

CLIFFE AND CLIFFE WOODS PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held at
Cliffe Woods Primary School, View Road, Cliffe Woods
Thursday 4th April 2013

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor C Fribbins, took the Chair

NB: In the interests of space and in view of the large number of delegates present at the meeting, the various reports have been summarised below in bullet point form. If more detail is required, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance:

✉ clerk@cliffeandcliffewoods-pc.gov.uk

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PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillors C Fribbins (Chair), K Kentell (Vice Chair), J Darwell, M Emblin, G Moore, S McDermid, L Bush, I Petrie, C Elliott,

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

NO	ITEM
1.0	NOTIFICATION The notification of the meeting was read by the Parish Clerk, Mrs A Jack
2.0	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr. Alan Taylor, Cllr Rob Hunt, Paul Kingman, Mike Courts, Dave West, Christine Asplin, Ray Swatton, Lesley Colbert, Insp David Matson, Cllr Peter Rodberg, John Haddaway, Alison Airey, Edward Wright, Vivienne Barr, Ian Fisk and Cllr Vaugh Hewett.
3.0	CLIFFE AT HOO HISTORICAL (Presented by Messrs F Wither and Wilmer Brown and Cllr. D Green) <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ A short presentation was given on the early history of Cliffe (750,000 BC to 1539 AD)◆ Further information can be found on their website : www.cliffehistory.co.uk
4.0	FRIENDS OF NORTH KENT MARSHES (Presented by Cllr G Moore & J Darwell) <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ A short present was given describing the work carried out by Friends of North Kent Marshes to prevent the threat of the Airport◆ Further information can be found on their website www.northkentmarshes.org.uk
5.0	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Presented by Cllr. C Fribbins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Welcome to all present◆ Power point presentation summarising the Parish/Website/Clarion/Assets owned by the Parish/ Planning/ Finance/Allotments/Historic
6.0	FINANCE REPORT (Presented by Cllr. K Kentell) Brief outline given of income and expenditure for year ended 31 st March 2013, Highlighting various items of income and expenditure. Accounts subject to audit. Clerk advised that finance sheets showing current income, expenditure and balances available on request
7.0	PLANNING REPORT (Presented by Cllr. C Fribbins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ The planning committee meet on a monthly basis to consider planning applications and associated consultations.◆ Planning continues along the same lines as normal, but there are potential

		issues on the horizon with the Government's Localism Bill, so we will have to see what that brings.
8.0		<p>CLIFFE PAROCHIAL CHARITIES REPORT (Presented by Cllr. K Kentell)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Trustees meet on a regular basis to consider requests for donations. ◆ In the last twelve months, educational grants have been made to both St Helen CE School and Cliffe Woods School. ◆ As in previous years Trustees approved payment of a winter heating grant of £60 . this was given to 60 elderly residents of the Parish. ◆ The Trustees are always seeking to support residents of Cliffe and Cliffe Woods who are in genuine need. All applications are treated in the strictest of confidence. Please contact in writing, the Clerk, Paul Kingman, 52 Reed Street, Cliffe ME3 7UL
9.0		REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES (GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVES)
	9.1	<p>MEDWAY COUNCIL YOUTH SERVICE DETACHED TEAM (Report submitted by Lindsay Hartney)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Continue to run detached sessions on Monday nights from 6pm-9pm ◆ Detached team have been supporting Cliffe and Cliffe Woods Parish Council to run a once a month youth club in each village on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, Young people are enjoying having a youth club. ◆ Various activities run in the Medway area are cooking, art workshops, and trips for youths to go climbing and tobogganing. ◆ Continue to run a cyber-baby project with young people who are keen to experience what is involved with caring for a baby. ◆ The detached team also run an 8 week informal education project at the Hundred of Hoo School which looks at self-esteem, positive relationships, sexual health, alcohol and drugs attitudes, body image and the media and current issues effecting the youth.. ◆ Hope to run summer projects this year that will offer positive activities for the young people during the summer holidays.
	9.2	<p>Police Liaison: (Report presented by DS Alan Downes and PCSO Tony Bartholomew)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Kent Police changed in January 2013 the way policing operates in the area. Crime is low in Cliffe and Cliffe Woods compared with other areas in Medway. ◆ In Cliffe there have been 2 burglaries, 2 reports of criminal damage, 7 assaults (5 being domestic), 2 attempts at car thief and 4 reports of items stolen from cars. ◆ In Cliffe Woods, there have been 2 burglaries, 2 reports of criminal damage, 3 assaults (1 domestic) and 5 thieves from cars. Anti-social behaviour is higher in the area . 16 calls over the past year. Since January 4 reports so far in Cliffe. ◆ DS Dowes encourages Parishioners to call 101 to report any incident particularly relating to anti-social behaviour in order for them to build a picture of the area to access the correct policing requirement to the areas that are most affected. ◆ Further information can be found about the Police and Crime plan submitted by the new Police and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes on their website . www.kent-pcc.gov.uk
	9.3	<p>Kent Fire and Rescue Service (Report submitted by B Mooney)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Further recruitment is promised for March ◆ The station has 2 new probationaries from previous recruitment 8 months ago. ◆ Have since lost 2 firemen due to leaving on medical grounds ◆ Staff numbers are 5 men based at Cliffe

