

**MINUTES OF THE OF CLIDDESLEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MILLENNIUM VILLAGE HALL
COMMENCING AT 19.30 ON TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Present: Cllrs: Williams (CW), (Chairman), Francis (AF), Newman, (SN) Plenty (LP)
& Metz (HM), B. Cllr Ruffell (MR).

In Attendance. 4 members of the public & the Parish Clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES**

All members were present.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES**

16/17 It was
RESOLVED to receive and approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 August 2016.

4. **POLICING MATTERS**

- a. **PC Reid's Report:** AR's report is at Appendix A.
- b. **Update on Policing Issues:** MR reported his email exchanges with the New PCC, Michael Lane, who said he wished to find out more about the matter before deciding on a course of action, and had tasked the new Chief Constable to review rural policing policy. MR also referred to a consultation issued by the Hampshire PCC and exhorted everyone to complete the consultation document on line. Details of the consultation had been published in the Latest Cliddesden Newsletter. He suggested that the general approach might be that residents are concerned about public safety, that the police are stretched too thin and that the current policing policy is eradicating the community relationship with the rural beat officer which has existed for some years. It was also felt that if only one officer is to serve the area, that officer should be a police officer, not a PCSO. MR has requested another public meeting with the PCC.
- c. **Other Planning issues:** (i) MR sought the view of the parish council regarding a proposal to build a new M3 service station near Farleigh Wallop. CPC did not feel that it causes the parish any problems. (ii) MR sought CPC's views on the formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan and was advised that it had been discussed and decided that the potential cost was felt to outweigh any benefits which it would bring. MR reported that he had approached BDBC officials with the suggestion of a Ward Neighbourhood Plan which would include all parishes. Officials' initial response had been encouraging

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Several residents had attended the meeting specifically to discuss work carried out at No 7 Hackwood Road. In a fulsome discussion, residents expressed concern about the size and appearance of the large residential units which had been installed under permitted development rights, the damage to neighbouring hedges/fences of neighbouring properties and the need for restitution, loss of privacy, lack of screening etc. A document outlining their concerns and claiming that what has been done goes beyond permitted development rights, and the spectre of development on the neighbouring 4 acres horticultural site was handed to the Chairman.. Although CPC was aware of the development/residents' concerns, and had had discussions with Planning Enforcement, B. Cllr Ruffell (MR) was unaware of the strength of feeling about this development - as it was not covered by normal planning procedure whereby Ward Councillors are consulted, along with PCs, and only one resident had contacted him.

It was agreed that MR and the CPC Chairman would meet BDBC's Planning Department to discuss these issues.

An email had been received from a resident asking whether CPC had considered its position as regards the Manydown development. Since the parish is not directly affected by this development, CPC has no agreed position upon it.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. A financial report and bank reconciliation showing balances at end August 2016 of £302.08 on the Treasurer's Account (up to & including CQ No 669) and £13,711.32 on the Deposit Account was noted.
- b. Payments for approval.

17/17
RESOLVED

It was
to approve the following payments:

CQ NO	Payee	Service	Amount
		CQs signed between meetings	
664	Victim Support	S137 Grant	£50.00
		New CQs for Signature	
665	R. Darley	Salary August 2016	£251.89
666	HMRC	PAYE August 2016	£53.80
667	R Darley	Salary September 2016	£289.34
668	HMRC	PAYE September 2016	£54.00
669	Personalised Print	Print newsletter Issue 464 (September 2016)	£47.92
		Total	£746.95

- c. The Clerk reported that the Annual Return 2015/16 and associated papers had been signed off by BDO, and this was duly noted.

7. REPORTS

- a. **School Governors:** No report.
- b. **Paths & Ponds:** AF reported (i) the village footpaths are clear and (ii) that 3 quotes had been sought from landscape contractors to improve the appearance of the pond area; a meeting has been held with one of these and a mood board is awaited. Once this is examined, the contractor may be instructed to go ahead with the initial work, and further works will be considered. The Clerk confirmed that the overgrowth covering the bus shelter had not yet been addressed.
- c. **Communications:** (i) Production/distribution of the newsletter continue to be done very efficiently. (ii) It was agreed that formulation of a new web site via Hugo Fox should go ahead. The Clerk is instructed to ask Hugo Fox to carry out as much of the set up work/transfer of data etc as possible.
- d. **Village Hall:**
- e. **Planning Matters:** CW's report is at Appendix B.
- f. **Highways:** HM had acquired details of some signage which whose cost was prohibitive. Cheaper solutions to be investigated
- g. **Clerk's Report:** RD reported that he intended to relocate to Yorkshire and would cease employment with CPC in the new year.

18/17 It was
RESOLVED to initiate immediate action to recruit a replacement as soon as possible ensure a smooth handover to a new Clerk. The Clerk is to draft a programme to achieve this, to be agreed by the Council.

8. **ROAD SAFETY MEASURES**

Covered earlier in the agenda.

9. **CONTINGENCY PLANS**

A draft contingency plan to address issues arising in the event of the departure of the Parish Clerk was noted, but will need further discussion. One initial change was the removal of the allocation of a dedicated laptop and printer to Clerk.

