

HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2013
AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr George Crozer
Cllr Martin Andrews
Cllr Stuart Bailey Except item 5a(i)
Cllr Ray Collins
Cllr Josh Gordon
Cllr Gary Jerreat
Cllr Mrs Lesley Munday
Cllr Gary Thomas
Cllr Mrs Chris Watson

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 2 members of the public

Item no *Action point*
Minute no 2012/13/

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

358 All present.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

359 Cllr Bailey declared a pecuniary interest in item 5a(i), planning application for 27 Cooling Road, as the applicant. Cllrs Thomas and Mrs Munday declared personal interests in item 10a, Recreation Hall, as members of the Management Committee. Cllrs Bailey and Mrs Munday declared personal interests in item 19, Relief in Need as trustees.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2013

360 It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2013 be signed as a true record, with the addition of Cllr Jerreat to the list of those present.

4 MATTERS ARISING

361 No matters were raised.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

362 **i MC/413/0264:** 27 Cooling Road: Construction of two storey front extension and porch to front, part two storey/part single storey rear extensions, extension to loft and land level changes to front garden to form hardstanding

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Cllr Bailey left the room.

After discussion, it was agreed to comment that there were no reasons to object, but the attention of the local planning authority should be drawn to the fact the front extension appeared to be in front of the building line and also to objections from neighbours.

Cllr Bailey returned to the meeting.

363 **Out of Time**

None.

364 **c Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

d Appeals and Other Matters

365 **i Medway LDF: Submission Draft Core Strategy – Sustainability Appraisal Addendum**

It was agreed to respond in support of the submission made by the RSPB concerning nightingales.

366 **e Licensing Applications**

None.

6 FINANCE

367 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

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

None.

369 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Munday and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100515-100520), with the addition of £54.73, Jane Crozer, reimbursement Project 90 (cheque 100521).

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

370 **a High Halstow Recreation Hall**

It was proposed by Cllr Crozer, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson and agreed a grant of £5,000 be made to High Halstow Recreation Hall under S 19 of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 (cheque)100522.

371 **b RSPB**

It was proposed by Cllr Crozer, seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed a grant of £300 be made towards the expenses of providing Portaloos at the Countryside Fair 2012. The grant made under S145 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 100523)

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**a Recreation Ground**

- 372 i. General matters. Nothing to report.
 373 ii. Cricket fence. No response had been received from the Cricket Club. Cllr Collins said that new posts and other repairs would cost £350 and this was agreed.
 374 iii. French Drain. A complaint had been received that the drain was blocked. Cllr Collins reported he had lifted the covers and that it was running freely. He considered more gravel was required and the Clerk was asked to instruct Turfsoil.

375 b Play Park

Cllr Mrs Watson reported she was still waiting for a second quotation for the gate closures. She understood the cost would be in the region of £800, plus installation charges. After discussion, during which it was agreed members of the public were likely to break them again, it was agreed to monitor the situation.

376 c Outdoor Gym

Nothing to report.

377 d Allotments

Cllr Mrs Watson said there were still five people on the waiting list.

378 e Forge Common

Nothing to report.

379 f Village Grounds Maintenance

Nothing to report.

380 g Skatepark

There was no update. Cllr Thomas asked that the item be placed under the Youth section as Future Provision.

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**381 a Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Collins said the RSPB Toddler Trail steps and fence needed repair.

381 b Street Cleaning

- i. General Matters. Nothing to report.
 ii. Dog Fouling. Cllr Crozer tabled a stencil that had been designed by a resident. After discussion it was agreed to trial this on the pavements in Harrison Drive and Northwood Avenue.

382 c Tree Warden

Cllr Collins would investigate a tree on the Recreation Ground that had been reported as leaning.

383 **d Bus Shelters**

Cllr Crozer had investigated the cost of a wooden shelter to replace the old shelter in Eden Road. It would cost £3,000 but that figure did not include the cost of a raised kerb. Medway Council would charge £3,000 to install the one being donated and to create the raised kerb. After discussion it was agreed to proceed with the donated shelter. A shelter in Christmas Lane was discussed and it was agreed to write to Medway Council to ask permission to install a shelter and to ask that a proper footway be put in as soon as possible.

10 HALLS384 **a Recreation Hall**

Cllr Thomas reported that they expected the tender documents to be sent out the following week. They had had a report on the electrics which included additional items not in the refurbishment. A fenced off area would have to be provided for the builders and the entrance on the bus stop side would be out of use for 3 months. They expected work to start in June to minimise the impact on the school and hall users. Cllr Thomas also reported there might be a problem with funding in that the money promised by the Leader Project would not be paid in advance and that the Parish Council might be asked to cover these costs until the money was released.

385 **b Memorial Hall**

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

11 YOUTH

386 Cllr Mrs Munday had nothing to report.

12 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE387 **a Representative's Report**

No meeting.

13 KALC/MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE388 **a Representatives' Report**

No meeting.

14 POLICE LIAISON389 **a Police Liaison Representative's Report**

Cllr Andrews reported there had been a much improved police presence at the last meeting. There had been discussion about fly-tipping and dog fouling on the Peninsula. A "green goddess" fire engine had been parked in the Isle of Grain and attempts were being made to get it removed. Cllr Andrews had raised the issue of parking for the shop with PCSO MacGowan, who had promised to monitor the situation. Cllr Thomas had noticed an increased police presence recently.

15 COMMUNICATION

390 **a Surgery**

Cllrs Mrs Watson and Jerreat reported that the last surgery had been busy. There had been complaints about the untidiness of the building plot on the corner of Eden Road and Longfield Avenue. The noticeboard at the hall was now impossible to lock. There was discussion about replacing it with the newly repaired noticeboard and removing this one for repair. There had been a complaint about the mess left by the Southern Water tankers in Medway Avenue. A question had been asked about moving of soil to the golf course. Cllr Crozer said he thought this would last for a further 2 years.

391 **b High Halstow Times**

Nothing to report.

392 **c Web Site**

Cllr Thomas reported the website had been updated and he would set up a Facebook page.

16 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

393 **a Project 90**

The next Project 90 would be held the following Saturday.

17 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

394 Nothing to report.

18 RELIEF IN NEED

395 Nothing to report.

19 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S

396 Cllr Thomas reported the next meeting would be held the following Monday and that a brochure was in preparation.

20 CONSULTATION

397 No documents received.

21 CORRESPONDENCE

398 None.

22 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

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

23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

400 No matters were raised.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the public session.

Mrs Aldrich referred to the earlier discussion on dog fouling. She said that Christmas Lane was bad and she knew that at least one dog owner drove into the village to exercise their dog and did not pick up after it. She asked if signs could also be put in Christmas Lane.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public and reconvened the meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

24 MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS & PUBLIC

401 It was proposed by Cllr Crozer, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed to exclude the press and public from the following item on the grounds it was a legal matter.

25 BUS SHELTER NEAR HERONSBANK

402 The Clerk reported she had no update to give.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2013