

Chislet Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16th May 2024 at 7.45 pm at the Hersden Centre

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

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 Prosser & Rose

2 Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Warnock as Chairman

It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Fee as Vice Chairman

Cllr Halfacre, on behalf of the Council, thanked Jackie for her hard work and efforts whilst serving as Chairman over many years

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

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

4 Public discussion

There was one member of the public present who wished to observe the Meeting

5 Minutes of the last Meeting and matters arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th April 2024 were unanimously approved

There were no matters arising of note

6 To discuss correspondence received

Email from CCC re additional Draft Local Plan consultation event on 21st May @ 6.30pm

Emails re PC Meetings in June July Aug at the Chislet Centre

Emails from residents re HIP, speeding and dangerous driving – Cllr Appleby to draft responses and circulate for approval before sending
Cllr Appleby

Email from Highways re HIP pack 2024/2025

Copy of anonymous letter sent to CCC alleging corruption and fraud of a Cllr relating to a planning application

7 Speed watch and speed indication devices (SID)

Cllr Appleby requested that the PC formally endorses Cllrs Appleby & Cassidy's proposal to set up Speed watch groups in the parish, and that the website, Facebook, etc. can be used to continue to put a call out for volunteers and keep parishioners updated on progress. This request was unanimously agreed

Five locations where Speed watch sessions can be carried out have been approved in Island Road, Upstreet, and confirmation was awaited for authorised locations in Chislet Village, Boyden Gate and Highstead. Although Kent Police Speed watch have offered the initial use of their equipment this may not be on permanent loan

It was proposed that, if the Speed watch project is successful in reducing antisocial speeding in the parish, the PC may wish to consider the future purchase of its own Speed watch equipment as many other parishes councils have done. Costs in the region of £2K. This equipment would then become a Parish asset.

Speed Indication Devices (SiD's) - The two malfunctioning SiD's, previously located in Upstreet and by Chislet School, have been removed – and KCC have confirmed that they cannot be repaired and will not be replaced.

It was proposed that, in view of CPC's healthy reserves, consideration be given to the purchase of a moveable SiD, at a cost of c.£7K, which could then be used throughout the parish and become a Parish asset

It was also proposed that detailed quotations should be obtained and, if they were considered to be acceptable, that KCC would then need to carry out a survey in order to authorise the specific locations where the SiD's can be located. KCC make a charge for this survey of c£800

Following a general discussion, it was agreed to consider this proposal further at the next meeting

8 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters

24/00508 – replacement of all external doors and windows from timber to PVCu
1 Court Cottages, Church Lane, CT3 4DU

There were no objections to this application

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There were no objections to this application

The draft letter making several comments on CCC's draft Local Plan to 2040, previously circulated by email, was approved. Clerk to send to CCC **Clerk**

9 To consider Finance matters

The following accounts were approved for payment -

SO	G Eaton	Clerk's salary & expenses	£470.80
BP	Inland Revenue	Clerk's tax	£104.00
BP	J Caddick	Grass cutting	£180.00
BP	D Halfacre	Misc expenses	£162.98

The bank balances as at 10.05.24 were noted

Unity Trust Bank £41439 (includes 2024/2025 precept of £15000)

10 Any Other Business

Cllr Halfacre provided a status report on the D Day 80 commemorations and was pleased to report that all the preparations were progressing well. Cllr Halfacre noted the significant support being provided by Chislet Court Farm

11 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th June 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Chislet Centre, Church Lane, Chislet

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.52 pm