

Chislet Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20th February 2025 at 7.00 pm at the Hersden Centre

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

In attendance : Mr. G. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, KCC Cllr Marsh, CCC Cllr Carnac, and six members of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

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 Co-option onto the Council

After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Gillian Harris on to the Council

4 Public discussion

There was a general discussion with the six members of the public about the 'Little Acre' planning application, and the residents outlined their very strong objections to the application

5 KCC & CCC Cllr reports

KCC Cllr Marsh gave an update on the Devolution White paper and confirmed Kent had not been accepted onto the Priority Programme. Alan also updated on the 2025/2026 budget challenges

CCC Cllr Carnac gave an update on enforcement action at Hollow Street and outlined the Stodmarsh water quality issues and their effects on house building

6 Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th January 2025 were unanimously approved and signed

7 Matters arising

It was noted that work on repainting the Village Gates had started

8 To discuss correspondence received

Email from KALC advising Kent had not been accepted for the Devolution Priority Programme - noted

Speeding traffic Nethergong Hill – noted (had been raised as part of previous HIP discussions)

Parish Engagement Meeting 11th March 4.30pm-6.30pm – Cllrs Appleby, Halfacre and Cassidy to attend. Clerk to book places

Clerk

Kent & Medway Local Nature Recovery strategy consultation - noted

Traffic notice Grove Ferry Hill and Grove Ferry Road reducing weight limit on the bridge - noted

9 Spending on community projects

The costs to commission an Illustrator to produce a Parish Map (including places of interest / footpaths etc. for residents, visitors and walkers), and installation on lectern display boards was fully discussed. It was agreed not to progress the project further at this stage, but to include it as one option in a public consultation of three or four possible projects

Website – Cllr Prosser had kindly researched this and hoped to provide a demo at the March 2025 Meeting

Cllr Prosser

Benches – Cllr Warnock had met with Rev Jef Foulger regarding the siting of the bench in the cemetery and he was fully supportive. Cllr Warnock to progress the approval process via the PCC

Cllr Warnock

Cllr Warnock proposed a project maintaining the cemetery area (in addition to the current grass cutting) and suggested a site meeting to discuss this – dates to be circulated

Cllr Warnock

10 VE Day 2025 Commemoration

There was a full discussion about lighting the beacon on 5th May to commemorate VE Day. Various issues were considered including moving the beacon to the chalk pit in Chislet. Several concerns were raised primarily about the safety of the public. As off-road access to the existing beacon site had not been given, and as it would be dark at the time of lighting, there was an increased risk of

accidents on the road and at the chalk pit. It was therefore decided unanimously not to organise an event or to light the beacon

11 To consider Planning and Enforcement matters

25/00221 – single storey detached outbuilding
Chislet Court Farm, Church Lane, CT3 4DU

There were no objections to this application

12 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	£351.99
BP	Hersden Centre	Room hire (7 meetings to Jan 2025)	£175.00

The bank balance as at 14.02.25 was noted

Unity Trust Bank £35583

Finance report 1st April – 31st Dec 2024

The Finance report for the period 1st April – 31st Dec 2024, previously circulated by email, was considered and approved

13 Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss

14 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th March 2025 at 7.00 pm at the Hersden Centre

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.08 pm