

HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2012
AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 8.00 pm**

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

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 2 members of the public

Item no
Minute no 2012/13/

Action point

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

267 An apology for absence was received from

Cllr Gary Jerreat indisposed

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

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

268 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 10 OCTOBER 2012

269 It was proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Mrs Munday and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2012 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

270 No matters were raised.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

271 **i MC/12/2457:** 2 Topley Drive: Conversion of garage into habitable living accommodation

No objection

- 272 **ii MC/12/2596:** 31 Leaman Close: Construction of a single storey side extension to existing garage and conversion of garage to form a habitable room

No objection

- 273 **Out of Time**

None.

- 274 **c Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

- 275 **d Appeals and Other Matters**

None.

- 276 **e Licensing Applications**

None.

6 FINANCE

- 277 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

- 278 **b Cheques Signed since the Last Meeting**

None.

- 279 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Mrs Munday and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100494-100498), with the addition of £1,341, Cousins Print (cheque 100499); £26.80, John Balciunas (100500)and £93.10, Jane Crozer (100501).

- 280 **d Budget 2013/14**

Cllr Thomas asked councillors to contact him if they had any suggestions for the following year's budget.

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 281 None.

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

- a Recreation Ground**

- 282 i. General matters. Nothing to report.

- 282 ii. Cricket fence. It was agreed a letter be sent to Chris Dockway. Cllr Collins would inform the Clerk of the sequence of events.

283 **b Play Park**

It was reported the springs on the gate had been broken again. Cllr Andrews was aware of an alternative and would speak with Cllr Mrs Watson about it.

284 **c Outdoor Gym**

The Clerk had asked Cllrs Filmer, Watson and Irvine to release their promised ward improvement funds.

285 **d Allotments**

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

286 **e Forge Common**

Nothing to report.

287 **f Village Grounds Maintenance**

Nothing to report.

288 **g Skatepark**

Cllr Crozer reported on the visit to local skateboard facilities that he and Cllr Mrs Munday had made, together with Paul Duckworth, Jane Crozer and some children. They had visited Cliffe and the Cyclopark.

289 **h Notice Board**

The notice board in Christmas Lane had been vandalised and Cllr Crozer would arrange for it to be repaired.

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

290 **a Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

291 **b Street Cleaning**

Cllr Bailey said he had received criticism about the standard of cleaning in Topley Drive. This would be dealt with by the chairman of the Personnel Committee and the clerk.

292 **c Tree Warden**

Cllr Collins reported he had inspected the ash trees round the perimeter of Forge Common and they appeared to be in good health..

10 HALLS

293 **a Recreation Hall**

Cllr Thomas reported that a meeting with the architect would be held to review phase 2 and costs.

294 **b Memorial Hall**

No meeting.

11 YOUTH

295 Cllr Mrs Munday had nothing to report.

12 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

296 **a Representative's Report**

No meeting had been held.

13 KALC/MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE

297 **a Representatives' Report**

Cllr Gordon said he had attended the KALC AGM.

14 POLICE LIAISON

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

No meeting.

15 COMMUNICATION

299 **a Surgery**

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that there had been a complaint about rubbish in the youth shelter. She had been asked if the Parish Council would be providing a Christmas tree for the Tree Festival. This was discussed and Cllr Thomas volunteered to decorate one if he had time.

300 **b High Halstow Times**

Nothing to report.

301 **c Web Site**

Cllr Thomas reported there had been 49,000 hits over the last 20 months. A lot of spam had been received and therefore the comments pages would be turned off.

16 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

302 **a Project 90**

The next Project 90 would include painting in the Recreation Hal..

17 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

303 Nothing to report.

18 RELIEF IN NEED

304 Cllr Bailey had attended his first meeting as a trustee.

19 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S

305 Cllr Thomas reported the group now had a full committee. A website was being created.

20 CONSULTATION

306 No documents received.

21 CORRESPONDENCE

307 None.

22 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

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

23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

309 **a Cable, Dux Court Road**

Cllr Collins had noticed a cable being laid in Dux Court Road and wondered if it was fibre optic.

310 **b Kingsnorth Power Station**

Cllr Gordon reported on the lunch he had attended at Kingsnorth Power Station. It would cease producing electricity on 13th December. The site would be wound down and there would be only 10 employees left by the end of March. Eventually the building would be demolished. This would take about 5 years. The site would then be fenced and locked off. National Grid would be taking over the power, but Eon would retain the land.

311 **c New House, The Street**

Cllr Thomas commented on the fact that the new house had no dropped kerb and that the law was being broken by cars being driven across the verge. He understood the resident had been warned about this. There was a discussion about the parking problems in the Street in the vicinity of the property.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the public session.

Mrs Smith requested that the bus shelter at Heronsbank be cleaned.

Mr Powell asked if the skateboard facility would be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Crozer emphasised that no decision one way or the other had been made by the Council and Cllr Thomas said that as part of the budget process the Council was starting to build up a reserve for youth facilities.

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

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

24 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

25 BUS SHELTER NEAR HERONSBANK

313 The Clerk gave an update on the current situation. The matter was ongoing.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2012