

HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2013 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr George Crozer	Chairman
	Cllr Martin Andrews	
	Cllr Ray Collins	
	Cllr Gary Jerreat	
	Cllr Mrs Lesley Munday	
	Cllr Gary Thomas	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Ms Sereena Gill	Medway Healthcheck
	22 members of the public	

Before opening the meeting, the Chairman introduced Sereena Gill of Medway Healthcheck.

Ms Gill explained the scheme, which was a mobile drop-in centre giving various health checks. The results were given immediately and people were then advised to see their GP if necessary. It was for those aged 40 to 74 and aimed to reduce risks of heart disease, strokes and diabetes by making it easy for people to get tested. They had a good relationship with Isle of Grain and were expanding on the Peninsula. The Chairman thanked Ms Gill and suggested a good time to arrange for the mobile unit to visit was while the Farmers Market was taking place.

As members of the public interested in a skateboard facility were present, the Chairman said that Cllr Mrs Watson was on holiday and had asked for the subject to be deferred for discussion until the next meeting. Apart from the cost, a major factor that would have to be determined was its location.

The Chairman next presented the prizes for the annual photographic competition.

He then opened the meeting.

Item no	<i>Action point</i>
<i>Minute no 2013/14/</i>	

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

237 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Stuart Bailey	At work
Cllr Josh Gordon	At work
Cllr Mrs Christine Watson	On holiday

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Munday seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed these apologies be accepted. An apology for absence was also received from Cllr Tony Watson, Medway Council.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

238 Cllrs Thomas and Mrs Munday declared personal interests in 10a, Recreation Hall as members of the Management Committee.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2013

239 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Munday, seconded by Cllr Jerreat and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2013 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

240 **a C/09/13/25a minute 2013/14/235: The Late Mrs Follett**

Cllr Crozer said that Dennis Follett had said he would no longer be able to maintain the village signs and notice boards and as a thank you and in memory of Mrs Follett, he proposed a £25 gift voucher. This was seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

241 **i MC/13/2261:** Buckhole Farm, Cooling Road: Retrospective application for the change of use from agriculture to create private fishing pond and landscaping

After discussion, it was agreed the following response be made:

High Halstow Parish Council has no objection to this application in principle but asks that a condition is imposed limiting use to private use with no commercial activity.

242 **ii MC/13/2358:** 1 Topley Drive: Conversion of garage into habitable room

No objection

243 **iii MC/13/2370:** Traveller's Tan, Sharnal Street: Retrospective application for construction of a block of two stables and tack room

No objection

244 **iv MC/13/2312:** Fisher Wood, Sharnal Street: First floor extension over garage with dormers to front, single storey rear extension with raised roof lights and loft conversion with rooflights to rear (demolition of existing conservatory and porch).

After discussion, it was agreed to comment as follows:

In view of the previous history of development on the site, High Halstow Parish Council asks that this application is determined by Medway's Planning Committee and that due consideration is given to the percentage increase in size of the building, both compared with the existing house and with the previous dwelling that stood on the site, which was replaced as being deemed uninhabitable.

245 **c Decisions**

The decision as listed on Appendix A was received.

246 **d Appeals and Other Matters**

None.

247 e **Licensing Applications**

None.

6 **FINANCE**

248 a **Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

249 b **Payments made since the Last Meeting**

The payments made since the last meeting as listed on appendix B were ratified.

250 c **Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Jerreat and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100600-100603).

7 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

251 a **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed a grant of £75 be made under S137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 100604).

252 b **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**

It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed a grant of £100 be made under S137 of the LGA 1972.

253 c **High Halstow Memorial Hall**

It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed a grant of £100 be made under S 19 of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976.

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

a **Recreation Ground**

- 254 i. General Matters. Nothing to report
- 255 ii. Fence by all-weather path. Cllr Collins would investigate.
- 256 iii. Football. The Clerk reported the football club had only just installed the goal posts and for this to be done the pitch had had to be marked out again. The Club had matches every weekend during October and had said they would not be notified of November matches until towards the end of the month. This made it difficult to arrange re-lining of the pitch and for arrangements with the Cricket Club.

