

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3 July 2017 at Weaving Street Village Hall, Weaving commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr B Hinder (Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, Mr J Constable, Mr I Davies, Mr V Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mr T Harwood, Mr G Hayday, Mr D Hollands, Mr P Sullivan and Mrs M Waller together with the Clerk Mrs P Bowdery, Borough Cllr D Butler and 3 members of the public/press.

1. Apologies and absences

Cllrs Clarke (family commitment), Wendy Hinder (MBC Mtgs) and Macklin (unwell). Cllr Radcliffe Godfrey (absent). County Cllr Paul Carter (conference).

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

There were none.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5 June 2017

4. Matters Arising From the Minutes

4.1 Minute 2996/5.1 Civic Regalia. The parish council should receive the completed regalia around 12 July. **Noted.**

4.2 Minute 2996/5.2 Honour Boards. Work to locate the missing dates will be undertaken in the near future. **Noted.**

4.3 Minute 2996/5.3 Dog Waste. Cllr Bob Hinder will attend the 19 July MBC Council meeting. **Noted.**

4.4 Minute 2996/5.4 HGV signage. The sign has been purchased and is awaiting installation by KCC. **Noted.**

4.5 Minute 2996/5.5 BT box Sandling. BT are investigating why the kiosk was never removed. **Noted.** The parish office was asked to chase for a response. **Action: Office.**

4.6 Minute 2997/15.1 Parish Tour. Availability dates are being obtained from councillors. **Noted.** Cllrs Hollands and Waller had not received notification of the suggested dates. **Action; office.**

4.7 Any other matters arising from the minutes which are not on the agenda. None.

5 Report from the PCSO and Police Issues

Crime statistics for June were **received and noted.** The PCSO is monitoring reports of nuisance bikes along Westfield Sole Road and the Chairman reported that nuisance mini bikes are being handed over the kissing gate at Cossington Lane/Walderslade Woods entrance.

The meeting was not adjourned as no member of the public wished to speak.

6 Draft Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings

Received and noted.

6.1 Environment Committee meeting 5 June 2017.

6.2 Environment Committee meeting 12 June 2017.

6.3 Estates Committee meeting 13 June 2017. An amendment to item 14 was requested as the time period was not twice a year but once every two years. **Action: Office.**

7 Finance

7.1 Payments made out of meeting 30.05.2017 – 26.06.2017. **Received and noted.**

7.2 Receipts for the period 30.05.2017 – 26.06.2017. **Received and noted.**

7.3 Account balances. **Received and noted.** Corporate Multicard, Cllr Dengate asked that the word fee be removed from the description so that in future it is only described as a 'top up' rather than, as it currently was, a 'top up fee' which indicated a charge.

8 Policies and Procedures

Parish Councillor Allowances. After discussion covering a 1% increase and how the Chairman's allowance is calculated and presented in the accounts, Cllr Ivor Davies

proposed that the Chairman's allowance is calculated as an additional 25% of the parish councillor allowance and that the Chairman receives a parish councillor allowance with an additional payment of 25% shown as a Chairman's allowance. Seconded by Cllr Dengate and **unanimously agreed**. Changes to payment to be effected from 1 April 2017.

9. **Reports from councillors/office**

Maidstone KALC draft minutes. **Received** and **noted**.

10 **Reports from Borough and County Councillors**

Cllr Wendy Hinder's report covering lack of maintenance at Boxley Road, Walderslade and Beechmore Drive and the receipt of the design for improvements at Old Chatham Road was **received** and **noted**.

Cllr Butler notified members that he is receiving complaints about a poor bus service at Impton Lane. Cllr Dengate notified the meeting that recent Facebook posts also raised concerns about the unreliable school bus service.

11 **Matters for Decision**

11.1 Kent Downs AONB Unit. Monday the 10th of July, 12.00 – 16.00 at Lenham Community Centre. Cllrs Harwood, Bob and Wendy Hinder to attend. **Action: Office.**

11.2 Invitation to Mayors Garden Party. The Chairman was unable to attend and councillors were asked to contact the parish office by Friday if they wish to attend. **Action: Councillors and office.**

12 **Correspondence**

None

13 **Matters for Information**

Old Chalk New Downs Newsletter.

14 **Next Meeting**

4 September 2017 at The European School of Osteopathy, Boxley ME14 3DZ commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman..... Date.....