

MINUTES

COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL

on Monday 13 April 2015

The Library,

St Margaret's School, Collier Street.

Commencing at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Grandi (Chair) Cllr Arthur; Cllr Goff; Cllr Ridd; 2 members of the public

04.15.1. Apologies	Cllr Barham; Cllr Paulina Stockell; Hilary Reeve, joint editor Village News; CSPO Nicola Morris										
04.15.2. Declarations of Interest (a) In accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 members to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in items on this agenda. (b) Clerk to report any written requests for dispensation in respect of items in this Agenda.	None declared										
04.15.3. Police Report	PCSO Nicola Morris has been linking in with Cllr Grandi and Cllr Goff with some local issues that have been occurring. No crime to report since the last meeting Several reports of suspect vehicle – seen at different locations within the village, residents driveways and on properties – details have been sent out through NHW, advice to call 101 if vehicle seen acting suspiciously. Report of nuisance bikes on playing field 9 th April – Cllr Goff tracked riders down – I shall follow up if necessary	PCSO Nicola Morris									
04.15.4. These minutes were approved as representing an accurate recording of the said meeting.	04.15.4.1. - Minutes of Meetings Full Meeting 16 March 2015										
04.15.5. Questions from Members of the Public	No issues										
04.15.6. Issues/ Correspondence Requiring Action	<table border="1" data-bbox="581 1163 1253 1453"> <thead> <tr> <th>Minute No</th> <th>Subject</th> <th>Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>04.15.06.01</td> <td>Maidstone Parish Charter – KALC Agenda</td> <td>The meeting discussed the papers on this issue.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>04.15.06.02</td> <td>Letter from K and L Still, Still Acres Touring and Camping Park re Longends Lane traffic</td> <td>The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr and Mrs Still requesting their suggestions in order that the matter can be discussed with Highways. Any recommendations will be considered at future meetings.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Minute No	Subject	Action	04.15.06.01	Maidstone Parish Charter – KALC Agenda	The meeting discussed the papers on this issue.	04.15.06.02	Letter from K and L Still, Still Acres Touring and Camping Park re Longends Lane traffic	The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr and Mrs Still requesting their suggestions in order that the matter can be discussed with Highways. Any recommendations will be considered at future meetings.	
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04.15.7. Flood Committee Report	No replies have been received from the advertisement in the Village News seeking to recruit attendees for a workshop on flooding issues within the Parish. No movement on political issues until after the election. There is to be a meeting with Bill Axell and MBC to discuss his role/involvement in flooding issues. A meeting held with Mike Watson UMIDB to look at the possibility of increasing the size of the ditch from Green Lane to the River. Visited 'Brandenburg' to look at the issues with blocked ditches and drains. Investigation of ditch at Willow Farm. Ditch goes nowhere and is blocked and floods garden of 'Star Cottages'. Being investigated by KCC and UMIDB – blocked drain.	Lead Councillor David Ridd									
04.15.8. Recreation Field Report	Consider signage 'no motorbikes' Contact with contractor – mowing is in hand. Replaced 100 canes – 50 more are required.	Lead Councillor David Goff									

	<p>Regrettably a number of 2012 plantings have gone. Mainly down to when we had the illegal encampment on the recreation field. Hedge by Car Park – looking good. The Clerk was instructed to chase the contractor for fence repairs near the Church.</p>	
<p>04.15.9. Community Safety Issues</p>	<p><u>Speedwatch</u></p> <p>The team held a Speedwatch session on Friday April 10th at 8.00am. Although they did not record any car doing 46mph or more in the 40 zone it was clear that their presence had an impact on driver speeds and that they increased driver awareness of the speed limit.</p> <p><u>Highways</u></p> <p><u>Roadworks</u></p> <p>There have been no roadworks or repairs this month.</p> <p>The Parish Council have requested a drive round the Parish with our Highways Engineer and Highways Steward, unfortunately Claire Chester (the steward) has been on holiday so this session has been delayed. A reminder email has been sent.</p> <p>We are particularly keen to point out the erosion of verges, pot hole issues and a specific issue with a fence leaning dangerously towards the road near Martin's Farm Oast on the B2162.</p> <p><u>Faults Reported:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Spenny Lane Fly Tipping:</u> Details of the flytipped household rubbish in Spenny Lane, near The White Hart, were emailed to John Edwards on April 9th because the on line reporting was not available. John replied promptly stating that the rubbish would be removed Monday April 13th, he also promised to investigate the on line problems with his IT team. <p><u>Neighbourhood Watch</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were numerous reports of a suspicious white van which had also been seen in neighbouring parishes. The occupants drive the van up homeowners driveways before turning around to leave or drive in to small industrial estates, get out to have a nose around and then drive off. It is really useful to have all the NHW residents on the lookout and they have been asked to report the sightings via the 101 line as soon as they see the van registration LX05 WTO, it has a small refrigeration unit on top. • Electric fencing and associated batteries etc were stolen from horse paddocks on the Benover Road on April 4th. • Bogus emails have recently been received by two separate residents in Collier Street and Yalding, one was allegedly from the HMRC claiming the recipient was due a tax refund and the other was allegedly from the DVLC claiming the recipient was due a car tax refund. Both emails requested banking details which of course will never be requested by telephone or email. <p><u>Car Park /Recreation Ground</u></p> <p><u>Noisy Motorbikes</u></p> <p>Over Easter children were spotted on motor bikes racing around the Recreation Ground, it is believed they came from land very close to the recreation ground. It has been reported to PCSO Morris.</p> <p><u>School Safety</u></p> <p>Cllr Barbara Grandi met with KC Councillor Paulina Stockell, Elaine Hedren Highways Fund Officer, Paul Ryan (CSPS Head teacher), School Governor Ceri Mooney and a representative from FOCSS at the school on the afternoon of Friday March 27th. We all stayed at the side of the road during school pick up time and witnessed some very poor and dangerous driving, we also watched young children having to walk along narrow pathways before negotiating the very busy B2162 which has extremely poor visibility towards Horsmonden.</p>	<p>Lead Councillor Barbara Grandi</p>

