

MINUTES

Full Meeting of the
COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL
 on Monday 8 July 2013
 St Margaret's School, Collier Street
 Commencing at 7.00pm

Proposed Attendees: Cllr Bates (Chair); Cllr Barham; Cllr Goff, Cllr Grandi, Cllr Ridd, Cllr Sandys; Clerk Alan Crocker; County Councillor Paulina Stockell; Hilary Reeve, joint editor of the Village News; 1 member of the public.

7.00pm Subject to final scrutiny checks at Maidstone Borough Council the Parish Council has co-opted Mrs Maureen Arthur to the Parish Council forthwith.

07.13.1. Apologies	None received							
07.13.2. Declarations of Interest	Cllr Bates declared an interest in agenda item 07.13.10.4 as architect and Cllr Barham in agenda item 07.13.10.6. as owner of the adjacent property.							
07.13.3. Police Report	<p>Crime Figures Collier St 10th June – 8th July 14th – 15th June – Green Lane – Attempt Burglary other than dwelling – damage to wooden window frame of garage, no entry gained, nothing taken, CSI attended for tool marks and any forensics 14th – 15th June – Longend Lane – Attempt Burglary other than dwelling – damage caused to window, no entry gained, offender on CCTV 15th June – Green Lane – insecure garage entered, power tools and bike stolen 19th – 20th June – Collier St – Diesel stolen from bus 5th July – Kings Lane – Attempt Theft – Trailer, recovered, index gained of offending vehicle – enquiries currently on – going</p> <p>PCSO Nicola Morris also brought to the attention of the meeting several anti social incidents that have occurred in the Parish. She is working closely with parties within the area. We are also concerned with issue of super glue being poured into the locking mechanism on the entrance gates to the playing field in Green Lane. Nicola has asked if any member of the public see any illegal incidents to ring the police on 101 in order that these issues can be considered along with other matters that the police are monitoring carefully.</p>	PCSO Nicola Morris						
07.13.4. Minutes of Previously held Meetings These minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings	06.13.4.1 – Minutes of Meeting – 10 June 2013							
07.13.5. Questions from Members of the Public	No issues raised							
07.13.6. Issues/ Correspondence Requiring Action	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Subject</th> <th>Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">None</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Subject	Action	None			
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07.13.7. Flood Committee Report	No issues	Lead Councillor David Ridd						
07.13.8. Recreation Field Report	The height restrictors have been purchased by the Parish Council and will be in place in early course. The hedge will be cut shortly. Issues were raised over the non collection of waste from the rubbish container on the recreation field. The Clerk will progress the matter,	Lead Councillor David Goff						
07.13.9. Community Safety Issues	<p><u>Speedwatch</u> None carried out this month.</p> <p><u>Speed limits</u> 1. Green Lane: David Goff and Barbara Grandi have been progressing the</p>	Lead Councillor Barbara Grandi						

implementation of the 40 mph speed limit. Ben Hilden has been moved to a different post in Kent Highways but we have been given the new contacts: Amanda Murdoch and Andy Padgham. Barbara met with Andy Corcoran (Traffic Schemes and MHF Manager) at County Hall on July 3rd and he said the order for the installation of the speed limit had been placed with the contractor.

2. Sheephurst Lane: The speed limit in Sheephurst is more problematic, the police are still raising objections so there will need to be a survey. This takes the form of either a rubberised cable across the road in two places or a radar beam. It is left in place for 7 days for 24 hours a day. The data collected will inform them if traffic is likely to stick to a 40 mph limit if it were implemented, in other words the police want it to be self-policing so the vehicles currently need to be travelling at speeds in the 40s. If the survey shows they are going much faster, which I told Andrew Corcoran was more than likely, the police will not want to put in a 40 limit. The only option then would be to look at only having a 50 limit or to have a 40 limit with some form of traffic calming to slow them down. If traffic calming is needed it is unlikely to happen unless someone like Cllr Paulina Stockell steps up to fund it! I mentioned Speedwatch and he said that Speedwatch would be considered as a traffic calming measure. The survey will be in a few weeks time, then we will have to wait for the findings.
3. Longend Lane: the order for the installation of the speed limit had been placed with the contractor.
4. Parking Restrictions/Yellow Lines: On July 3rd Andrew Corcoran said the works for the installation of the yellow lines has been placed with the contractor.

