

# MINUTES

You are summoned to attend a Full Meeting of the  
COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL  
on Monday 12 March 2012  
in the Orchard Room  
St Margaret's School, Collier Street  
Commencing at 7.30pm

The following business is proposed to be transacted:-

**Attendees:** Cllr Bates(Chair); Cllr Gibb; Cllr Goff; Cllr Grandi; Cllr Ridd; PCSO Nicola Morris; Cllr Nelson-Gracie.

**03.12.1. Apologies** Cllr Paulina Stockell

**03.12.2. Declarations of Interest** None declared

**03.12.3. Police Report** PCSO Nicola Morris introduced herself to the meeting, she has been A PCSO for 5½ years, including 3 years as a supervisor (a role which no longer exists). No reported crimes since 7 February. She is encouraged by the co-operation she has received from within the Parish on suspicious vehicles, involved in illegal scrap metal trading. Since the beginning of March she has been proactive with speed checks. A speed check on Saturday 3 March 2012 outside Collier Street Garage - 29 vehicles recorded at traveling in excess of 35mph, highest recorded speed 53mph. Early morning on 8 March during a one hour check she recorded 39 vehicles as having exceeded the limit. Having to divide her time between, Collier Street, Marden, Yalding and Nettlestead she has promised that speed checks should take place at least once a week. Cllr Goff raised with Nicola the fact that Kent Police are unwilling to support the 30mph speed limit in Sheephurst/Green Lanes contrary to their previous support in a letter to a parishioner in 2005. Nicola will raise the issue with the appropriate department on our behalf. The Clerk is to write to Highways with evidence of the previous correspondence. Nicola has offered training to volunteers in the use of speed watch equipment that we hope to be able to borrow from Yalding Parish Council. Cllr Gibb reported to the meeting a large volume of tyres that had been dumped in Mill Lane. The incident had been reported to the Environment Agency.

**03.12.4. The minutes of Previously held Meetings were approved as a true recording of the said meetings.** **03.12.4.1 Full Meeting** 13 February 2012 **Finance and Development Control Meeting** 27 February 2012 The Clerk

**03.12.5. Questions from Members of the Public** None

**03.12.6. Correspondence** The Clerk

Date	No	Subject	Action
03.02.12	6.1	Action with Communities Rural Community of the Year 2012	
03.02.12	6.2	Village Hall of the Year	
12.02.12	6.3	Digital Switchover	
13.02.12	6.4	South East Water Measures they will take under drought conditions	
13.02.12	6.5	SLCC Conference Dates	
14.02.12	6.6	Cllr Goff the Clerk re Village Hall spends	
14.02.12	6.7	Reply to Cllr Goff	
14.02.12	6.8	Letter to Mr and Mrs Sarson confirming date of site visit	
14.02.12	6.9	VAM News	
16.02.12	6.10	Kent Police – Metal Theft Conference	