10. **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS/CLERK**

SN: asked for an update on matters arising from previous meetings and the Clerk undertook to provide an update as an appendix to the minutes (Appendix D), with a separate Item on future agenda.

11. **DATES OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Further meetings of the parish council are scheduled for 1 November 2016, 3 January & 7 March 2017

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.20.

Signed.....

Date.....

POLICE REPORT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 06.09.16

Since the last meeting only one incident of note which was a suspicious blue Honda Accord with 3 Asian men saying they had run out of petrol and requesting money, this was on the B3046 at Cliddesden at 1 pm on August 8th 2016, this is a scam and used extensively, another similar ploy is to sell cheap jewellery for money at a high price for petrol.

The Community Speed Watch is going from strength to strength and gaining good results

Crime wise:

Seven crime s reported in the Parish to date, these are:

2 offences deemed as other - (harassment / public order type offences)

3 non dwelling burglary's (Railway line & Church Farm)

2 criminal damage (Books in old kiosk and a pheasant feed bin damaged).

PLANNING REPORT TO CPC MEETING 6 SEPTEMBER 2016

NEW APPLICATIONS

16/02700/HSE: 7 Southlea Cliddesden: Erection of two storey rear extension and remodelling of existing house (Amendment to planning approval 16/00594/HSE to slightly increase side floor area of extension)

16/02576/HSE: 7 Hackwood Lane Cliddesden: Extension of driveway, creation of disabled parking and associated groundworks (part retrospective)

DECISIONS

16/02227/FUL Land Adjoining Faraway Hackwood Lane: Erection of detached two bedroom bungalow with attached garage following demolition of garage: **GRANTED**

16/01140/HSE 11 Hackwood Lane: Construction of first floor to form additional living accommodation with dormer windows to the front elevation and dormer windows and rooflights to the rear elevation: **GRANTED**

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

A great deal of resentment has been caused by a development at No 7 Hackwood Road which involves the introduction of a number of large dwelling units. Planning enforcement were consulted and have confirmed that the householder had consulted them before the work commenced (though he has no obligation to do so) and that the work is within his permitted development rights. Only the work at the side and front of the house requires planning permission and an application has been received for that.

Complaints were received regarding damage to hedges and boundary fences with requests that the planning authority require the householder to make good the damage, but BDBC has confirmed that they have no power to do so – outside the site.

Finally, today concerns have been expressed about the lack of privacy/intrusion of these chalets, demanding that some screening should be put in place to rectify this problem.

A number of residents will be attending the council meeting on 6 September to express their concerns and asking for action.

Summary of Outstanding Matters

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Agreed Action</u>	<u>Report</u>
5	Clerk to approach B Cllr Ruffell who is co-ordinating efforts to secure a dedicated Beat Officer for the rural area including Cliddesden.	RF invited to CPC meeting, gave a report & promised further action. Action taken. <i>[This is an ongoing Agenda Item Policing Matters].</i>
7(d)	SN queried the difference in administrative expenses in the Income & Expenditure Account <i>[between 2014/15 and 2015/16]</i> and the Clerk undertook to give members an explanation.	The figure for 2014/15 was unusually low, 2015/16 contained one off admin expenditure to do with Speedwatch, and a small item of office equipment was purchased that year. Delete.
8(b)	(i) Overgrown vegetation at the junction of Church Lane & Station Road and alongside Woods Lane leading to Brighton Hill. Overgrown vegetation at the junction of Woods Lane/Farleigh Road also needs cutting. Clerk to take action with Highways and residents.	(i) The vegetation has now been cut back. Delete. (ii) Action to be taken
8(b)	(ii) the vegetation around the pond needs urgent attention. AF to take action to determine (i) what work is needed and (ii) identify potential contractors	AF reported that quotes had been sought and mood boards awaited. Ongoing.
8(d)	Procurement of a waste bin, to be located by the blue salt-bin was again raised. Clerk to chase BDBC.	BDBC have promised to provide one asap. Ongoing.
8(e)	Planning Matters: The question of change of use of the garage to car sales is to be taken up with Planning Enforcement.	BDBC report that there is an element of car sales in garage activity. Maintain watching brief on the level of activity.
9	It was agreed that a letter of appreciation should be sent to the Speedwatch Team organisers.	A letter was sent and has been acknowledged. Delete
11	It was resolved to make a grant of £50 to the Victim Care Service.	Issued and acknowledged. Delete
12	It was resolved to advise Sherborne St John PC that CPC is interested in the proposal for a shared mobile shop but we need more details.	Letter sent. <i>[Interim response received since the meeting]</i>
14	The possibility of acquiring more attractive gateway signage at the entrances to the village. Examples of what is available are to be investigated	HM had acquired details of some signage which whose cost was prohibitive. Cheaper solutions to be investigated. Ongoing
14	Redesignation of the short stretch of 60mph road between Cliddesden and Brighton Hill to 30mph. Unsuccessful attempts have been made in the past, but the Clerk will approach HCC again	Action not yet taken.
14	Suggestion that a volunteer be sought via the Newsletter to act as "librarian" for the books in the telephone kiosk, but resident said to be already doing so. Clerk to check.	Clerk has checked and removed overflow of books to be taken to Charity shops. He will check with resident.