Highways

The carriageway repairs continued with works to: Spenny Lane; Jarmon Lane; and Sheephurst Lane. The works to the main B2162 between Forge Lane and the Haviker Street junction have been postponed twice and will now take place on July 8th and 9th when the road will be closed from 9am until 3pm. I asked for details of the planned diversion route and was advised the traffic will be given a long diversion through Yalding and up to Coxheath where it will then go along the Staplehurst Road and round the other side of Marden.

Many road closures were put in place during the various resurfacing episodes and some confusing diversion signs appeared but the repairs covered large sections of tarmac rather than a series of pot hole repairs.

Faults Reported:

- Flytipping: More incidents in the Parish:
Spenny Lane: general rubbish near the Moors Farm driveway, ref:72295. Now cleared.
- Damaged signs: The finger post sign for Laddingford by the White Hart was damaged and in a dangerous condition and the finger post sign by the junction of Jarmon Lane and Claygate Road was reported yet again, it is completely bent and sends traffic in the opposite direction for Collier Street and Marden!
- Pot Holes: A large pot hole was reported outside Longend Cottage in Longend Lane.

Freight Zone:

This is very much a short summary of a long meeting which I attended on July 3rd at Sessions House Maidstone Tow Hall.

There were three men from KCC Transport, Andy Corcoran plus Tim Read (Head of Transportation) and Dan Sheppard (Freight Transport planner). Also there: Paulina Stockell, Andy Turner (Marden PC), Elaine Collins (Network of Rural Business Forums) and Geraldine Brown (Yalding PC).

It began with Andy Corcoran summing up the point of the meeting etc. He then asked if the new advanced signage, at the end of 7 Mile Lane and at Staplehurst had made a difference. GB immediately said it had been much better, particularly since the alternative route sign had been removed from Hampstead Lane and that it should never have been there in the first place. I agreed the new signs had reduced the lorries but had not eradicated them by any means, I also pointed out

	<p>that Geraldine had been sent the scheme by Ben Hilden and she had approved the blue alternative route sign at that stage. Andy Corcoran said that, as the new signage had made a difference, the end of the consultation period would have to run six months from their installation, the new end date for the consultation is therefore now Nov 7th. They will write to everyone who responded to let them know and will amend the paper notifications attached to all the poles.</p> <p>I then asked for Laddingford, Claygate and Spenny to be included in the zone, pointing out that those roads did not get HGV through traffic before so any increase is a very high percentage increase along a very unsuitable route. Geraldine said that local businesses would be damaged if they were included but I pointed out that businesses within the zone have access.</p> <p>Geraldine went on to suggest that Spenny Lane is included within the zone, from its junction with Claygate Road at Moors Farm to its junction with the B2162.</p> <p>Geraldine said that the latest survey on June 27th showed the zone was a great success and that no HGVs emerged from Spenny Lane, I pointed out they did not have Green Lane or Jarmon Lane included and there were many major road closures that day. I also pointed out the lack of any base line survey data on which to base judgments, the original survey points were only around Yalding.</p> <p>Elaine Collins made many points about the massive problems the zone is causing for Marden and was backed up by Andy Turner who said there were many more lorries everywhere in Marden and there were particular concerns about the amount of HGVs now passing Marden Primary He also stated that Marden Parish Council knew nothing about the zone until the signs appeared and that there should have been consultation between Yalding and the neighbouring parishes.</p> <p>Essentially, the KCC officers agreed mistakes had been made, but that was historical and we need to move on.</p> <p>Elaine tried to give further details about the problems for Marden businesses but was told her evidence was part of the consultation and should not be produced during this meeting. Nevertheless she did manage to report that 11 businesses were very badly affected, two had moved away and others were struggling, Water for Work had lost £28,000 since the scheme started. They are all hampered by the 11 additional miles they now have travel around the zone. Elaine asked for Pattenden Lane to be included in the zone but was told that such an addition would make the zone pointless. Elaine felt Marden was now known as a prohibited area for HGVs. A Corcoran suggested offering permits for businesses that could prove the zone was causing them hardship. Elaine also asked for the zone sign on the B2162 near the White Hart to be moved 300metres nearer to Horsmonden.</p> <p>Andy Turner asked how the zone all came about, Geraldine said Tramp had been set up, funded by local parishes, to look at traffic, quiet lanes and footpaths. She said the freight problem was there from the beginning and they originally just asked for the Lorries Right sign at the end of Pattenden Lane to be made mandatory.</p> <p>I then asked what will happen re: consultation with stakeholders from now on, Andy Corcoran said he would invite us back to another meeting when the public consultation responses had all been received and another survey done in November. We would all then discuss the way forward and put the recommendations to the JTB who meet in Jan 2014. Andy Corcoran did say that amendments could be made and that Claygate Road could be included.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to write the Horsemonden Parish Council in an endeavour to obtain details of any traffic surveys that we understand have been conducted by them.</p>	
<p>07.13.10. PLANNING</p>		<p>Lead Councillor Will Bates</p>
<p>07.13.10.1 MA/13/0667 2 CEDAR COTTAGES SHEPPHURST LANE MARDEN</p>		

