

MINUTES

COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL

On Monday 8th April 2019

Orchard Room,

St Margaret's School, Collier Street

Attendees: Cllr David Goff [DG] [Chair]; Cllr Simon Hill [SH] [vice Chair]; Cllr Steve Barham [SB]; Cllr Dave Sealey [DS]; Cllr Steve Sandys [SS] Clerk Alan Crocker [AC]

04.19.01. Apologies	CSPO Nicola Morris								
04.19.02. Declarations of Interest	None declared								
04.19.03. Police Report	<p>No crime in Collier Street since your last meeting</p> <p>Surrounding areas – tools stolen from vehicles – The Cockpit/Hunton Road Caravan stolen – Hunton Road Attempt to steal caravan – Thorn Road</p>								
04.19.04. Minutes of Previous Meeting/s to be approved	<p>04.19.04.01. Minutes of Full Council Meeting 11th March 2019 <i>The minutes of the above meeting were unanimously approved as representing an accurate recording of the said meeting.</i></p>								
04.19.05. Questions from members of the Public Public adjournment. To suspend meeting for any public statements for up to 15 minutes in total. Individual items should not be longer than 5 minutes. Members of the public are encouraged to attend Council meetings and raise any pertinent issues at this point.	No members of the public present.								
04.19.06. Issues/ Correspondence Requiring Action	<table border="1" data-bbox="416 1671 1121 1921"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="416 1671 643 1704">Factor</th> <th data-bbox="643 1671 775 1704">Lead</th> <th data-bbox="775 1671 1121 1704">Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 1704 643 1921">04.19.06.01 Annual Parish Council/Annual Parish Meeting 13th May 2019 commencing at 7.00pm</td> <td data-bbox="643 1704 775 1921">The Clerk</td> <td data-bbox="775 1704 1121 1921"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="416 1921 1121 1982"><i>The full council agreed the format for the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting which will include a finger buffet.</i></p>			Factor	Lead	Comments	04.19.06.01 Annual Parish Council/Annual Parish Meeting 13th May 2019 commencing at 7.00pm	The Clerk	
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	Bentlett's Development	DG & DS		
<p><i>The Parish Council have serious concerns over the water levels at this development and both the current and future discharge of waste and surface water. The developer failed to agree to the PC's request for a trial discharge test to be carried out whilst the site was flooded. Several suggestions were muted by PC representatives to divert the discharge via an alternative route. DG has been speaking with Chief Executive of the Internal Drainage Board who are on side with the PC. A report is being prepared by John Davis from the IDB who is concerned about both of the scrapyard developments and the state of the ditches are seen as an important factor in the mitigation of any potential additional discharge that would aggravate current potential flood issues in the immediate vicinity. The PC are doing their best to lobby the relevant agencies in an attempt to find a workable solution.</i></p>				
Uncontested Election Requirements		The Clerk		
<p><i>The newly elected Councillors with the guidance of The Clerk completed all of the statutory supporting documentation following the uncontested election in the Parish.</i></p>				
04.19.08. Flood Committee Report	<p>Surveys still taking place. Brochure has now been produced. GD and DS met with the IDB on 2nd April for a site visit at the Bentlett's development and surrounding area to look at the pumping out of water from the site into adjacent ditches. Pumping of water has been reported to the EA [Environment Agency] The IDB have agreed to produce a report in the next couple of weeks on the current situation and how things may be taken forward. This follows on from the response from MBC [Maidstone Borough Council Planning Department.] The report will also include an update on the other scrapyard under development. Similar problems with the ditch maintenance and possible ownership of the ditch they propose to discharge surface water into.</p>			
04.19.09. Recreation Field Report	<p>The mowing has commenced for the new season and the footpath edges have been sprayed. DG meeting with Darren Rouse and an engineer on site on 10th April to discuss the two pieces of play equipment that have been raised in their report. There are holes that need repairing in the Car Park surface. The gate post in Green Lane has rotted and needs replacing. Some of the post and rail fencing is damaged and is in need of repair. DG is to progress the obtaining of estimates for these works. The new swings have been installed and are now in use.</p>			
04.19.10 Highways & Developments in Marden.	<p>The Chairman outlined the proposed new development in Marden. An opposition group has prepared a brochure outlining the proposals and have set up a website at https://www.savemarden.com To date they have taken the following actions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Counter checking vehicle movements this week ○ Produced an online survey on commuting out of Marden [which route would be taken and what effect would this have on the surrounding villages and in particular Collier Street/Yalding. ○ Letter of support from two prospective Borough Councillors both opposing the project [one Conservative one Labour] – both talk about concerns over infrastructure. 			

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signature by RFO & Chairman	The Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer signed the AGAR exemption certificate applicable to authorities with both, income and expenditure below the £25,000 threshold. The Clerk will forward this certificate to PKF Littlejohn the external auditor.																
04.19.12. APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL SPENDS	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="4">None identified</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Payee	Amount	Comments	None identified											
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04.9.13. Borough Councilor's Report	No presence																
04.19.14 Village Hall	SH briefed the meeting on the latest developments. An outline planning application has been submitted to Maidstone Borough Council and a pre application meeting has been arranged with the planning department for 12 th April 2019. Further developments will be reported as plans progress.																
04.19.15. Matters for Discussion next Meeting	The format for the Annual Parish Council Meeting & the Annual Parish Meeting were discussed and agreed. Full details will appear on both the noticeboard and the parish website.																
04.19.16. Date of Next Meeting	The Annual Parish Council Meeting/Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 13th May commencing at 7.00pm.																

Minutes prepared by:-

ALAN CROCKER

Clerk to Collier Street Parish Council

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