257 b **Play Park and Outdoor Gym**

Nothing to report

258 d **Allotments**

In Cllr Mrs Watson's absence, there was no report.

259 e **Forge Common**

Cllr Collins asked that Turfsoil be asked to cut back the hedges. He said there was ragwort and it was suggested he ask Mike Waller for advice.

f **Village Grounds Maintenance**

260 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.

261 ii. Car park. The area by the mosaic had been dealt with.

262 iii. The Clerk would review the job specification with Andy Freeman of Turfsoil and prepare tender documents for the 2014/15 contract.

9 **HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

263 a **Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

264 b **Street Cleaning**

The Clerk reported there had been a complaint about dog mess. She had asked Medway Council about this and the method employed by their street cleaners was not viable. She would speak to Cllr Andrews about equipping the street cleaners so that they could use a method more suited to the parish.

265 c **Tree Warden**

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

266 d **Clarke's Coaches**

The Clerk had forwarded a reply from Clarke's Coaches to Cllr Gordon and suggested he and his family pursued the matter.

10 **HALLS**

267 a **Village Hall**

Cllr Thomas reported they were on the snagging phase.

268 b **Memorial Hall**

No meeting.

11 **YOUTH**

269 a **Youth Club**

Cllr Mrs Munday had nothing to report.

270 b **Youth Provision**

Nothing to report.

12 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

271 a Representative's Report

Cllr Collins had not been able to attend the last meeting.

13 KALC/MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE

272 a Representatives' Report

In the absence of Cllrs Gordon and Bailey, there was no report.

14 POLICE LIAISON

273 a Police Liaison Representative's Report

Cllr Andrews had not been able to attend the last meeting, of which he had been notified at short notice.

15 COMMUNICATION

274 a Surgery

Cllr Jerreat reported that a resident had suggested a bus to the Dockside Outlet Centre. There had been a complaint about overhanging hedges from private gardens. There had been a query about the trees in the cobbled area of Medway Avenue and Cllr Mrs Munday recalled they had been planted by the house builders. He had been asked about a bus shelter in Christmas Lane and had said that Medway Council were putting in a path and this would be done before the Parish Council considered installing a shelter. Comments had been made about the building plot in Eden Road and the dangerous pile of bricks on the pavement.

275 b High Halstow Times

Nothing to report.

276 c Web Site

Cllr Thomas apologised that he was behind with the website.

16 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

277 a Project 90

The memorial bench would be installed on Forge Common and repairs made to the fence on the Recreation Ground.

278 b Party in the Park

This had been a successful event. The Cricket Club had raised £6,179.

279 c Centenary of First World War

Cllr Thomas said he would include an event in the budget for the next financial year. It was understood from David Laphorn that the Cricket club would be marking the event on the Sunday of the August Bank Holiday weekend.

17 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

280 Nothing to report.

18 RELIEF IN NEED

281 Cllr Mrs Munday said there would be an article about the charity on the front cover of the next High Halstow Times.

19 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S

282 The next event would be the Christmas Tree Festival.

20 UNREGISTERED LAND

283 Ongoing.

21 PARISH PLAN

284 Cllr Thomas explained parish plans for the benefit of the members of the public present. The project was ongoing.

22 CONSULTATION

285 No documents received.

23 CORRESPONDENCE

286 None.

24 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

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

25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

288 a Doctors' Surgery

Cllr Thomas reported that the surgery would re-open on 28th October.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the public session.

Mr Hendry reported that footpath RS39 was all but impassable and that RS51 was bad. The new resident of the new house in The Street adjacent to 1 Heronsbank said she had an issue with the bus shelter and that the buses stopped in front of her drive and blocked it. There had been an incident with a broken down bus and an accident when a car in front of Heronsbank had been clipped.

The Chairman thanked the councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 10.35 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2013