<p>An application for non-material amendment following the grant of planning permission MA/11/0192 (Erection of two storey side extension) to allow the cladding of side elevation in feather edge boarding, relocation of first floor windows within the side elevation.</p>														
<p>07.13.10.2 MA/13/0679 <u>Approved/ Granted with conditions</u> LITTLE CHEVENY OAST CHEVENY FARM SHEEPHURST LANE MARDEN Listed building consent for removal of internal partition wall and new flooring as shown on the site location plan and drawing number 2316/P/01 received on 19/04/13</p>	<p>The works to which this consent relates must be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this consent; Reason: In accordance with the provisions of Section 18 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p>													
<p>07.13.10.3 MA/12/1453 <u>Approved /Granted with conditions</u> MOCKBEGGAR BARN COLLIER STREET TONBRIDGE Application for a Lawful Development for existing use of a barn as a single dwelling for a period in excess of four year</p>	<p>On the balance of probabilities, the use began more than four years before the date of the application and has been continuous since.</p>													
<p>07.13.10.4 MA/12/1298 <u>Refused</u> FOXBRUSH BARN, JARMANS LANE, COLLIER STREET TONBRIDGE TN12 9PU Extension to existing outbuilding and formation of a single storey glazed link as shown on drawing numbers 694/01/Rev A, 694/P/01/RevA,694/P/02,694/P/03/Rev A and 694/P/04 Rev A received on 13/0/12</p>	<p>You are advised that the extension to the outbuilding is considered acceptable and likely to be granted planning permission if applied for separately.</p>													
<p>07.13.10.5 MA/13/1147 <u>Full Planning Permission</u> LITTLE SHEEPHURST FARM SHEEPHURST LANE MARDEN Conversion and change of use of workshop and office building (B1 use) to form a dwelling and demolition of existing industrial barn (resubmission of MA/13/0411</p>	<p>The Parish Council does not wish to comment on this application.</p>													
<p>07.13.10.6 MA/13/0316 <u>Proposal</u> INTERNATIONAL GRASSTRACK CIRCUIT, LONGEND LANE MARDEN Change of use of land for the keeping of horses for recreational use.</p>	<p>The further details supplied do not address the issues we have with this development and we wish to see the application refused.</p> <p>We would reiterate our concerns as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We are concerned to see the number of outlined paddocks without details of any support buildings i.e. stables, tack rooms, hay storage, food storage and the absence of any details of winter stabling 2. We would also point out that there are no existing bridleways within the Parish and are concerned that horses should be properly exercised. 3. Can we also have an explanation as to what will happen during the two months that the caravans are unoccupied? 4. We would also see this venture as being less viable now that the number of paddocks have been reduced. <p>We are also most concerned with the animal's welfare during heavy rain when the site is turned into a quagmire.</p>													
<p>07.13.11 – Finance The meeting approved the spends as detailed.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">DATE</th> <th style="text-align: center;">CHEQUE NO</th> <th style="text-align: center;">PAYEE</th> <th style="text-align: center;">AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">08.07.13</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100734</td> <td style="text-align: center;">KALC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£72.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">08.07.13</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100735</td> <td style="text-align: center;">A G Guillum</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£700.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	DATE	CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	08.07.13	100734	KALC	£72.00	08.07.13	100735	A G Guillum	£700.00	<p>The Clerk</p>