16.02.12	6.11	MBC Forward Plans 01.03 to 30.06.12
16.02.12	6.12	Chairman confirming site visit to Mr and Mrs Sarson
19.02.12	6.13	Invitation to Post Consultation Conference 29.02.12
19.02.12	6.14	DRAFT MINUTES 13 February 2012
20.02.12	6.15	Street Lighting
20.02.12	6.16	Cllr Grandi re Village Notice Boards
22.02.12	6.17	Bartlett Tree Experts
22.02.12	6.18	Village Hall Works
22.02.12	6.19	Rural Broadband Enquiry
23.02.12	6.20	Land Registry Query Recreation Field
23.02.12	6.21	Meeting dates to PCSO Nicola Morris
24.02.12	6.22	Confirmation of Venue of Meetings to PCSO Nicola Morris – Reminder from Cllr Goff
25.02.12	6.23	DRAFT AGENDA Finance & Development Control Meeting 27 February 2012
27.02.12	6.24	PCSO Suggestions for speed checks
27.02.12	6.25	Meeting Venue Confirmation to PCSO
27.02.12	6.26	Clerk to Cllrs re speed checks
28.02.12	6.27	Views on Draft Community Development Consultation
28.02.12	6.28	KALC Meetings
28.02.12	6.29	St Margaret's School; Campout – July 14, 2012
28.02.12	6.30	Suggested speed check locations
28.02.12	6.31	NEWS RELEASE Olympic Torch Celebrations in Mote Park
28.02.12	6.32	Full details as above
28.02.12	6.33	Free events Cobtree Manor Park
01.03.12	6.34	Jason Day re Police Report Parish Mag
01.03.12	6.35	Decisions Doc - MBC
01.03.12	6.36	Help a Maidstone Child – e-mail to Pau Ryan
02.03.12	6.37	Letter of thanks to Robert Kemp – briefing on switching station
02.03.12	6.38	E-Mail to UKPN
02.03.12	6.39	MBC DRAFT - Community Development Strategy
05.03.12	6.40	Speed checks outside Collier Street Garage 29 vehicles travelling over 35mph – recorded highest speed 53mph
05.03.12	6.41	KCC Gypsy and Travellers Allocation Policy <a href="http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/system/calendar">http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/system/calendar</a>
05.03.12	6.42	HOSC Notes March 2012
05.03.12	6.43	Confirmation to Nicola of suggested speed checks
06.03.12	6.44	Reply from Nicola
07.03.12	6.45	Two new resources on KALC Website
07.03.12	6.46	KCC Consultation Development & Infrastructure Creating Quality Places
07.03.12	6.47	Temporary Road side signs
08.03.12	6.48	E-mail of thanks from Yve Felton
09.03.12	6.49	Notification Full Parish Meeting
09.03.12	6.50	Corporate Governance Questionnaire for Chairman <i>The Chairman will have to complete this questionnaire when this year's audit is complete.</i>
09.03.12	6.51	Cllr Goff - Speed limits on Agenda – Action with Communities in Rural Kent
10.03.12	6.52	Cllr Sandys thoughts on Temporary Road signage
10.03.12	6.53	Correction to link on flooding in the area. <a href="http://bit.ly/yRi0tU">http://bit.ly/yRi0tU</a> questionnaire <i>A student group would appreciate residents completing a questionnaire on the events of flooding in the Parish. The Questionnaire can be accessed on the above website.</i>

**03.12.7. Flood Committee Report**

Cllr Ridd is to form a small steering group, comprising of representatives of the Environment Agency and Collier Street and Yalding Parish Councils. The objective of the meeting is to discuss the E/A's anticipated pilot of individual grants to householders for flood defenses, mindful of the appointment of qualified contractors to carry out the necessary works.

Cover for flood damage is still an important issue in the Parish but until such numbers of interested parties are indentified the matter cannot be progressed through a bulk policy. Our understanding is that Sainsbury's will consider cover for flood damage. They do require as part of the policy declarations that an applicant

Lead Cllr  
David Ridd

can sign to the effect that their property has not experienced flooding in the past ten years.

