

Chislet Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 19th September at 7.00 pm at the Hersden Centre

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

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 Cllr Higglesden

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 observed part of the Meeting then swore at and insulted the Chairman before leaving

4 KCC & CCC Cllr reports

CCC Cllr Carnac spoke about the Parish Engagement Meeting to be held on 9th Oct 2024 where Concurrent Function funding would be discussed. Rachel reported that there was no update on any enforcement action at Hollow Street

KCC Cllr Marsh updated on budget preparations for 2025/2026 and noted that massive cuts would be needed. There was a discussion regarding pot holes and it was agreed that Cllr Appleby would coordinate the production of a Parish-wide survey of pot holes and other issues requiring attention. This would then be sent to the KCC Leader and Cllr N Baker the portfolio holder for Highways

Cllr Appleby

5 Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th August 2024 were unanimously approved and signed

6 Matters arising

Questionnaire results – Cllr Halfacre summarised the findings of the surveys which were completed at the Christmas and Summer fairs

It was noted that a QR code to access the questionnaire would be published in the next edition of the Newsletter and on the noticeboards

Risk assessment tool – it was agreed to use the tool previously circulated by the Clerk. The Clerk to update the tool and send to Cllrs for review
Clerk

Revamp website – agreed ideas for development be sent to Cllr Prosser who would pull together some recommendations
Cllr Prosser

It was noted that the Beacon had been restored to its original position in Highstead – thanks were given to all those involved at Chislet Court Farm

7 To discuss correspondence received

CCC Parish Engagement (online) Meeting on 9th Oct @ 4pm – Cllrs Appleby Cassidy & Halfacre hoped to attend
Cllrs Appleby Cassidy & Halfacre

CCC Engagement pulse survey – Clerk to forward details to Cllrs
Clerk

Emails re verge and pavement parking Island Road – discussed, awaiting site visit by CCC officer to assess any available options

The problems caused by farm lorries carrying maize speeding through the Parish were discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Warnock would draft a letter to send to local farmers asking the drivers observe the speed limits and be wary of other road users
Cllr Warnock

8 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters

There were no new planning applications to consider

9 CCC refuse lorries

There was nil of note to discuss

10 Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) 2024

As no further proposals were put forward by Councillors for submission to East Kent Highways in this year's HIP, it was agreed to take forward the following 3 items which had been highlighted to the PC by parishioners:

1/Chislet School – safety & speed reduction measures
– reduction of speed limit to 20mph on approach to school
- electronic 'School' flashing warning signs on approach to school

2/Highstead – improved warning signage on approach to the blind bend at Poachers End

3/Upstreet – request a solution for the continuing problem of speeding traffic through Upstreet

11 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	£180.00
BP	Inland Revenue	Clerk's tax	£104.00
BP	Whitstable Designs	Website hosting/domain	£89.99

The bank balances as at 13.09.24 were noted

Unity Trust Bank £44316.54

To discuss possible projects

Several possible projects were discussed

Refurbishment of the bus shelter – Cllr Warnock outlined the recommendations following a site visit with Cllr Higglesden. There was a debate about an appropriate colour for the wood staining and other colours / costings to be obtained

Cllr Warnock

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

Bench in the cemetery

Repair of the noticeboards

Finance Report 1st April – 30th June 2024

The Finance report, circulated by email, was discussed and the healthy balance noted. The report was approved

12 Any Other Business

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Batchelor's regarding the possibility of lighting the Beacon on VE Day 8th May 2025

Clerk

13 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 17th October 2024 at 7.00 pm at the Hersden Centre

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.05 pm