

MINUTES

Full Meeting of the
COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL
On Monday 10 October 2011
Collier Street Village Hall
Commencing at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Bates(Chair); Cllr Anderson; Cllr Grandi; Cllr Goff; Cllr Gibb; Cllr Ridd; Hilary Reeve - Joint Editor, Village News; 1 member of the public.

10.11.1. Apologies	Cllr Rodd Nelson Gracie and Cllr John Verrall	
10.11.2. Declarations of Interest	None declared	
10.11.3. Police Report	No police presence	
10.11.4. These minutes were confirmed as an accurate recording of the proceedings.	10.11.4.1. Full Meeting – 12 September 2011	The Clerk
10.11.5. Questions from Members of the Public	Mr Ken Jenner brought to the attention of the meeting a proposed switching station that Power Networks UK propose to erect in Sheephurst Lane. The objective being that power can be isolated – the existing line runs from Northfleet to Hartley. Cllr Grandi had met with him and presented to the meeting the following factors. The proposed development is substantial, being some 50m x 120m. Three sites have been indentified and it appears that Power Networks seem to prefer the most economic of the three sites – the least preferred site of the residents. No firm decisions have been made although compulsory purchase cannot be discounted. A site map was presented to the meeting and the site preference discussed. The Parish Council are to support the residents in lobbying Power Networks and taking legal advice from both KALC and CPRE. The Parish Council needs to ascertain if planning permission has to be sought. The Clerk will progress the legal issues and revert to the Full Council as soon as is possible.	
10.11.6. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 The Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons 6.2 British Trust Conservation Volunteers 6.3 SLCC – Utility Bill Savings 6.4 Enforcement Complaint (Discuss as confidential) 6.5 Recreation Field Report 6.6 Donation to St Margaret’s Church – Hire charge 6.7 Health Overview Notes 6.8 Lappset Playworld Quote 6.9 New telephone number Leader of the Council 6.10 15 strong volunteers for the day 6.11 Various Issues raised by Mr Dixon 6.12 NEWS RELEASE – Raise a mug for Macmillan fund-raiser 6.13 Yalding NHW 6.14 Collier Street 2nd KALC representative 6.15 KALC minutes 6.16 Speed Limit Green Lane 	The Clerk

	<p>6.17 Confirmation from KALC of 2nd Parish representative</p> <p>6.18 NEWS RELEASE – Food Waste Thank you</p> <p>6.19 Request for new fly tipping flyer</p> <p>6.20 2013 review of Parliamentary constituencies</p> <p>6.21 Enforcement Issue (Discuss as confidential)</p> <p>6.22 Thank you from James Guillum Scott for cheque from MBC</p> <p>6.23 Recreation Field report</p> <p>6.24 Reply to confirm Parish contact details</p> <p>6.25 The Dynamic Councillor Course</p> <p>6.26 Request for Info Cllr Goff</p> <p>6.27 Speed Limit Green Lane</p> <p>6.28 Confirmation no beacon in the Parish</p> <p>6.29 Electricity Jointing Station – Sheephurst Lane</p> <p>6.30 Police Forum Yalding – 25 October</p> <p>6.31 Fire at the Barn – Lessons to learn</p> <p>6.32 Request for Village News Contact</p> <p>6.33 The Dynamic Councillor – Barbara to attend <i>The Parish Council approved the spend for Cllr Grandi to attend this upcoming training session.</i></p> <p>6.34 Thank you for Village News contact info</p> <p>6.34 Sheephurst Lane speed limit</p>	
10.11.7. Flood Committee Report	<p>Cllr Ridd briefed the meeting on the proposed changes to the planning regulations and whilst somewhat vague would have a perceived impact on PPS 25.</p> <p>The Environment Agency is preparing an upcoming presentation although it seems that assistance with flood defences may in the future be given to individual householders rather than an overall protectionist strategy. The full impact of the proposals is yet to unfold. It appears that the ABI will not be minded to exclude flood cover from 2014. We understand that several parishioners have either had flood cover excluded under their existing cover or increased premiums are being levied. In an effort to mitigate these factors the Parish Council is endeavouring to arrange a block policy but the minimum number of householders must number 12. Further information will appear in the Village News.</p>	Cllr Ridd
10.11.8. Recreation Field Report	<p>Cllr Gibb confirms that the brambles have been knocked right back and are no longer a trip hazard. The section cleared could do with edging. The trees have also been cut back – any other issues will be referred to our contractors for attention. An article will appear in the Village News reminding users of the field that no dogs are allowed and appropriate signage is to be displayed. The Parish Council will also write to the school to reaffirm this ruling.</p>	Cllr Gibb
10.11.9. Community Safety Issues	<p>Concerns over large amounts of fly tipping in both Spenny Lane and Mill Lane. It appears that trees have been cut down and left in road by unknown perpetrators.</p>	Cllr Anderson
10.11.10. Planning		Led by Cllr Bates
<p>10.11.10.1. Full Planning Permission 11-1236 CLAYGATE LAKES, CLAYGATE, MARDEN, MARDEN, KENT, TN12 9PL Erection of a building to accommodate an office, tackle</p>	<p>The Parish Council wish to see the application REFUSED for the planning reasons detailed but DO NOT REQUEST the application to be reported to the Planning Committee:-</p> <p>Having discussed the proposals there is no justification for this development. No business plan has been produced Hours of use</p>	

