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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2006 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

### Present:

Clr R. Hart  
Clr. J. Malzer  
Clr. B. Page - Chairman

Clr. A. Hildrew  
Clr. R. Martin  
Clr. R. Radford

### In Attendance:

Mrs. D.B. Jones – Clerk

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Clr. E. Crafter and Clr. J Crick

#### 2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda

There were none.

#### 3. Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2006 were approved and signed as a true record.

#### 4. Clerks Report:

- a. The clerk met with David Aspinall of Kent Highways to look at the posts on Rushmore Hill. He will be writing to the council after further consultation with the legal department.
- b. Jennifer Shaw has written regarding the Council's decision to put affordable housing in the village 'on hold'. Should it decide to go ahead she is happy to help identify a site. An agent has advised that the land which was proposed by Moat Housing will now be sold to a buyer as a long term prospect.
- c. The Knockholt sign in Halstead Lane is being refurbished. The new one on Star Hill Road has been defaced already
- d. PC Paul Crane is the new co-ordinator of Speedwatch. He has conducted two speed checks in the village with PCSO Dennis Glasspool. PC Crane says that he is happy to return on a regular basis.
- e. Peter Dare will install the Stubbs' bench on The Pound
- f. The trustees of the Chevening Estate have responded in the negative to a query as to whether or not they would be prepared to sell the freehold of the recreation ground to the Parish. They might be prepared to lease some land adjacent to the football pitch

#### 5. Correspondence:

- a. Consultation on the Sevenoaks District Sustainable Community Action Plan 2007-2100- this will be circulated

#### 6. RFO's Report:

##### 6.1 Resolved: the accounts as itemised be paid:

100292	CPRE Annual Subscription	£ 26.00
100293	SLCC Clerk's Subscription	£ 95.00
100294	Mister Print Newsletter	<u>£160.00</u>

Total

£281.00

- 6.2 Monies received:  
Zurich Insurance – claim for repair to street light £260.44
- 6.3. The question of whether or not to insure the new springers in the children’s playground was discussed. The additional premium for this will be in the region of £50:  
**Resolved:** The springers will be added to the insurance policy
- 6.4. The following S137 payment were proposed:  
**Resolved:** these payments should be made
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| SERPA                                | 20.00         |
| Hospice in the Weald                 | 100.00        |
| Victim Support                       | 100.00        |
| Sevenoaks CAB                        | 100.00        |
| Royal British legion                 | 100.00        |
| St Katharine’s Church                | 200.00        |
| Sevenoaks & Dist Volunteer Bureau    | 100.00        |
| BCTV pond warden scheme              | 100.00        |
| St Katharine’s C of E Primary School | <u>100.00</u> |
|                                      | £920.00       |
- 6.5. The minutes of the finance meeting of November 13<sup>th</sup> were accepted...  
Following discussion:  
**Resolved:** The proposed precept of £35,430 for 2007/8 be accepted.
7. **Committee Reports:**
- 7.1 **Amenities:**  
Thanks were expressed to those who planted the daffodils at Lett’s Green pond. It was reported that the lamp in the alley between Main Road and Bond Close is faulty – the Clerk will report this to SDC.
- 7.2 **Planning & Transportation:**  
The bollard on Park Corner is damaged and there is no light in the phone box. These will also be reported.
- 7.3. **Publicity & Media:**  
Those who had contributed to the last newsletter were thanked
- 7.4. **Sports & Leisure:**  
There was nothing to report.
8. **Police:**  
There were two reported crimes in the village in November - one an attempted burglary other than a dwelling, the other the theft of a motor vehicle. Cllr. Malzer was concerned about the viability of Speedwatch – although speeding is the main cause of complaint by parishioners, there has been no response to requests for volunteers to help. The scheme therefore depends on a very small group, mainly councillors. Despite this it was considered important that the scheme should continue and efforts to get volunteers should continue.  
A questionnaire re Policing Kent 2007/8 was passed to Cllr. Martin for completion.
9. **Information Items**  
There were no items for inclusion on the next agenda.

**Date Of Next Meeting:** Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Centre