

**HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2014  
AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 8.00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr George Crozer Chairman  
 Cllr Martin Andrews  
 Cllr Stuart Bailey  
 Cllr Ray Collins  
 Cllr Gary Jerreat  
 Cllr Mrs Lesley Munday  
 Cllr Gary Thomas

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

10 members of the public

**Item no** *Action point*  
*Minute no 2013/14/*

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

388 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Gary Jerreat indisposed  
 Cllr Mrs Christine Watson On holiday

It was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed these apologies be accepted.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

389 Cllrs Thomas and Mrs Munday declared personal interests in 11a, Recreation Hall as members of the Management Committee.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2014**

390 It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2014 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

391 No matters were raised.

**5 CASUAL VACANCY**

392 A bye election had not been called and the Clerk had posted notices inviting applications for co-option. No applications had so far been received.

**6 PLANNING****a Applications**

393 **i MC/14/0335:** 6 Willowbank Drive: Construction of a conservatory to rear

No objection

394 **c Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

395 **d Appeals and Other Matters**

396 **i Application MC/13/1671: Deangate Cottage, Deangate Road**

Cllr Andrews said he had felt uncomfortable that no residents had been present to speak in favour of the application and he had paid a visit to the applicant to see for himself.

397 **ii Flanders Farm**

Cllr Bailey asked about Flanders Farm. Cllr Crozer said there had been a letter from the agent, stating it was deemed it was not causing a statutory nuisance.

398 **e Licensing Applications**

None.

**7 FINANCE**

399 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted. Cllr Thomas said that £10,000 was still outstanding from the loan to the Recreation Hall.

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

The payment made since the last meeting as listed on appendix B was ratified.

401 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Munday, seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100627-100632), with the addition of £71.95, KCC (cheque 100633), £352.50, Cousins Print & Design (100634) and £33.08, J Gallivan (100635).

402 **d Budget 2014/15**

Cllr Thomas tabled a draft budget and explained the figures. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Bailey and agreed unanimously that the budget be adopted.

403 **e Precept 2014/15**

Cllr Thomas said that in preparing the budget, he had worked on the basis of a total figure for the precept and Council Tax grant remaining at £40,000, with no increase from 2013/14. The Council Tax grant would be £1,420. It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed unanimously that the precept be £38,580.

**8 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

404 None.

## 9 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

### a Recreation Ground

- 405 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.
- 406 ii. Fences. Cllr Collins would be meeting. Meopham Fencing *RC*
- 407 iii. Car park drain. The Clerk to progress *RB*
- 408 iv. Broadband. Cllr Thomas reported that Medway Council would write concerning siting a pole for broadband on the Recreation Ground.

### 409 b Play Park and Outdoor Gym

Nothing to report

### 410 c Football

Cllr Crozer had been asked if a resurrected Red Dog Football team could play on Sundays. He would ask them to make a formal approach in writing through the clerk and also that they should first speak to the Cricket Club. They knew the changing facilities in the Memorial Hall were no longer there. *GC*

The Clerk reported that the High Halstow Football Club had paid the second quarter of the licence fee, but had complained the pitch had not been marked out for them. A response had been sent, outlining the amount spent on marking out and re-lining so far, which had cost more than the annual licence fee and that due to the wet weather the pitch had been too wet to mark. It was now being marked fortnightly, whether they had a match or not, subject to weather conditions.

### 411 d Allotments

Nothing to report

### 412 e Forge Common

Cllr Collins reported that due to the wet weather conditions, it was unlikely Turfsoil would be able to cut the hedge and it would have to wait until next autumn.

### f Village Grounds Maintenance

- 413 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.
- 414 ii. Contract 2014/17. Cllr Crozer reported that the Rector had intimated they would not be able to contribute. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Mrs Munday and agreed unanimously that the churchyard be included in the contract, but that the cost of £1,750 be deducted from the grant provision to the Friends of St Margaret's.

## 10 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

### 415 a Public Rights of Way

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

416 **b Street Cleaning**

Nothing to report.

417 **c Tree Warden**

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

418 **d Speed Limits**

Nothing further to report.

419 **e Heronsbank Bus Stop**

Cllr Thomas reported there would be an additional cost of £450 for removing the electricity supply. This was proposed by Cllr Crozer, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed unanimously.

As members of the public concerned about the bus stop were present, the Chairman suspended the meeting to enable them to speak.

They said they were residents of Heronsbank and complained they had not been consulted about the suggestion of painting a bus stop box on the road and the first they had heard about it was from a letter they had received from Medway Council. It was pointed out that this was the consultation. Cllr Thomas said the results had been 1 in favour and 7 against and that the idea would not proceed.

The Chairman thanked them and reconvened the meeting.

420 **f Kerb, The Street**

Cllr Collins said that there was no kerb on The Street by the Eden Road bus stop and it was agreed to ask Highways to deal with this.

421 **g Dux Court Road**

Cllr Collins asked about progress on dealing with the drainage in Dux Court Road.

422 **h Britannia Road**

It was reported that Britannia Road would be closed to through traffic from 8.30 am to 5 pm Mondays to Fridays from 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March for works to the highway drainage.

**11 HALLS**

423 **a Recreation Hall**

Cllr Thomas reported that fund raising events were being planned. The architect would be visiting to discuss issues from phase 1 and snagging from phase 2. Grant applications for phase 3 were under consideration.

424 **b Memorial Hall**

No meeting.

**12 YOUTH**

425 **a Youth Club**

Cllr Mrs Munday had nothing to report.

**13 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

426 **a Representative's Report**

No meeting.

**14 KALC/MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE**

427 **a Representatives' Report**

No meeting

**15 POLICE LIAISON**

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

Cllr Andrews reported on the last meeting. There had been a lot of fly-tipping and this was being attended to. Complaints had been made about racing on the Ratcliffe Highway and it was stated the police would attend. Cllr Andrews had suggested they use unmarked cars. There had been a change of PCSOs.

**16 COMMUNICATION**

429 **a Surgery**

In giving his apologies, Cllr Jerreat had said there was nothg of note to report.

430 **b High Halstow Times**

Nothing to report.

431 **c Web Site**

Nothing to report.

**17 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

432 **a Project 90**

Cllr Crozer said that Santa's sledge needed to be put away.

433 **b Centenary of First World War**

The letter from the Rector was discussed. Nobody was willing to join the steering group.

**18 RELIEF IN NEED**

434 Cllr Mrs Munday had nothing to report.

**19 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S**

435 Nothing to report.

**20 CONSULTATION**

436 No documents received.

**21 CORRESPONDENCE**

437 None.

**22 REPORTS & CIRCULARS**

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

**23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

439 No matters were raised

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the public session.

Mrs Smith asked when a bus shelter would be provided at the bus stop at the junction of Christmas Lane and Half Moon Way. She was informed that the hard footway would have to be installed first and that removing the old shelter at Heronsbank, together with installing a new shelter on Highways land and the legal costs involved had depleted the funds, which would have to be built up again.

A suggestion was made that the parish boundary should be shown on the website.

The Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 10.25 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2014