

MINUTES

COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL

on Monday 7 October 2013
 St Margaret's School, Collier Street
 Commencing at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Bates (Chair); Cllr Barham; Cllr Goff; Cllr Grandi; Cllr Sandys; County Councillor Paulina Stockell; Clerk Alan Crocker; Hilary Reeve, joint editor Village News; CSPO Nicola Morris; Two members of the public.

10.13.1. Apologies	Cllr Arthur											
10.13.2. Declarations of Interest	None declared											
10.13.3. Police Report	<p>2nd Oct - 10:30 - 17:30hrs Burglary Dwelling – Claygate Road – Nothing stolen – upstairs window smashed with shovel from shed, alarm sounded in bedroom, offender made off, muddy footprints at scene preserved for CSI, tools used preserved also</p> <p>26th September, road closed for period of time – male arrested – firearm officers on scene – male with mental health issues, now living back in the community. Contact has been made with Neighbourhood Watch Maidstone and local co-ordinator Collier St – drive to encourage more residents to become involved. NHW evening/promotion to encourage local residents to be part of. For thoughts at Parish Council meeting – local residents to be included via email with local updates – date/time/venue to be arranged.</p> <p><i>Subject to approval by the Head it was proposed to hold an open NHW meeting in St Margaret's School in January 2014 which will allow time for the event to be planned and well publicised. Mr and Mrs Day will act as the co-ordinators along with our CSPO Nicola Morris.</i></p>	PCSO Nicola Morris										
10.13.4. These minutes were approved as an accurate recording of the said meeting.	10.13.4.1 – Minutes of Meeting – 9 September 2013											
10.13.5. Questions from Members of the Public	<p>Hilary Reeve raised issue with the speed of cars travelling in the vicinity of the Norton Industrial Estate and it was agreed that an early morning speedwatch be instigated. Our CSPO Nicola Morris agreed to be part of this initiative. Hilary also had concerns with access over footpath KM216 and the meeting agreed that the clerk would speak with the PROW officers at Kent County Council to ascertain the legal position. Cllr Goff agreed to meet with them if appropriate. Mrs Day briefed the meeting of a recent incident of a dog being bludgeoned to death in the parish. Whilst the meeting was most concerned with this abhorrent act it is not within their remit to take any further action.</p>											
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10.13.7. Flood Committee Report	No report	Lead Councillor David Ridd
10.13.8. Recreation Field Report	Cllr Goff reported that our contractors will arrange for the seeding on the banks by the end of October. Instructions have been given to the play equipment suppliers to carry out the remedial work on a supply and fix basis. The height restrictors are to be installed in liaison with Mr C Dicker who has kindly agreed to loan the equipment necessary to carry out the installation.	Lead Councillor David Goff
10.13.9. Community Safety Issues	<p><u>Speedwatch</u> We ran a Speedwatch session on October 3rd between 10 and 11am at the entrance to the Norton Industrial Estate on the B2162 and recorded about 15 cars exceeding 36mph. The worst offenders were driving at 48mph and that was while they were clearly braking at the sight of the Speedwatch screen so they must have been travelling well over 50 in the 30 zone before they saw us.</p> <p><u>Speed limits</u> I sent an email to Andy Corcoran at KCC Highways to progress the following on September 10th and again on October 3rd but nothing has been heard to date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Green Lane</u>: Although the 40 MPH speed limit installation has been passed to the contractors it has yet to be carried out. 2. <u>Sheephurst Lane</u>: 40 or 50 mph limit still under discussion. 3. <u>Longend Lane</u>: Although the 40 MPH speed limit installation has been passed to the contractors it has yet to be carried out. 4. <u>Parking Restrictions/Yellow Lines</u>: Although the installation has been passed to the contractors it has yet to be carried out. <p><u>Highways</u> The carriageway repairs were extensive but are already showing signs that they are cracking in some places. An email was sent to Richard Dixon, Highways Engineer, on Sept 11th to highlight the concerns expressed at the Sept Parish council meeting. He visited my home when in the locality and asked me to supply details of any cracked patches of new tarmac so that he could then take up the issue with the contractors. Apparently he had already sent the contractor back to Longend Lane to redo some works. Spenny Lane was closed on Thursday Sept 19th for roadworks related to a water leak under a newly resurfaced patch near Martins Fruit Farm.</p> <p><u>Faults Reported:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flytipping</u>: More incidents in the Parish: Longend Lane: Two further incidents with general rubbish, car tyres and carpet underlay etc. reported on Sept 11th. They were cleared within a couple of days. The Forge Lane/Jarmon Lane flytipping of Sept 3rd was raised in an email to John Evans, Enforcement Manager Waste Management, requesting he give further thought to more effective deterrents. He replied on Sept 12th stating that he would view the location and would consider the installation of a CCTV camera. He further asked that I keep him informed directly of all flytipping as he was not aware of the recent ones and I will of course do so. It is surprising that the reporting system at Highways does not keep him informed!! • <u>Road Signs</u>: The finger post sign for Laddingford by the White Hart is still in a dangerous condition. The finger post sign by the junction of Jarmon Lane and Claygate Road has been replaced, as has the fingerpost sign at the junction of Longend Lane and Green Lane, this includes a new brown and white Invicta horse tourist route sign. • <u>Village Sign</u>: In late September a Collier Street village sign was placed on the verge just past Emmett Hill Lane on Claygate Road. On October 2nd I received an email from Richard Dixon informing me he had requested the sign be lowered and the excess poles (which continue for about 1 meter above the sign) be trimmed off. • <u>Blocked Drains</u>: The blocked drains outside Wolsey Cottages in Claygate Road have not yet been cleared. The Blocked drain opposite 1 Green Lane Cottages was again reported but we were informed by Richard Dixon that it would only be cleared if it was causing flooding! Resident, David Goff, has made a complaint to 	Lead Councillor Barbara Grandi

