

MINUTES

COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL

on Monday 13 October 2014
 St Margaret's School, Collier Street
 Commencing at 7.30pm

Proposed Attendees: Cllr Grandi (Chair) Cllr Barham, Cllr Goff, Cllr Ridd, Clerk Alan Crocker, Hilary Reeve, joint editor Village News, Nicola Morris (part of meeting), one member of the public.

| 10.14.1. Apologies | None | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 10.14.2. Declarations of Interest | None declared | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.14.3. Police Report | <p>No crime since last meeting on 8th September There are several incidents to mention, a few would have already been sent out through Neighbourhood watch: Nuisance motorbike on playing field Sunday 12 October – approx. 5pm – the police would appreciate any help, given in strictest confidence, with descriptions, knowledge of perpetrator or where they might live. Lamping – suspect vehicle seen within surrounding areas – OE52 FVB – blue Vauxhall Astra – any information please contact PCSO Nicola Morris. Benover Road Yalding – Attempted theft of caravan and break-in, shed – horse rugs and equipment stolen. Wagon Lane – attempted break-in to barn. Any information would be much appreciated by the police.</p> | PCSO Nicola Morris | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.14.4. Minutes of Previous Meeting/s The minutes of this meeting were approved as representing an accurate recording of the said meeting. | 10.14.4.1 - Minutes of Meeting – Full Meeting – 8 September 2104 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.14.5. Questions from Members of the Public | Hilary Reeve expressed the need for a Village Litter Pick. The Chairman will liaise with Margaret Ashworth and set a date. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | <p>this is another issue and only by constant lobbying can we hope to change some of the thinking regarding certain development within the Parish. The Parish is however most concerned with the lack of expediency and feedback on raised enforcement issues.</p> | |
| 10.14.7. Flood Committee Report | <p>Cllr Ridd briefed the meeting on the proposed Leigh Barrier extension and the storage scheme on the River Beult. It is estimated that whilst these improvements would not be implemented until 2018-2022 many logistical issues will have to be addressed in the intervening period. It was pleasing to note that following work done by Parish its profile has been raised. Following a 9 year crusade we are no further forward with being given the power to close roads. We lobbied for barriers or hinged gates. Whilst the EA/MBC are convinced of the merits, several logistical issues have to be overcome.</p> <p>The Chairman advised the meeting that although there a disappointing response going forward the Parish Council have identified at least six people who are prepared to train as flood wardens.</p> <p>Cllr Goff reported on the meeting he attended with Cllr Ridd chaired by MP Helen Grant and attended by many of the appropriate agencies that in addition to the items aforementioned:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The feasibility study cost to KCC will be in the region of £1m • Tonbridge and Maidstone £100,000 each • EA programme will be announced in the Autumn • Flood plans are being distributed • Kent Resilience Forum – Copies are being sent out • Details of the flood warnings will be published in the Village News | Lead Councillor David Ridd |
| 10.14.8. Recreation Field Report | <p>Regrettably there has been further damage to the trees. The Parish Council are working on new signage (see above). We are also endeavoring to install CCTV cameras and are currently investigating the various logistics that are necessary in order to achieve this.</p> | Lead Councillor David Goff |
| 10.14.9. Community Safety Issues | <p><u>Community Safety and Highways Report from Cllr Barbara Grandi</u></p> <p><u>Highways:</u> Claire Chewter has made an impressive start as our new Highways Engineer/Surveyor. After the September PC meeting I had cause to visit Highways contractors carrying out works in Longend Lane where they were repositioning some reflective posts outside Longend Bungalow. The residents were concerned and contacted me but by the time I arrived Claire Chewter had visited the home and sorted the issue amicably.</p> <p>I carried out a quick survey of Longend Lane and reported a few issues around the junction of Longend Lane and the B2162 before following up some other issues that had been mentioned at the September PC meeting.