shop and toilets; erection of a building to act as a drying room; siting of two storage containers; formation of a base for a mobile catering unit; and landscaping.

Over intensification of the site
 Visual intrusion into the countryside
 Unresolved 'flood issues' and the resultant impact on neighbouring properties

Additional comments

Refreshment facilities are available within a reasonable walking distance.
 What are the proposed employment issues?
 The site was purchased knowing the existing situation.

10.11.10.2.
Approved/Granted with conditions
11-1317
LONGEND FARM, CLAYGATE,
MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT,
TN12 9PL

Removal of the agricultural occupancy condition attached to permission MK/3/53/137 in accordance with btf report and Design and Access Statement both date stamped 4 August 2011

There are no prescription details for this application

10.11.10.3.
Full Planning Permission
11-1529
MOCKBEGGAR OAST COLLIER STREET

Erection of a detached four bay garage to replace existing outbuilding (Resubmission of MA/11/0396)

The Parish Council wishes to see the application REFUSED for the planning reasons set out below but DO NOT REQUEST the application to be reported to the Planning Committee.

Whereas some of the issues have been addressed we are still not happy with the ridge height and bulk of the proposed building.

10.11.11. Finance

DATE	CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT
10.10.11	100659	CLERK	£395.19

The Clerk

10.11.12. Borough Councillors Report

In his absence Rodd Nelson Gracie e-mailed the following report:-

- High Street work started on 05-September expected to take 34 weeks = Mid-May 2012. So far on time and on budget
- Museum E wing - extension of time requested by contractor, now finishing 21-Oct. I went round last week and it is looking very smart
- Mote Park improvements started mid September, benefited from a large HLF grant.
 Work includes:
 - formalising perimeter paths
 - removing some trees to improve parkland setting but planting 100 new trees
 - upgrading boat house and car park
 - refurbishing cafeteria
 - restoring 1840s waterfall
 - restoring Volunteers Pavilion
 - new bridge across far end of lake
 - new hubs (Willington St & School La) - new parking and play areas
- Public meeting re Mote Park on Oct 20 (7pm Maidstone Leisure Centre) to see what is going on and speak to contractor
- Core Strategy closing date for consultation is 14

Oct

10.11.13. Councillors Correspondence and Briefing Pack Documents	All correspondence had been e-mailed to the appropriate parties.	Cllr Ridd
10.11.14. Village Hall	Cllr Grandi reported to the meeting that following professional advice the village hall is unsafe for public use and the anti rooms are literally falling down. Whilst the roof structure appears sound severe problems exist with dry rot rendering the flooring unsafe. Many thousands of pounds would have to be spent to replace with concrete. This is now the opinion of three independent builders. Cllr Goff has prepared a history of the hall together with various actions taken, correspondence, hall account information, issues arising from the closed hall, and plans of ongoing actions. Some members of the Village Hall Committee are prepared to continue in office and it was agreed by the Parish Council that two members of the Council be represented on the committee by Cllr Goff and Cllr Grandi. It is planned that a public meeting be held as part of the AGM in early January 2012 and for a committee to be reformed with possible new members. In the meantime the hall will remain closed and the Parish Council has been offered a new venue for future meetings.	Cllr Grandi
10.11.15. Jubilee Project	It was agreed to try and enlist the help of Joan Godden and Carol Jacques as organisers of the event. The Chairman will investigate the possibility of a beacon being lit, guidelines having been received by the National Organiser working in direct liaison with Buckingham Palace.	Led by Cllr Bates
10.11.16 Progress of the Parish Plan	The Clerk is to forward a copy of the Action Plan prepared as part of the Parish Plan in order that the Parish Council can check progress on the indentified issues.	Cllr Goff
10.11.17. Additional Matters for Discussion next Meeting		
10.11.18. Date of Next Meeting	Monday 14 November 2011	

Minutes prepared by:-

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