

**HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 JULY 2012 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 8.00 pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr Gary Thomas	Vice-chairman
	Cllr Ray Collins	
	Cllr Stuart Bailey	
	Cllr Josh Gordon	
	Cllr Gary Jerreat	
	Cllr Mrs Lesley Munday	
	Cllr Mrs Chris Watson	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Mr Brian McCutcheon	Medway Council
	5 members of the public	

<b>Item no</b>	<i>Action point</i>
<i>Minute no 2012/13/</i>	

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

117 An apology for absence was received from

Cllr George Crozer                      On holiday

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed this apology be accepted.

The Vice-chairman suspended the meeting to allow Brian McCutcheon to speak.

Mr McCutcheon introduced himself and said he was responsible for planning and design policy at Medway Council. He said that development of Lodge Hill had come forward in 1995 as part of Government policy, which had established development of the site. Although he understood that local residents did not want to see any development, this was not possible. A planning application had been made in November 2011 by Land Securities. This was for about 5,000 dwellings, a local commercial centre, 3 primary schools, one secondary school and the creation of 5,000 jobs. There had been two rounds of consultation. The two big issues were the impact of transport and a technical issue concerning nature conservation. It was a massively complex project and no date had yet been set for consideration by the planning committee.

Questions were asked about the impact on the A228 and motorway functions. Mr McCutcheon gave details of the traffic modelling studies and the proposed improvements to Four Elms Hill and Four Elms roundabout. He was asked if the issue of nightingales could stop the development. Mr McCutcheon reiterated that the site had been identified for development by central government in 1995. Members of the public stated their views that the village did not want the development of Lodge Hill to take place and felt that homes could be provided by using brownfield sites elsewhere in Medway.

The Vice-chairman thanked Mr McCutcheon and reconvened the meeting.

**2 CODE OF CONDUCT****118 a New Code of Conduct**

The old code had expired on 30<sup>th</sup> June. A draft code prepared by the Monitoring Officer

had been circulated prior to the meeting. This would not be going before Medway Council until the end of the month. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Munday, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed the new code as circulated be adopted, subject to its subsequent adoption by Medway Council.

**119 b Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Thomas and Mrs Munday declared personal interests in item 10a, Recreation Hall, as members of the Management Committee. Cllr Mrs Munday declared a personal interest in item 19, Relief in Need.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2012**

**120** It was proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Bailey and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2012 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

**121** No matters were raised.

**5 PLANNING**

**a Applications**

**122 i MC/12/0584:** Woodlands, Northwood Avenue: First floor extension on garage to create annexe

It was agreed to defer the response to the Planning Committee.

**123 ii MC/11/2516:** Land Securities, Lodge Hill, Chattenden: Outline planning application with some matters reserved (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) for the demolition of existing buildings and development of a mixed use settlement comprising up to 5000 residential units, up to 36,750 m<sup>2</sup> GEA of B1 business floorspace, up to 7,350 m<sup>2</sup> GEA B2 business floorspace, up to 3251 m<sup>2</sup> GEA convenience retail floorspace (A1), up to 2070 m<sup>2</sup> GEA comparison retail floorspace (A1, A2, A3, A4, A5), secondary school, 3 primary schools, community facility, healthcare facility, assisted living facility, nursing home, garden centre, two hotels, water bodies and associated infrastructure works including access, roads, informal and formal open space, pedestrian, cyclist and public transport infrastructure, utilities, car and cycle parking: Revised drawings.

Cllr Collins would continue looking through the documents and would add anything to the previous letter of objection if necessary.

**124 Out of Time**

None.

**125 c Decisions**

None notified.

**d Appeals and Other Matters**

**126 i Fisherwood, Sharnal Street**

Cllr Jerreat reported on the appeal hearing he had attended. The Inspector had decided the Planning Authority had handled the matter badly and considered there had been no change of use but a breach of conditions and that the Planning Authority would have to start again.

**127 e Licensing Applications**

None.

**6 FINANCE**

**128 a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

**129 b Cheques Signed since the Last Meeting**

The cheque signed since the last meeting as listed on Appendix B was ratified.