</p> <p>Details of the faults reported via the Kent Highways Portal this month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overgrown hedge on the north side of the Longend Lane/B2162 junction Ref:120660 • A 6' 6" width restriction warning sign for the approaching left turn into Longend Lane completely obscured by an overgrown hedge Ref:120661 • A 50mph sign partially hidden by vegetation as you travel south past Longend Lane and over the bridge on the B2162 Ref:120662 • A deep pot hole in Kings Lane Ref:120663 • A 30 mph speed limit disc missing from the short post in Haviker Street Ref:120664 • The overgrown hedge that obscures vision as you turn from Haviker Street on to the B2162 Ref:120665 • A sharp left hand bend approaching sign completely obscured by the hedge as you drive north towards Mockbeggar Ref:120666 • A 30 mph sign partially hidden by vegetation along the B2162 near the public footpath past the recreation ground Ref: 120668 | Lead Councillor Barbara Grandi |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sign warning of the Kings Lane turning from the B2162 completely hidden by vegetation Ref:120670 • Pot holes on Green Lane near Brook Cottages Ref: 123239 • Spoil from ditch clearing spilling on to the road in Longend Lane Ref:123241 <p><u>Speed watch</u> A session was carried out on Thursday October 2nd at the entrance to Norton Industrial Estate on the B2162. 20 cars were recorded for travelling in excess of 37 mph in a 30 speed limit zone with many in the mid-40s.</p> <p><u>Freight Zone:</u> Still waiting for the correct sign marking the freight zone, the new roads were included in the Weight Limit Order on June 17th!</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Watch:</u> NHW messages were circulated this month, they were about: Theft from an outbuilding on the Benover Road on Oct 2nd when a horse rug was stolen; vehicles associated with illegal hunting by lamplight on farms at night; attempted dog theft; horses being interfered with.</p> <p><u>Collier Street Car park:</u> After the last PC meeting I spoke to the Headteacher at Collier Street Primary, we agreed that he would continue locking and unlocking the car park gate until after the approaching weekend as it was due to be the Horsmonden Horse Fair, thereafter we would leave the gate unlocked and see if the nuisance visitors returned. At the time of writing I have only been made aware of one incident which was a motorbike roaring all over the field on Sun Oct 12th, this was reported to the police by Diana Dixon and a crime reference number given. Unfortunately locking the gate would not stop motor bike access as they can easily get in through the public foot path. On Sun October 5th a motorbike was speeding around farmland behind Claygate Road and Gain Hill. A couple of weeks earlier a noisy motorbike was annoying residents as it sped up and down the B2162 between Den Lane and Mockbeggan.</p> | |
| 10.14.10. PLANNING | | |
| 10.14.10.1 14/504170/SUB Address: Foxbrush Barn Jarmons Lane Collier Street Kent TN12 9PU Proposal: Submission of Details pursuant to Condition 3 - Weatherboard, Tiles, Brick of MA/12/1298. | | |
| 10.14.10.2 <u>Revised details</u> MA14/0059 THE ORCHARD PLACE BENOVER ROAD YALDING Change of use of land for the stationing of 1(no) residential caravan for Gypsy accommodation including resurfacing of site and associated works Receipt of Preliminary Ecological Assessment report by Icen Ecology on 14/7/2014 | | |
| 10.14.10.3. <u>Listed Building Consent</u> MA14/504014/LBC For the installation of new external boiler to replace existing. 3, HAVIKER STREET COLLIER STREET KENT TN12 9RG | The Parish Council is to record a neutral stance on this application. | |
| 10.14.11 Approval of the meeting to the items identified. | | The Clerk |

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| 10.14.11.01. Monthly Account Reconciliation Budgets emailed in advance of meeting to all Cllrs | 13.10.14 | 09 | Electronic | | The Clerk | £432.45 | The Chairman raised issue with a payment of £100.00 charged to the Parish's Commercial Card. This expenditure related to the printing of the letters and various questionnaires/information following the flooding in the parish. The information gathered was used to feed into the Parish Flood Analysis Report. |
| | 13.10.14 | 10 | Electronic | | HMRC | £90.20 | |
| | 13.10.14 | 11 | Electronic | | Heart of Kent Hospice | £50.00 | |
| 10.14.12 Items carried forward | None | | | | | | |
| 10.14.13 Borough Councillors Report | No Borough Councillor present | | | | | | |
| 10.14.14 Village Hall | A meeting is scheduled for 21 October 2014 | | | | | | Lead Councillor Barbara Grandi |
| 10.14.15 Matters for Discussion next Meeting | | | | | | | |
| 10.14.16 Date of Next Full Meeting | Scheduled for 10 November 2014 | | | | | | |
| 10.14.17 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED IN CAMERA | | | | | | | |

Minutes prepared by:-

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Clerk to Collier Street Parish Council