	<p>the Council Department about the lack of a proactive approach to blocked drains and gulleys.</p> <p><u>Freight Zone:</u> The consultation period will end on November 7th 2013.</p> <p>BG</p> <p><i>Cllr Sandys raised concern over the large potholes at the Den Lane junction. Cllr Grandi agreed to raise the issue with Richard Dixon.</i></p>	
10.13.10. PLANNING		Lead Councillor Will Bates
<p>10.13.10.1 <u>Refused</u> MA/13/1147 LITTLE SHEEPHURST FARM SHEEPHURST LANE MARDEN</p> <p>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) as shown on drawings nos. P01 0015, P02 0015 Rev A, P03 0025, P05 0015 Rev A, and P06 0015 received on 24 June 2013</p>	<p>Note to applicant In accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the NPPF, Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) takes a positive and proactive approach to development proposals focused on solutions. MBC works with applicants/agents in a positive and proactive manner by: Offering a pre-application advice and duty desk service. Where possible, suggesting solutions to secure a successful outcome. As appropriate, updating applicants/agents of any issues that may arise in the processing of their application. In this instance: The application was considered to be contrary to the provisions of the Development Plan and the NPPF, and there were not considered to be any solutions to resolve this conflict. The application was considered by the Planning Committee where the applicant/agent had the opportunity to speak to the committee and promote the application.</p>	
<p>10.13.10.2 <u>Approved/Granted with conditions</u> MA13/1271 WILLOWS END GREEN LANE, COLLIER STREET</p> <p>Application to remove condition 3 of MA/06/0130 (change of use of land from agricultural to the stationing of 1 no mobile home to be occupied on an occasional basis by a gypsy couple to allow the stationing of mobile home on permanent basis as shown.</p>	<p>This permission is SUBJECT TO the following conditions:</p> <p>1.The site shall not be used as a caravan site by any persons other than gypsies, as defined in Annex 1 of the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites 2012;</p> <p>IMPORTANT:</p> <p>YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE ATTACHED NOTES Page 2 of 4 Reason: The site is in an area where the stationing of caravans/mobile homes is not normally permitted.</p> <p>2.The mobile home hereby permitted shall be sited so that the floor level is at least 900mm above the adjacent ground level; Reason: In order to reduce the risk to occupants from flooding.</p> <p>3.No more than one static caravan or mobile home, as defined in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and the Caravan Sites Act 1968 shall be stationed on the site at any time; Reason: To safeguard the character and appearance of the countryside.</p> <p>4.No commercial activities shall take place on the land, including the open storage of materials; Reason: To prevent inappropriate development and safeguard the amenity, character and appearance of the countryside and nearby properties.</p> <p>5.No floodlighting shall be installed on the site without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority; Reason: To safeguard visual amenity.</p> <p>Informatives set out below Provision should be made for the separate storage of recyclables from household waste. Advice on recycling can be obtained from the Environmental Services Manager. Any foul sewage treatment process requires the system to be dislodged on a regular basis to prevent the buildup of solids, so that sewage flows freely through the unit. Anyone used to remove the sludge should be registered with the Environment Agency to carry waste. Sludge should normally be removed every 12 months or in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.</p>	

<p>10.13.11.2 The meeting is asked to agree that the capital grant obtained on behalf of the Village Hall Committee is used to enable the project for the New Village Hall to progress by way of funding the survey's necessary to submit the plans for the proposed new build. MBC from whom the funding was obtained has formally agreed to this spend.</p>	<p>The meeting unanimously agreed the motion with the exception of Cllrs Grandi (Member of Village Hall Committee) and Cllr Goff (Chair – Village Hall Committee) who abstained.</p>	
<p>10.13.12 Items carried forward</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>10.13.13. Borough Councillors Report</p>	<p>Cllr Stockell advised the meeting that she will personally intervene in an attempt to progress the three grant applications by the Parish currently pending at KCC.</p>	
<p>10.13.14. Village Hall</p>	<p><u>The VH Committee</u> did not meet in September as there had been no progress made with regard to funding the cost of the required surveys, however Collier Street Parish Council have been given the go ahead to allocate the Village Hall Committee some funds to assist with the costs associated with the sale of the old village hall. The Village Hall Committee will meet on October 8th to discuss the next steps.</p> <p><u>Further Funding:</u> David Goff and Barbara Grandi have completed an application for funding to cover the costs associated with the planning application for the new hall and for the architect's fees. They have applied to the Members' Community Grants 'pot' at Kent County Council, Cllr Paulina Stockell indicated that she would support such an application and the County Councillors will meet to discuss all applications in October- fingers crossed!</p> <p><u>Building Design</u> The Architect Steve Gee has supplied the VHC with amended plans which will be viewed and discussed at the next meeting on October 8th.</p> <p>BG</p>	<p>Lead Councillor Barbara Grandi</p>
<p>10.13.15. Additional Matters for Discussion next Meeting</p>		
<p>10.13.16. Date of Next Full Meeting</p>	<p>11 November 2013</p>	

Agenda prepared by:-

ALAN CROCKER

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