

HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2012 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr George Crozer Chairman
 Cllr Martin Andrews
 Cllr Ray Collins
 Cllr Stuart Bailey
 Cllr Josh Gordon
 Cllr Gary Jerreat
 Cllr Mrs Lesley Munday
 Cllr Gary Thomas
 Cllr Mrs Chris Watson

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 5 members of the public

Item no
Minute no 2012/13/

Action point

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

68 All present

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS

69 Cllr Gordon declared a personal interest in item 7c, grant to Medway District Scouts, as a Scout Leader. Cllrs Thomas and Mrs Munday declared personal and prejudicial 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 9 MAY 2012

70 It was proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2012 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

71 No matters were raised.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

72 **i MC/12/1156:** 7 Marsh Crescent: Conversion of part of garage into habitable room

No objection

73 **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 sqm GEA of B1 business floorspace, up to 7,350 sqm GEA B2 business floorspace, up to 3251 sqm GEA convenience retail floorspace (A1), up to 2070 sqm 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 said that there were alterations to some of the transport proposals. The Clerk reported that Robin Cooper was unable to attend either this meeting or the July meeting, but that Brian McCutcheon would attend the July meeting. The case officer was happy to wait for a response until after that meeting. A special meeting of Medway's planning committee would be called and this was likely to be held in August or September.

74 **Out of Time**

None.

75 **c Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

76 **d Appeals and Other Matters**

None

77 **e Licensing Applications**

None.

6 FINANCE

78 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

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

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

80 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100450-100456), with the addition of £180, Cousins Print, Jubilee event programme, (100457); £1,568.66, Southern Water (100458); £1,364, Cousins Print, High Halstow Times (100459); £77.02, George Crozer, reimbursement project 90, (100460); £504.33, Gary Thomas, reimbursement Jubilee event costs (100461).

81 **d Jubilee Event**

Cllr Thomas reported that the budget had been £2,000 and that about £1,800 had been spent.

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

82 a Diamond Jubilee Trust

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Munday, seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed a grant of £100 be made to the Diamond Jubilee Trust under S137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 100462).

83 b High Halstow Memorial Hall

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Munday, seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed a grant of £50 be made to the High Halstow Memorial Hall under S19 of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 (cheque 100463).

84 c Medway District Scouts

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Munday, seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed a grant of £100 be made to the Medway District Scouts under S19 of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976.

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

a Recreation Ground

85 i. General matters. Nothing to report

86 ii. Cricket fence. Cllr Collins reported that David Laphorn had not come back to him.

87 b Play Park

The toddler equipment was on order.

88 c Outdoor Gym

No update.

89 d Skateboard Facility

Cllr Thomas said he had received one quotation which was £55,000. He thought the Council should first determine whether a facility should be provided and where it could be sited before more quotations were obtained. Cllr Crozer asked if councillors wished to pursue the matter and Cllr Mrs Watson said she thought it should be investigated further. She had also made some enquiries. After discussion it was agreed to defer the item to the September meeting.

90 e Allotments

Nothing to report.

91 f Forge Common

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

92 **g Village Grounds Maintenance**

There was no update on the situation with the trampoline and other items on the open area in Valentine Drive.

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

93 **a Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Collins reported that he had spoken to Medway Council's Public Rights of Way officer about the part of the footpath from the Recreation ground to Ruggles Close. The officer would be making a site visit. He had also suggested the Parish Council applied to Natural England for a grant. Quotations would be required.

94 **b Street Cleaning**

Nothing to report.

95 **c Tree Warden**

Nothing to report.

96 **d Bus Shelters**

Cllr Thomas proposed that the problem with the shelter at Heronsbank be resolved before a shelter in Christmas Lane was progressed and this was agreed.

97 **e Other Highway Issues**

Cllr Collins reported the road surface in Dux Court Road was breaking up. Cllr Andrews said that a paving brick was missing outside 22 Gypsy Way.

10 HALLS

98 **a Recreation Hall**

Cllr Thomas reported on fund raising functions. The Time and Tide project would be holding an exhibition at the farmers market.

99 **b Memorial Hall**

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

11 YOUTH

100 Cllr Mrs Munday had nothing to report.

12 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

101 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Collins reported the next meeting was the following week.

13 KALC/MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE

102 No meeting had been held

14 POLICE LIAISON

103 a Police Liaison Representative's Report

Cllr Thomas asked if the Neighbourhood Watch people were represented at meetings, as he had not received any reports for High Halstow for some time. Cllr Andrews said he would raise this at the next meeting.

15 COMMUNICATION

104 a Surgery

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that the surgery held the day before had been quite quiet.

105 b High Halstow Times

Nothing to report

106 c Web Site

Cllr Thomas reported he would be updating the site.

16 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

107 a Project 90

The next Project 90 would be held on 16th June..

108 b Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Cllr Crozer proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers of what had been a very successful event. Cllr Gordon said that the scouts had enjoyed it and thanked the Parish Council for inviting them..

17 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

109 Cllr Gordon had nothing to report.

18 RELIEF IN NEED

110 Nothing to report.

19 CONSULTATION

111 No documents received.

20 CORRESPONDENCE

112 None.

21 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

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

22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

114 a Friends of St Margaret's

It was reported it was possible a meeting would be held in September.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the public session.

The development near Homeleigh Nurseries was raised. It was explained that the site was not in High Halstow parish. The Chairman of Hoo St Werburgh Parish Council would be asked to keep High Halstow parish Council informed.

Mrs Aldrich said she had observed there was extra air traffic. Cllr Crozer described how to report low flying aircraft.

A comment was made about overgrown garden hedges.

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

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

23 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

115 It was proposed by Cllr Crozer, 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

116 The Clerk read a letter from the Council's solicitor. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Mrs Munday and agreed to proceed with the advice given.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2012