

**Minutes of the Sholden Parish Council meeting held on Monday 31 July 2023 at 6.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Marsh (Chair), Kewley, Wanstall, Hall, Dyer, Turner, Bond, Kenton and Kevin Lynch, Parish Clerk.

**No Members of the public.**

		Action
1. To receive apologies	None	
2. To receive Declarations of Interest to matters included on the agenda	Cllr Marsh Items 6 and 9.	
3. Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting 26 June 2023	To resolve that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26 June 2023 are a correct record.  Proposed: Cllr Kewley: Seconded Cllr Wanstall.  Agreed: All	
4. Public Participation	None.	
5. KCC and DDC Reports	Cllr Bond updated Council on the latest consultation on libraries and believed that Deal would not be affected, various roadworks and agreed to contribute on the recycling consultation at Item 8.  The Chair thanked Cllr Bond for his contribution.	
6. St Nicholas Church	The Clerk briefed Council on the excellent work done by the Parish Council caretaker and informed Council that he (the caretaker) was now working closely with the St Nicholas Church contractor.  The graveyard was now a credit to the Parish and surrounding area. There was still some big work to be done and that would be discussed in September.	
7. Co-option of a seventh Councillor	The Clerk had now advertised in the Newsletter, website and via the notice boards. There was one applicant to date. Council to resolve co-option procedures at their September meeting.  Action: Clerk as above.	KL
8. The Household Waste Recycling Centres consultation.	Cllr Bond briefed Council on his letter to various Town and Parish Council Chairs, including Sholden, and the background to his letter to the Leader of Kent County Council (Cllr R Gough).  After discussions concerning fly tipping, infrastructure, carbon net zero by 2050, potential savings, populations, and voting for cuts, Council agreed that the Clerk write to Cllr Gough along similar lines as those detailed by Cllr Bond (as Chair of Walmer Town Council) in his letter of 12 July.  Action: Clerk as above.	KL
9. School Flagpole	Council resolved that the Clerk should approach Sholden Primary School in order to start the administration for buying a new school flagpole (Council agreed that the clerk arrange purchase and installation of the new flagpole within his delegated authority).	

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	<b>Proposed: Cllr Wanstall. Seconded Cllr Kewley Agreed: Cllrs Dyer, Turner and Hall. Abstain: Cllr Marsh</b>	<b>KL</b>
	<b>Action: Clerk as above.</b>	
<b>10. Planning</b>	<b>Council noted and agreed “Neutral” on planning application:</b>  <b>(i) 23/00839 (4, Hall Crescent) and on</b>  <b>(ii) 23/00842 (Hull Cottage), Council agreed that the Clerk write objecting to this application along similar lines to Sholden Parish Council objection to 22/01313 (breaches of the Local Plan, traffic, access and Cllr Kenton advised an objection based on visual impact).</b>  <b>Action: Clerk in (ii) above.</b>	<b>KL</b>
<b>11. Finance Committee Report</b>	<b>Council agreed the July payments schedule and the June bank statement and reconciliation.</b>	
<b>12. Correspondence</b>	<b>Council noted that all substantive correspondence had been circulated.</b>	
<b>13. Agenda Items for next meeting.</b>	<b>1. Co-option 2. Flagpole 3. Six monthly budget review. And advance apologies from Cllr Bond.</b>	<b>KL</b>
	<b>The Meeting Closed at 19.20</b>	