

Chislet Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 15th August 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Chislet Centre

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

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

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Halfacre & Prosser, and KCC Cllr Marsh

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 commented on the number of pot holes in the Parish

4 KCC & CCC Cllr reports

CCC Cllr Carnac reported on the continuing problems with black bin collections, and updated on the Local Pan which would be published soon

A new PCSO, Jack Roy, has recently appointed who when fully trained will be able to help with problems of speeding in the Parish

Cllr Cassidy requested an update on the ongoing building works in Hollow Street being undertaken without planning permission. Cllr Carnac agreed to investigate and report back **CCC Cllr Carnac**

5 Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th July 2024 were unanimously approved and signed

6 Matters arising

There was a general discussion regarding the solar panels on Castleton Cottage, North Stream. The Clerk reported that CCC had replied to our concerns about the panels stating that they would be lawful. It was noted that an email had been sent to the owners explaining the background and apologising for any embarrassment that had been caused. Clerk referenced the emails listed under Correspondence below

Farm vehicle traffic was discussed and it was agreed no action to be taken for time being

CCC refuse lorries not adhering to the speed limit was discussed – to be included as an agenda item for the September 2024 Meeting

7 To discuss correspondence received

Email from CCC re Castleton Cottage, North Stream – planning application 24/00487 - the solar panels would be lawful

Email from owner of Castleton Cottage, North Stream – complaining about the reference to their solar panels in the July 2024 Minutes, advising they had sought and were granted planning permission by CCC

Email from Boundary Commission re final recommendations for Canterbury - noted

Email re Mile marker A28 – Clerk to ask parishioner to alert Kent Highways via the online reporting tool

Emails re the beacon (document circulated) – the emails complaining about the relocation of the Highstead beacon to a chalk pit in Chislet were fully discussed

It was noted that had the beacon not been relocated it would not have been possible to mark the D Day 80 commemorations as there was a crop in the field

Cllrs agreed that the beacon basket could be relocated to its original position in Highstead, provided the landowner agreed and to discuss this with Chislet Court Farm if this approval was forthcoming

It was noted that the beacon basket may have to be relocated again, at possible cost to the Parish, if future events occur in the summer when there was a crop susceptible to fire in the adjoining field

To be considered further as an agenda item for the September 2024 Meeting. Cler to send a holding email to those parishioners who had expressed concern

8 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters

24/01298 – change of use of land for siting of tents for use as holiday accommodation and associated works

Lower Chitty Farm, Chitty Lane, CT3 4EA

Concern was expressed that the description of the application on the notification letter from CCC did not match that on the website which was for 5 camping pods, plant store and parking. It was agreed Cllr Stoward to confirm details with the applicant and the Clerk to contact CCC Planning. In the meantime, Cllrs should consider a response to the application

Cllr Stoward/Clerk

9 Grass cutting contract

There was a general discussion regarding the grass cutting contract awarded to J Caddick. Cllr Stoward kindly offered to monitor the grass cutting on a monthly basis

Cllr Stoward

10 Community Engagement Strategy document

Cllr Appleby outlined the Community Engagement strategy document. Final version, once adopted, to be posted on the noticeboards and website

A proposal was discussed to undertake a door to door drop of the Questionnaire with a working party to print, deliver, collect and analyse them. Cllr Appleby to work up a formal proposal

Cllr Appleby

11 Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) 2024

Cllr Appleby outlined several recommendations received from parishioners for inclusion in the next round of the HIP. It was agreed that the School was priority. Cllrs were urged to study these recommendations and bring forward their own, in readiness for confirming our HIP submission at the September 2024 Meeting

All Cllrs

12 Risk assessment tool

The Clerk outlined the risk assessment tool that has been used in the past and pointed out that other tools were available if required– to be discussed further at the September 2024 Meeting

13 To consider Finance matters

The following accounts were approved for payment -

SO	G Eaton	Clerk's salary & expenses	£470.80
BP	J Caddick	Grass cutting	£351.99
BP	Inland Revenue	Clerk's tax	£104.00
BP	S Cassidy	Sundry expenses	£19.50

The bank balances as at 10.08.24 were noted

Unity Trust Bank £38412.66

To discuss possible projects

Several possible projects were discussed including the refurbishment / replacement of the bus shelter
- a site visit would be arranged to consider this in more detail **Cllr Warnock**

Other projects discussed included -

Repainting and repairing the old Village white gates

Commissioning a Parish Map illustrating places of interest / footpaths etc. for residents, visitors and walkers

Repositioning the Upstreet telephone box so it could be used as a community library

Repair of the noticeboards

14 Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss

15 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th September 2024 at 7.00 pm at the Hersden Centre

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.05 pm