<p><b>03.12.8. Recreation Field Report</b></p>	<p>Cllr Gibb briefed the meeting on his thinking regarding the issue of rubbish on the Recreation Field. There are several contractors who will supply and empty a rubbish receptacle on a monthly basis. He is waiting for a quotation. The benefit being that they will replace the receptacle in the event of damage or loss. Cllr Bates presented the plans for the proposed footpath and following discussions it was agreed that the plans will be modified in order that easier access could be gained to the extended burial ground. The specifications were discussed and agreed and Cllr Gibb will obtain three appropriate quotations. Cllr Bates will let both the Clerk and Cllr Gibb have a PDF of the redrawn plans. The bid papers for the funding must be submitted by early May. The prohibition of dog signs on the field are to be installed.</p>	<p>Lead Cllr Michael Gibb</p>
<p><b>03.12.9.9 Community Safety Issues</b></p>	<p>No report.</p>	<p>Lead Cllr Andrew Anderson</p>
<p><b>03.12.9.10 Speed Limits</b></p>	<p>Please see the agenda item 3.</p>	<p>Lead Cllr David Goff</p>
<p><b>03.12.9.11 Emergency Planning Training</b></p>	<p>Cllr Grandi attended an emergency planning meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. These sessions appear to be part of an overall plan by KCC to share the load particularly as local knowledge is paramount to the success of such a plan. To help with the preparation a template has been produced to help take the initiative forward. Cllr Grandi also felt that this would sit nicely alongside the proposed initiative of street wardens 'guardian angels'. It was also suggested that it be a combined initiative with the Village Hall Committee involvement. There need not at this stage be named individuals but roles need to be identified in order that the plan can be brought into operation when necessary. An additional concern is that with the turnover of householders in the Parish, some occupants would not be aware of what actions to take in the event of an emergency. It is important that existing agencies (i.e. Helping Hands) are consulted at an early stage to bring them within the decision making process. Maybe even a joint venture with Yalding and involving the Environment Agency and flood wardens would also be a must.</p>	<p>Lead Cllr Barbara Grandi</p>
<p><b>03.12.10. Planning</b></p>		<p>Lead Cllr Will Bates</p>
<p><b>03.12.10.1. 11/1750</b> Approved/Granted with Conditions <b>2, CROW PLAIN COTTAGES, BENOVER ROAD, YALDING</b> An application for listed building consent for the erection of a two storey side/rear extension and internal alterations (Resubmission of MA/11/0314) as shown on Drawing 424ii/PL/03 and supporting Design and Access statement received on 13 October 2011</p>	<p>The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission; Reason: In accordance with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p> <p>The development shall not commence until, full details of the following matters have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority:- a) New internal joinery in the form of large scale drawings. b) New external joinery in the form of large scale drawings. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details; Reason: To ensure the appearance and the character of the building are maintained in accordance with Policy BE6 of the South Easy Plan 2009 and advice contained with PPS5 Planning and the Historic Environment.</p> <p>The development shall not commence until, written details and samples of the materials and details of the brick bond, mortar mix and pointing style to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the building(s) hereby permitted have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the development shall be constructed using the approved materials; Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance to the development in accordance with Policy BE6 of the South Easy Plan 2009 and advice contained with PPS5 Planning and the Historic Environment.</p>	
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**03.12.10.2**  
**11/1751**  
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**COTTAGES,**  
**BENOVER ROAD,**  
**YALDING**

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**03.12.11 Finance**

DATE	CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT
15.03.12	100672	CLERK	£412.85

The Clerk

**03.12.12**  
**Borough Councillors**  
**Report**

Cllr Rodd Nelson Gracie briefed the meeting on the nil increase to Council Tax for the upcoming year. The Maidstone High Street project is both on time and on budget and will be named Jubilee Square. The Parish Services Scheme will be in operation for 2013-2014 resulting in Parish Council's having to agree budgets and service levels with MBC. In hand are transport planning and the local development framework. Maidstone Museum continues to prosper with admissions up by some 50%. Although admission is currently free of charge some 'exhibitions on loan' may involve a charge for entry. Some Council offices have now been successful sold. The Olympic Torch celebrations are one 19/20 July. MBC is also encouraging more 'star gazing' events in Mote Park following the last event when attendances were underestimated as over the three events between 100 and 750 people attended.

**Village Clean Up**

The Parish wished to acknowledge with thanks the efforts of Margaret Ashworth and Gay Jenner and the team involved in the village clean up. Cllr Goff showed digital images of the mountain of rubbish collected – a fantastic effort.

**03.12.13**  
**Village Hall**

Cllr Grandi reported a good turnout at the last Village Hall Committee meeting and the committee members were elected. Whilst valuations for the old site vary quite considerably it appears that a fairly realistic value is somewhere in the region of £100,000. Several issues now have to be discussed and agreed with the Charity Commission. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 5 April 2012.

Lead Cllr  
Barbara  
Grandi

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**03.12.15**                    The Jubilee Weekend  
**Additional Matters for**  
**Discussion next**  
**Meeting**

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**03.12.16**  
**Date of Next Full**  
**Meeting**                    **Monday 9 April 2012**

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Agenda prepared by:-

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