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The crew is off the run 70% of the time
9.4	<p>Cliffe Woods Colts Football Club (Report submitted by Ray Swatton)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ This season have been running 7 teams . . all of whom have enjoyed a very successful season. With the help of the football association the club has been able to recruit more coaches and be able to put them through their FA coaching awards. This enables the club to run a soccer school on Saturday morning at Cliffe Woods School for 6-10 year olds. ◆ Thank Parish Council and school for their support over the past year
9.5	<p>CLIFFE PRE-SCHOOL: (Report provided by Dawn Hance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Aim is to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by providing every child with an equal opportunity to learn through play. ◆ All children are encouraged to express themselves freely. Offer appropriate play facilities to encourage children to explore and develop their personal, social, physical and knowledge skills. ◆ Each child is offered a specially tailored curriculum leading to the early learning goals. ◆ 36 children leaving July to go to school. ◆ Cliffe Pre-school are very grateful to the Parish council and Cliffe Memorial Hall for their continued support.
9.6	<p>ST HELEN'S CHURCH: (Presented by Rev. Jill Wright)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Church joined with the Parish Council in celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. A great event despite the weather. ◆ The Church joined other Churches nationally in holding %Back to Church Sunday+. the event seeks to encourage those who have come to Church in the past to return or those who have never come to think about doing so. Two Sunday morning services . 9.30 am . More traditional and reflective; 10.30 - informal with children's ministry and refreshments. ◆ The Christmas tree festival was organised again this year with prayer stations around the church. The Church also welcomed the Kent Chamber Choir for an excellent Christmas concert. The popularity of the Christingle last year encouraged the Church to host two this year and these were both well attended. ◆ The Church continues to be open every 1st and 3rd Saturday between 8.00am and 4.00pm for visiting and quiet prayer.
9.7	<p>CLIFFE COMMUNITY CHURCH: (Report submitted by David West)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Major changes to Cliffe Christian mission with the congregation dividing into two separate groups early last year but with the Sunday Services and mid-week meetings continuing in the Mission building. At a meeting with a representative from the Mission's umbrella organisation, it was decided that the Mission, being a charity, should be closed until its charitable status is clarified. St Helen's Church allowed the Mission to use St Helen's House for Sunday morning meetings. ◆ In March the move back to the Mission took place under the new name of Cliffe Community Church. ◆ Members continue to be involved in King Squads at schools as well as other events like open air services for B2000 Churches.
9.8	<p>MEDWAY COUNCIL: (Presented by Cllr Tom Mason)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ £39,000 being spent on Cliffe Woods Play area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ward funds are being donated towards Memorial Hall ◆ Budgets are tight due to economic constraints.
9.9	<p>BUCKLAND LAKE FISHERY: (Presented by Doug Hilton)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Obtained planning permission for a new canteen . should be open in the next 3 months. There will be employment opportunity for local people. Central point for walkers and cyclists and fishing.
9.10	<p>RSPB: (Presented by Rolf Williams)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Current staff are Warden: Andy Daw, Asst Warden: Elliott Lockyer ◆ 4x Residential volunteers and 100 active supporters in Medway ◆ Goldman Sachs Thames once again completed a litter pick at Cliffe Pools. ◆ The SSSI Management Plan has been through the five year review. ◆ Following installation of new interconnecting sluices, we are now looking to improve the Thames connecting sluice to improve water management of the site. ◆ Breeding figures were good for 2012, Common Tern 60, Avocet 60, Nightingale 22 (the highest ever). ◆ Bumblebees were surveyed; Cliffe Pools is an important site for two nationally rare species. ◆ The largest number of wintering birds on record ◆ Anti-Social behaviour has improved but the poor weather may have been a deterrent. ◆ There is an on-going problem with stray horses being dumped on the site. ◆ Motor-biking is much less common. ◆ Vandalism is on-going, mainly of the dog bins. ◆ The RSPB continues to lobby hard against proposals for a Thames Estuary Airport or Third Thames Crossing though the area.
9.11	<p>CLIFFE WOODS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: (Presented by Ian Downes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The hall has a full committee and hall use has increased due to club use, however private bookings is static due to present financial situation and competition from local clubs with hall facilities. ◆ The CWCA has continued to upgrade its facilities with stage lighting, projector and electric screen. ◆ The CWCA has looked to build community spirit by organising events . jubilee fair, barn dances, quiz nights ◆ Future plans are to replace Hall lighting, a new sound system and remove some concrete posts at rear of building. ◆ Clifara are the biggest user and continue to help keep hall in good condition with hall painting and gardening.
9.12	<p>CLIFFE WOODS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (ClifARA) (Presented by Ian Downes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Waiting list of over 60 people ◆ Hold meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month ◆ Celebrated 10th Anniversary. ◆ Around 120-130 members. ◆ Very active crowd. ◆ Help CWCA with maintenance in Hall. ◆ So many different things to enjoy and participate in . something for everyone.

