

MINUTES

OF A ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING OF COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS ACT [2020]

Monday 14th September 2020 commencing at 6.00pm

In attendance	Cllr S Sandys
Chairman Cllr D Goff	Cllr D Sealey
Cllr S Barham	County Cllr Eric Hotson
Cllr D Papas	Parish Clerk/RFO Alan Crocker
Cllr A Papas [later in the evening]	2 members of the public

09.20.01. Apologies		
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09.20.02. Declarations of Interest		
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09.20.03 PLANNING	This section of the meeting will be chaired [if applicable] by the Chair of the Planning Committee.	Lead DS
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09.20.04 POLICE REPORT <u>Parish Council Monthly Update</u>	<p>System currently down for a crime search so unable to give this to you for the meeting Monday – I am on annual leave after today and back in on 22nd September. Crime has been exceptionally low within the area</p> <p>There have been a few push bikes stolen from Marden train station – I am aware of 4 – some Collier Street residents do cycle to the train station and have been affected. British Transport Police are dealing.</p> <p>I have been in contact with Speed Watch volunteers and we have started to get numerous calls about the concerns – I have flagged this up and we are looking at dates to get out to do speed checks</p> <p>We have been doing visits to residents who have received several letters from our speed watch team regarding their speed</p> <p>We have been doing quarantine follow ups in the area – persons returning from abroad – details passed to us from Home Office</p>	PCSO Nicola Morris
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Minutes of Previous Meeting/s to be approved	Minutes of the Virtual Planning and Finance Meeting on 16 th August 2020											
The meeting unanimously agreed that the minutes represented an accurate recording of the said meeting.												
09.20.06 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											
<p>Cllr Hotson [Kent County Council] was invited to present his report to the meeting at this stage. He opened by offering a grant to the New Village Hall and agreed to discuss this matter with the Chairman in detail outside of this meeting.</p> <p>He outlined central governments proposed new Planning White Paper. With the consultation deadline of the 1st October rapidly approaching there is very little time for comment. Cllr Hotson promised to send the details of the figures for the South East the day after the meeting. Maidstone Borough Councils existing target was set at 1186 new homes and the proposal on the paper set the target for development at 1569 per annum a 33% increase. KCC will be responding. They feel that this target is not acceptable. Kent MPs are meeting this week and the local MP has a meeting with the Secretary of State. The governments manifesto promise was for 300,00 new builds; this paper proposes some 330,000 with the resultant adverse effect on the appropriate infrastructures. MBC Leader Martin Cox will be responding. South East Councils have already included the existing targets within their current plans.</p> <p>The next item in his presentation concerned a Devolution White Paper (08.09.2020) requiring input, is the potential re-organisation of Local Government. The initial idea of an East West and North split was not progressed. He flagged up the potential great problems, in the near future, with parish councils' structures. Really need to discuss the implications of a Unitary Authority on Maidstone Borough and Dover District Councils, with overall power seen to move under the Unitary Authority and the appointment of a Mayor.</p>												
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	<p>in the layby. A plea from the team that something must be done. Additional initiatives need to be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Involvement of Matthew Scott, Crime and Police Commissioner for Kent. ▪ Mobile Speed Cameras – Alan Watson ▪ Flashing Signage ▪ Suggestions of possible pinch points [looking at costing] Could be a CIL consideration. ▪ Consult with Jennie Watson, KCC Highways as to the possible locations and costs and the process we would have to follow. 	
<p>Traffic Surveys, Sheephurst Lane, Longend Lane – for discussion. Resident Correspondence</p>		<p>Lead DG</p>
<p>The meeting unanimously agreed and the Clerk tasked with progressing the two traffic surveys in the 1st week of October and avoiding the upcoming half term.</p>		
<p>Coronavirus Update</p>		<p>Lead DS</p>
<p>It is very apparent that residents of the parish are working together and helping the very vulnerable. Fortunately, at present it is reported that in Maidstone the numbers appear to be 8 in every 100,000. A quarter of the National average</p>		
<p>The meeting touched on the current available CIL monies. The replies to date have been disappointing. Need to discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Other avenues for advertising ▪ Précised version of the CSN insertion in an attempt to encourage more replies. ▪ Social Media ▪ Rethink for October 		
<p>Election of Vice Chair & Police Liaison Representative</p>		
<p>Proposed by Cllr D Goff and seconded by Cllr S Sandys and agreed unanimously that Cllr Andrew Papas, having agreed to stand, was thereby elected. A further motion proposed by Cllr S Sandys and seconded by Cllr D Sealey was carried unanimously that he replaces Cllr Simon Hill as the Police Liaison representative for the parish.</p>		
<p>Parish Magazine</p>		
<p>The Chairman attended a meeting with the two editors, Margaret Ashworth and Tracey Bentlett.</p> <p>Following his resignation from the parish council Simon Hill will no longer publish the CSN at a reduced rate. The costings are £2800 to publish 320 copies. The magazine income is some £1635. A shortfall of some £1165. There is funding available for the publication to keep going until Spring 2021. The result of the survey carried out returned</p>		