**130 c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Munday, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100465-100469), with the addition of £575, Cousins Print, (100470); £1,568.66, Southern Water (100458); £1,364, Cousins Print, High Halstow Times (100459) and £40 Gary Thomas, reimbursement Jubilee event costs (100471).

**7 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**131** None.

**8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**

**a Recreation Ground**

**132** i. General matters. Nothing to report

**133** ii. Cricket fence. Cllr Collins reported that he had still no response from David Laphorn.

**134 b Play Park**

The "no dogs" signs had disappeared.

**135 c Outdoor Gym**

The Sport England grant had been refused. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Watson, seconded by Cllr Gordon and agreed the original scheme go ahead as previously agreed.

**136 e Allotments**

Nothing to report.

**137 f Forge Common**

Cllr Collins said he had spoken to the farmer about cutting the grass.

**138 g Village Grounds Maintenance**

Turfsoil would cut the hedge on Christmas Lane by the cricket field.

**9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

**139 a Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Collins had nothing to report. Cllr Thomas said he had submitted an application to Natural England for funding for an all-weather path from the back of the hall to Ruggles Close. The cost was in the region of £17,000.

**140 b Street Cleaning**

Nothing to report.

**141 c Tree Warden**

Nothing to report.

**10 HALLS**

**142 a Recreation Hall**

Cllr Thomas reported on a celebration event scheduled for 2 November. They were seeking a grant for the roof.

**143 b Memorial Hall**

Cllr Collins said the AGM had been held. The finances were in the black. The hall would be closed from 6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August for refurbishment of the kitchen. The committee was considering insulation of the gents toilets.

**11 YOUTH**

**144** Cllr Mrs Munday said the last meeting of the summer had been on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**12 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**145 a Representative's Report**

Cllr Collins reported on the last meeting. There had been presentations on the National Grid Community Fund and GIFT-IT on the Hoo Peninsula. The only police presence had been by two PCSOs. The next meeting was on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**13 KALC/MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE**

**146** Cllr Bailey reported that Cllr Gordon had been elected vice-chairman. The next meeting was at the end of September.

**14 POLICE LIAISON**

*147* **a Police Liaison Representative's Report**

In Cllr Andrews's absence, there was no report.

**15 COMMUNICATION**

*148* **a Surgery**

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that she had been asked what was discussed at meetings and it was agreed to put the agenda on the website in future. The matter of parking on Christmas Lane by people involved with the cricket club had also been raised.

*149* **b High Halstow Times**

Mrs Smith had submitted her resignation as distributor of the magazine. She was prepared to continue to the end of the year and arrange a hand-over to her successor. Cllr Thomas would advertise for a volunteer and proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Smith for her work over the years.

*150* **c Web Site**

Cllr Thomas reported the website had received 39,000 hits so far.

**16 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

*160* **a Project 90**

The next Project 90 would be held on 14<sup>th</sup> July and a skip would be required.

**17 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*161* Cllr Gordon reported that the Headteacher was retiring at the end of term.

**18 RELIEF IN NEED**

*162* Nothing to report.

**19 CONSULTATION**

*163* No documents received.

**20 CORRESPONDENCE**

*164* **a National Grid Community Fund**

The Council had been asked to nominate someone to sit on the National Grid Community Fund panel and it was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Gordon and agreed the Clerk be nominated.

**21 REPORTS & CIRCULARS**

*165* The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

**22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**166 a Dog Bin**

It was reported the dog bin in the hall car park had disappeared.

**167 b Contingency Plan**

Cllr Collins referred to a recent incident and suggested that the contingency plan should include the banning of HGVs from Britannia Lane and Christmas Lane.

The Vice-chairman suspended the meeting for the public session.

Mrs Berringer said there was traffic congestion at the post office and suggested a mini roundabout at the junction of Half Moon Way and Christmas Lane.

Mrs Smith referred to a skip placed in The Street near Heronsbank and said she thought it should have a light on it.

The Vice-chairman thanked members of the public and reconvened the meeting.

**CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**

**23 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**168** It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Munday, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed that members of the press and public be excluded from the following item as it was a legal matter.

**24 BUS SHELTER NEAR HERONSBANK**

**169** The Clerk gave an update on the current situation.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2012