9.13	<p>CLIFFE MEMORIAL HALL (Report submitted by Mary Hooper)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ It has been a very busy year with income rising drastically. Last year's income was £31,811 from bookings and with donations and grants . these spare funds have be put to good use for the hall. ◆ Big thank you to the Parish Council and the Management committee who have helped and donated to the Memorial Hall. ◆ Welcome anyone who would be interested in joining the committee. ◆ Continue to strive to upgrade and repair, so the hall will be continuously open for the villagers to use and enjoy for many years to come. ◆ The Memorial hall now has a website which is update with regular events . www.cliffememorialhall.org
9.14	<p>CLIFFE BOWLS CLUB: (Presented by Bob Goodbody)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Despite the last summer being one of the wettest on record, the Club still had a very enjoyable year. ◆ During the seasons 70 matches were played both home and away. ◆ Competed in various competitions in Medway and Gravesend. ◆ The club has approximately 75 members, but always welcomes new members. ◆ Holding an open day on Saturday 18th May to encourage local residents. Experts will be on hand to give advice, all you require is flat soled shoes or trainers.
9.15	<p>THE PARKS MEDICAL PRACTICE CARE AND CONCERN GROUP (presented by Cllr S McDermid)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The group meets every two . three months ◆ Discuss issues raised by patients ◆ All Surgery patients are welcome to join
9.16	<p>THE PARKS MEDICAL PRACTICE: (Report submitted by Alison Airey)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Practice has had a busy year with changes in GPs, staff and a new appointment system. ◆ Dr Wheeler retired in July 2012 after a long and eventful career . she has been sorely missed by both staff and patients. ◆ The Practice Manager Monica Ewart took semi-retirement in summer 2012 and the practice welcomed Alison Airey as new Practice Manager in November 2012. ◆ During 2012-13 a new text messaging service was introduced which allows patients to receive advance reminders of their bookings. ◆ The Practice was pleased with the results of their annual patient questionnaire . 98.4% of patients would recommend the practice. The Kent Diabetic Eye Screening visit surgery once, sometimes twice a month . look for a notice displayed on the front of the surgery door. ◆ Warfarin Clinics are still held once a week at the surgery ◆ There major changes happening to the structure of the NHS . one being the abolition of the Primary Care Trusts - the services they currently provide will be shared out. The Medway Clinical Commissioning group will determine services which are required at local level. It is set to be a busy and challenging year for the practice as a result of these changes.
9.17	<p>Cliffe Village Club: (Report submitted by Ian Fisk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The club now operates under a full committee with Glen Cook as Chairman, Fred Dowler as Secretary and Ian Fisk as Treasurer. There are 10 additional committee members. ◆ The club continues good trading and as a non-profit making organisation has

		<p>re-invested profits to making improvements to the club.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Improvements include . Improved security fencing, new block paving and grassed area to the outside of the main bar, new garden furniture ◆ The club have encouraged traditional sports back into the club and have entered a team into the Peninsula Darts league. The club has also purchased a table tennis table which is used frequently and the club is now looking into joining a local table tennis league. ◆ The Village Club continue in its support for Saturday and Sunday football teams. Unfortunately there is no Cliffe Team on a Saturday, so the club welcome back a Menø Cliffe Woods team which have hot food provided after their matches.
10.0		PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
	10.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bob Goodbody from the Bowls Club suggested the Parish Council produce a list of local organisations in the Clarion. Cllr Chris Fribbins said he would look to adding links to the Parish Website.
10.0		RESOLUTIONS - None

The meeting closed at 10.50 pm.

Diary date for next meeting – Thursday 3rd April 2014 at Cliffe Memorial Hall

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