	<p>only a 16% response. There were various ideas ranging from, 'Not to produce any more' to endeavouring to raise funding by a suggested £10.00 per month direct debit donation which would cover the costings. In the interim further ideas would be considered. The printers of the Yalding magazine have been approached and would be able to produce the publication for a lesser amount than the magazine is currently paying. Other finance opportunities were discussed. The meeting attendees decided that they would progress things as they are at the moment.</p>	
09.20.08 Flood Committee Report	The IDB have investigated several parish issues and will visit the area very shortly.	Lead DG
09.20.09 Recreation Field Report	<p>The play equipment acquired under the SIPA grant has been installed in the play area. The safety fencing has been removed.</p> <p>Marden Minors goal posts have been installed and the pitch marked out in readiness for the first home match this coming Sunday 20th September.</p>	Lead The Clerk
09.20.10 HIGHWAYS	<p>Jennie Watson the KCC Highways Coordinator has confirmed that the Jarmon's Lane junction has passed the appropriate test for safety. She has obtained details of the owners of the land where overgrown hedging is causing bad sight lines and will progress this issue.</p> <p>There were several members of the attendant Councillors who were still most unhappy with the safety aspects of both junctions, at each end of Jarmons, that need further investigating, especially as none of the houses are yet occupied on the Bentlett's Development which will vastly increase the traffic flow when the development is fully sold. Cllr Goff will revert to Jennie Watson and discuss the issues raised.</p>	Lead DG
At this point in the meeting Cllr Goff tasked The Clerk with starting a dialogue with Matthew Scott the Crime and Police Commissioner for Kent.		
09.20.11 FINANCE Accounts Reconciliation & Finance Reports	<p><i>Copy documents sent electronically to all members in advance of the meeting.</i></p> <p>01. BANK RECONCILIATION – August 2020</p> <p>For members approval.</p> <p>Members unanimously approved the bank reconciliation.</p> <p>02. RECONCILIATION STATEMENT – August 2020</p> <p>Cllr Goff will wet sign the reconciliation statement later.</p> <p>03. RECORD OF PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS – August 2020</p> <p>Members unanimously approved the payments. There were no receipts for the month.</p> <p>04. BUDGET REPORT</p>	Lead Clerk /RFO

	For members approval			
	Members unanimously approved the budget report and were asked to revert to The Clerk for any matters of clarification.			
09.20.12 APPROVAL FOR SPENDS	Date	Payee	Amount	Lead Clerk /RFO
	15.08.2020	Staff Payroll	£702.11	
	15.08.2020	HMRC	£168.05	
	For members approvals			
	Members unanimously approved the payments as detailed.			
09.20.13 Borough Councilor's Report	See above			
09.20.14 Village Hall	Cllrs. Goff; D.Papas; and A.Papas will meet to restart the process following the resignation of Simon Hill. An advert will be placed on the CSN for Trustees. DG will progress this issue.			Lead DG
At this point in the meeting Cllr Sealey raised issue with the alleged illegal plane flying over the parish. The incident had been reported to our PCSO Nicola Morris who will progress the matter appropriately.				
09.20.15 Matters for Discussion at the Next Meeting	CIL			
09.20.16 Date of Next Meetings	Next virtual Full Council Meeting scheduled for Monday 12 th October 2020 commencing at 18.00hrs.			

Prepared by | **ALAN CROCKER** | Clerk to Collier Street Parish Council