	Elaine suggested numerous possibilities including: advisory 20 mph speed limits displayed on white gate like installations on all three approaches to the school; another flashing 20 mph sign on the road from Yalding as you approach the school; changes in road surface colour and texture to warn of the school's locality; amendments to the T junction to enable a crossing to be installed more than 5 metres from the end of Green Lane; and a roadside barrier to stop children running straight in to the road as they leave the school. After the Easter holidays Elaine will be sending through some ideas and designs. Cllr Stockell has given her full support to the proposals.																										
04.15.10. PLANNING																											
04.15.10.1 14/504541 VICTORIA COTTAGE, CLAYGATE ROAD, YALDING, KENT Erection of new perimeter wall, with piers and railing. Erection of car port and hard standing area.	The Parish Council is to take a neutral stance on this application.																										
04.15.11. Approval of the meeting to the items identified.	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>DATE</th> <th>REF</th> <th>METHOD OF PAYMENT</th> <th>PAYEE</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>14.04.15</td> <td>ET35</td> <td>Electronic</td> <td>KAOLC Planning Conference</td> <td>£72.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14.04.15</td> <td>ET36</td> <td>Electronic</td> <td>KAOLC – Yearly Subscription</td> <td>£299.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14.04.15</td> <td>ET37</td> <td>Electronic</td> <td>The Clerk</td> <td>£576.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14.04.15</td> <td>ET38</td> <td>Electronic</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£110.40</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	DATE	REF	METHOD OF PAYMENT	PAYEE	AMOUNT	14.04.15	ET35	Electronic	KAOLC Planning Conference	£72.00	14.04.15	ET36	Electronic	KAOLC – Yearly Subscription	£299.26	14.04.15	ET37	Electronic	The Clerk	£576.03	14.04.15	ET38	Electronic	HMRC	£110.40	The Clerk
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04.15.11.01. Monthly Account Reconciliation Budgets emailed in advance of meeting to all Cllrs	There were no issues raised in connection with the monthly reconciliation/budget.	The Clerk and Lead Councillor Steve Barham																									
04.15.11.02 The internal auditors have scheduled Wednesday 13 May 2015 as the date for the Parish Audit. In readiness The Clerk will have the end of year papers ready for signature by the Chairman on 11 May 2015.	Meeting briefed on the requirements	The Clerk																									
04.15.11.03 The Smaller Authorities (Transparency Requirements) England Regulations 2015 Made 4th March 2015; Laid before Parliament 9th March 2015; In force 1st April 2015.	The Clerk briefed the meeting on the requirements of The Smaller Authorities (Transparency Requirements) England Regulations 2015. The new information required by this legislation must be displayed on the Parish Council website from 1 st July 2015.	The Clerk																									
04.15.12. Items carried forward	None																										
04.15.13. Borough Councillor Report	No Borough representation.																										
04.15.14. Village Hall	Cllr Goff is in the process of preparing a justification statement.	Lead Councillor Barbara Grandi																									
04.15.15. Matters for Discussion next Meeting	No specific items																										
04.15.16. Date of Next Full Meeting	AGM/APM Scheduled for 11 May 2015. The Clerk will make the appropriate preparations.																										
04.15.17. Recommended that the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting owing to the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted:-	Two issues were discussed.																										

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Prepared by:-

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