Clerk's salary & expenses	£457.32
BP	Inland Revenue	Clerk's tax	£100.40
BP	Hersden Community Centre	Room hire	£25.00
Chq	Chislet PC (Unity Trust a/c)	Balance of funds for Lloyd's a/c	£6892.53

To note bank balances as at 12.01.24

Unity Trust Bank	£	22800
Lloyds TSB	£	6982

11 Any Other Business

There was a discussion about the benefits of installing a bench on the grassed area outside Vision House possibly coupled with a small fruit tree – to be considered at a future Meeting

12 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7.00 pm, at The Spitfire Café, Upstreet

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm