

MINUTES

Full Meeting of the
COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL
 on Monday 8 October 2012
 St Margaret's School, Collier Street
 Commencing at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Bates(Chair); Cllr Goff; Cllr Grandi; Cllr Sandys; CSPO Nicola; Hilary Reeve, joint editor Village News.

10.12.1. Apologies

Cllr. Rodd Nelson-Gracie; Cllr Paulina Stockell; Cllr David Ridd

10.12.2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

10.12.3. Police Report

The only reported crime was the theft of the mobile phone from the 'grass track' event.

Our understanding is that Cllr Paulina Stockell has agreed to fund the equipment required by the speedwatch team. Following receipt of the costings via Cllr Grandi and prior to placing the order The Clerk will check that the funding will be available.

Following two unfortunate incidents of hypodermic needles being found on the recreation field PCSO Nicola Morris is to call and discuss the matter with the school secretary. The head teacher had sent out a letter to raise awareness and asking for vigilance.

Nicola will attend the tea party in the village this week to raise awareness with our elderly folk of incidents that had occurred in Marden.

It was reported that a stranger was walking the fields adjacent to Claygate Road during the hours of darkness and ignored the challenger when approached. Police will increase the vigilance.

10.12.4. The minutes of these meetings were signed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

07.12.4.1

Full Meeting 10 September 2012

07.12.4.2

Finance and Development Control Meeting 24 September 2012

The Clerk

10.12.5. Questions from Members of the Public

No issues

10.12.6. Correspondence Requiring Action

Date	No	Subject	Action
	1	Purchase of speedwatch equipment. The Clerk will check with Paulina prior to placing the order.	BG
08.10.12	2	Neighbourhood Planning The Clerk will invite a member of the Spatial Planning Team at MBC to attend the next meeting in order to prepare a strategy for taking this issue forward on behalf of the Parish.	

10.12.7. Flood Committee Report

No report

Lead Cllr David Ridd

10.12.8. Recreation Field Report

Having analysed the estimates received The Clerk was instructed by the Council to accept the tender submitted by Paul Waring, progressing the cheaper of the options detailed. The Clerk has progressed a further estimate for replacement of the post and rail fencing on the recreation field.

10.12.9. Community Safety Issues

Cllr Goff attended the Highways and Transportation Meeting on 8 October 2012. Herewith his notes on that meeting:-

- Kent Highways have lost 25% of funding
- 1/3 of staff have left the department
- New contracts with Enterprise Contractors and the contractors are only paid , following an audit of the standard of workmanship
- Grass cutting in rural areas will be reduced to yearly
- Members funding for speed limits cannot be carried forward
- Actions will progress on the movement of freight traffic
- Rental schemes have been introduced that will effect companies who dig up highways during busy periods and a levy of £2,000 per day will be charged
- Street lighting is to be cut by 3000 in Kent and lights will be turned off 12pm-5am – The anticipated savings will be in the region of 1m per year. Consultations will take place in certain areas of concern. Figures suggest that crime and road accidents are not affected by these cuts.
- 80% cut in funds for speeding on the roads
- David Brazier KCC Cabinet Member is prepared to come and talk with Parish Councils
- 200,000 potholes repaired in 2011/12 at a cost of 10m
- KCC want wok with PCs
- Road Safety - Kent is best in the county in the SE
- 1994 1200 killed or serious injury
- 2011 519 killed or serious injury 208 cars; 147 motorbikes and 94 pedestrians
- 10% of drivers and passengers do not wear seatbelts
- Road signs could be changed to include metric measurements
- Concerns over motorists no knowing the correct speed limits
- PARISH PORTAL – Cllr Grandi is our new lead Councillor on Community Safety issues and will use this vehicle for reporting highways issues. Parishioners will be encouraged to report highway matters to her.
- Salt bins are available. Does the Parish need or want one?
- SELF HELP – Volunteers are sought to take on roles such as Lorry Watch; Speedwatch; Hedgerows; Gulleys – Programme of maintenance; white lines; potholes; rat run traffic; vegetation; signage; drainage on roads
- Richard Emmett is prepared to walk the village and explain what can be done to help. Concerns over H and S issues and insurance. Guidance will be available

Lead
Cllr Barbara Grandi

RESULTANT ACTIONS

Meeting with Richard. Have asked him for update on 2 issues

- List of all over hanging hedges and PC to progress with the appropriate householders
- Produce a plan of issues in the village

The Parish Council is to prepare a written document on Highway issues.

The taxi incident referred to in previous minutes was communicated to Cllr Paulina Stockell and she is prepared to discuss any alternative suggestions that residents may have. Highways are looking into issues on the B2162.

10.12.10. Planning

Lead Cllr Will Bates

<p>10.12.11.1 Approved/Granted with Conditions 12/0588 LITTLE CHEVENEY FARM, SHEEPHURST LANE, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9NX Retention of wood pellet storage unit as shown on a Site location plan received on 01/08/12 and a layout plan received on 30/03/12.</p>	<p>Within two months of the date of this permission, the flue hereby permitted shall be painted matt black and shall be subsequently maintained as such; Reason: In order to preserve the setting of the Listed Building and the character and appearance of the countryside, in accordance with policy BE6 of the South East Plan 2009 and policy ENV28 of the Maidstone Borough Wide Local Plan 2000.</p> <p>Within two months of the date of this permission, a scheme for the cladding of the wood pellet storage unit in timber, including details of the finish, shall be submitted to and subsequently approved in writing by, the local planning authority. The approved scheme shall be implemented within two months of the date of its approval. Reason: In order to preserve the setting of the Listed Building and the character and appearance of the countryside, in accordance with policy BE6 of the South East Plan 2009 and policy ENV28 of the Maidstone Borough Wide Local Plan 2000.</p> <p>Timber cladding should be stained to match existing weatherboarding.</p>																				
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<p>10.12.13 Update of items carried forward</p>	<p>Positioning of the new parish notice outside of St Margaret's School. Cllrs Bates and Goff will meet with headmaster to discuss the options. The Clerk is to include Cllr Steve McLaughlin on the meeting circulation list.</p> <p>Lead Cllr David Goff</p>																				
<p>10.12.14. Borough Councillors Report</p>	<p>No issues to report</p>																				
<p>10.12.15. Village Hall</p>	<p>The Committee met on Thursday October 4th 2012. The following are the main developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epps builders should have some architect designs for the VHC to look at after October 15th and the committee will hold an extra meeting to discuss them if possible. The VHC has approached James West regarding meeting with St Margaret's Church committee to discuss the <p>Lead Cllr Barbara Grandi</p>																				

possibility of utilising modified Church Buildings as the new Village Hall. It is anticipated we will meet in November.

- We are still waiting to see inside the Headcorn Scout Hall as this seems an appropriate layout and design for Collier Street. Albert from Epps is arranging a visit.
- Whitehead Monkton had some queries about drainage pipes which run under the old village hall; these have now been clarified and they hope to complete all procedures relating to clarification of the land ownership by the end of October.
- The VH Committee would like to post minutes of their meetings/updates on the Parish Council website.
- The VHC will plan further public meetings after the architect designs have been submitted, this will also be after the meeting with St Margaret's Church officials.
- All members of the VHC must attend Whitehead Monkton's offices in Maidstone to provide evidence of their identity in the next three weeks.

The results of the Village Hall Questionnaire s will be published in the Village News. Cllr Grandi also confirmed a planned visit to meet with the head teacher of St Margaret's School to seek the pupils views on their expectations on the Village Hall proposals.

10.12.16. Additional Matters for Discussion next Meeting

Cllr Grandi is to liaise with both Paul Ryan (Head, St Margaret's School) and Cllr Stockell with regard to the proposals on the yellow lines and parking restrictions in the vicinity of the school.

Cllr Grandi was complimented on her efforts on the preparation of the draft Village Emergency Plan. The Parish Council is keen to ensure that this plan compliments/ runs in conjunction with the 'Guardian Angel' type scheme currently in the embryo stages.

10.12.17. Date of Next Full Meeting

Monday 12 November 2012

Agenda prepared by:-

ALAN CROCKER

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