



CLIFFE AND CLIFFE WOODS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held at the
Emmanuel Centre, Cliffe Woods
On Thursday 6 April 2017

PRESENT: Cllrs Sue McDermid-Chair, Lynne Bush Vice-chair, Gary Clark (GC), Faith Evers (FE), Sandra Fenney (SF), Fred Harper (FH), Ron Naughton-Dean (RND), Ray Letheren (RL), Gill Moore (GM), Joan Darwell (JD)

Parish Clerks Chris Fribbins (PO), Mrs Sue Hibbert (RFO)

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

NO		ITEM
1.0		NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETING – Chris Fribbins Clerk (PO)
2.0		APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs John Williams and Gary Etheridge, Julian Nash RSPB, Paul Kingman Cliffe & Cliffe Woods Community Trust, Ray Swatton Cliffe Woods Colts Football Club, Sarah Seaton Guides, Lyndsey Hartney Medway Youth
3.0	1.0	PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Cllr Sue McDermid talked through work of the parish council over the past year including – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meetings with MHS, residents of Rookery Lodge Gladmans, Simpkins over proposed housing development plans. Parking issues, additional yellow lines in Cliffe Woods now and Cliffe to follow. 2 defibrillators installed, one at Cliffe fire station, other at Cliffe Woods Community Centre. Cycle hoops installed at Cliffe Woods shops. 72 allotments Youth clubs, Cliffe closed more help needed if to re-open and increase CW usage. Changing Rooms project 2 councillors resigned, election results for vacancy tomorrow, will then have full compliment i.e. 8 in Cliffe Woods and 8 in Cliffe. Caretaker resigning mid-April – thanked for his work and support for the many years he has worked for the parish council.
	2.0	Chair Sue McDermid presented Chris Fribbins (clerk PO) with a painting and scroll for 31 years' government service to both the local council and parish council.
4.0		PCSO REPORT - None PCSO Louise Jackson not at meeting
5.0		LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES – Kelly Tolhurst MP (Rochester and Strood) answered questions on her view of Option C of Thames crossing and impact of Brexit on planning development. Stressed importance and support for parish having a Neighbourhood Plan.
6.0		PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT – Sue Hibbert Clerk (RFO) Precept main source of funding, approx. £25 per household per year. 2 further discretionary grants from Medway will be received again this year. 2017 Medway's council tax raised by 5% including 3% for social care. Parish council raised precept only by 2%, allotment rental also increased due to not having done so for two years. Medway's Rural Liaison Grant used to pay for defibrillators and cycle hoops. The 2017 challenge is funding for changing rooms project.
7.0		PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING REPORT - Cllr Fred Harper/Clerk PO

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		80 planning applications to planning committee during the last year. Upcoming developments include Gladman's development of 225 homes in Cliffe Woods (300 objections, planning decision due next week) 50 retirement homes in Cliffe Woods (150 objections) and MHS development of Rookery Lodge site. Medway's Local Plan requires 30,000 new houses. Deadline for comments Tuesday 18 April.
8.0		C&CW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN & MEDWAY LOCAL PLAN UPDATE – Chris Fribbins Discussed further Gladmans and Local Plan. Hoo to become a small town. Draft Local Plan end 2017, consultation 2018. Medway then to modify draft plan submit to planning inspectors. 2019 Local Plan in place. Draft Neighbourhood Plan end 2017, referendum 2018, adoption 2018.
9.0		CLIFFE AND CLIFFE WOODS COMMUNITY TRUST – Cllr Lynne Bush as Paul Kingman absent. Donations given to both schools/Brownies and Guides. Grants available to help with individual children's education and for residents with financial difficulties. Heating grants for the elderly available each winter.
10.0	1.0	FRIENDS OF NORTH KENT MARSHES – Cllr Gill Moore Involved in organisation of Queens' birthday celebration event and Cliffe Village Fayre. Working with RSPB Defend Nature and Save Lodge Hill Campaigns.
	2.0	Chair Sue McDermid presented Cllrs Gill Moore and Joan Darwell with the 2017 KALC Community Awards Scheme for their campaigning work on the local/international environment and organising the Queen's birthday celebrations and themed summer fair.
11.0	1.0	REPORTS FROM OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
	1.1	CLIFFE WOODS GUIDES AND RAINBOWS – Diane Foreman Struggling for leaders for Rainbows. Thanked parish council for help with hall hire rent. 6 day trip to Brownsea Island planned for August
	1.2	CLIFFE WOODS SCHOOL – Diane Foreman School expanding to take 60 children from September, so all CW children will get a place. 2 extra classrooms being built. Changing from single academy trust to multi academy trust so 2 other schools can join trust. Working with pre-school to help them get a modular build on spare school land.
	1.3	CLIFFE WOODS COMMUNITY CENTRE – Ian Downes Thanked parish council for yearly donation. Looking at selling land for development. Meeting in May to put to the community, support needed for this and the events that are put on in the centre.
	1.4	NEW VICAR – Andy Hobbs Looking to get to know the community, needs to know about any people who could do with a friendly chat.
12.0		QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – Diane Foreman Raised concerns over Cliffe Woods car park being full and unable to park for doctor's appointments.
13.0		RESOLUTIONS - None

Meeting ended at 9.30pm

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Sue Hibbert 18/4/2017