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<p>07.13.11.1. Monthly Reconciliation Report of Accounts 2013-14 and for budget monitoring/control.</p> <p>07.13.11.2 Presentation of Internal Audit Report – Financial Year ending 2013 for formal approval.</p>	<table border="1" data-bbox="667 180 1203 432"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Scott</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>08.07.13</td> <td>100736</td> <td>Auditing Solutions</td> <td>£342.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>08.07.13</td> <td>100737</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td>£427.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>08.07.13</td> <td>100738</td> <td>HM Revenue and Customs</td> <td>£89.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12.08.13</td> <td>100739</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td>£380.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12.08.13</td> <td>100740</td> <td>HM Revenue and Customs</td> <td>£89.40</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Clerk presented the monthly statement of accounts detailing the spends to budget.</p> <p>Subject to clarification of non negotiated cheques, Cllr Barham confirmed the interim accounts check to be in order.</p>			Scott		08.07.13	100736	Auditing Solutions	£342.00	08.07.13	100737	Clerk	£427.53	08.07.13	100738	HM Revenue and Customs	£89.40	12.08.13	100739	Clerk	£380.18	12.08.13	100740	HM Revenue and Customs	£89.40	<p>The Clerk and Lead Councillor Steve Barham</p>
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<p>07.13.12 Items carried forward</p>	<p>None</p>																									
<p>07.13.13. Borough Councillors Report</p>	<p>Cllr Stockell reported to the meeting the concerns that future member's grants maybe in jeopardy following future envisaged cutbacks by KCC. Of local interest Marden may lose funding for it children's support projects as will be the case across the Country.</p>																									
<p>06.13.14. Village Hall</p>	<p><u>Planning Permission</u> MBC have confirmed to David Goff over the phone that we must do both the surveys for the outline planning permission application. We will therefore have to build more funds to cover the cost of the surveys before we can progress with the application or with finalising the design of the new hall.</p> <p><u>Hall Design</u> David Goff has seen Steve Gee and explained the situation regarding lack of funds. He understands and is going to keep us on hold but will send a revised drawing at no cost cutting the size down as we talked about at the last mtg. David will circulate it to the rest of the committee as soon as it arrives.</p> <p><u>The VHC Bank Account</u> The treasurer has not yet opened the new account at the Co-op, the Nat West account is still active however.</p> <p><u>The VH Committee</u> did not meet this month as some committee members could not make the meeting and the updated information could be circulated by email.</p> <p><u>Fundraising</u> The Boot Fair went ahead as planned on June 23rd and made £143.39. David Goff and the rest of the committee thanked Elaine for her efforts. It was judged to be a successful initial attempt at a Boot Fair and the general consensus was that it would be worth trying again with more effective advertising. David is exploring possible grant funding to pay for the planning application costs.</p> <p><u>Insurance</u> David Goff has written to the Insurance Company confirming acceptance of the reduced premium for the old village hall.</p> <p>BG</p>	<p>Lead Councillor Barbara Grandi</p>																								
<p>07.13.15. Additional Matters for Discussion next Meeting</p>	<p>The Parish Council is grateful to those who have volunteered to walk the footpaths of the Parish in order to establish the current conditions. It was agreed that this project would start in the Autumn.</p>																									
<p>07.13.16. Date of Next Full Meeting</p>	<p>Monday 9 September 2013</p>																									
<p>07.13.17 CLOSED SESSION</p>	<p>An enforcement issue was discussed in closed session following this meeting.</p>																									

Agenda prepared by:-

ALAN CROCKER

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