

HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 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
 Cllr Mrs Christine Watson

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

5 members of the public

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

440 All present.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

441 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 12 FEBRUARY 2014

442 It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2014 be signed as a true record, subject to the deletion of Cllr Gary Jerreat from those present.

4 MATTERS ARISING

443 No matters were raised.

5 CASUAL VACANCY

444 The Clerk reported that so far there were two applications and that it would be necessary to arrange interviews, with a view to co-option at the next ordinary meeting of the Council, which would be on 14th May.

6 PLANNING

a Applications

445 **i MC/14/0530:** 13a Cooling Road: Construction of a conservatory to rear

No objection

446 **ii MC/14/0412:** Land adj 2 Harrison Drive and 5 Eden Road: Outline application with

some matters reserved (Access, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) for construction of two 2-storey blocks comprising of four 1-bedroomed flats with associated parking

After discussion it was agreed there was no objection in principle, but that concerns about the parking should be expressed.

- 447 **iii MC/11/2516:** 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 m² GEA of B1 business floorspace, up to 7,350 m² GEA B2 business floorspace, up to 3251 m² GEA convenience retail floorspace A1, up to 2070 m² 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.

After discussion, it was agreed to defer the response to a special meeting to be held prior to the Annual Parish Meeting on 9th April.

448 **c Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

449 **d Appeals and Other Matters**

None.

450 **e Licensing Applications**

None.

7 FINANCE

451 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

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

None.

453 **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 100637-100641), with the addition of £352.50, Cousins Print & Design (100642).

8 GRANT APPLICATIONS

454 None.

9 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

a Recreation Ground

- 455 i. General Matters. The ground was quite wet due to the recent weather.
 456 ii. Fences. A quotation of £949 had been received from Meopham Fencing. It was
 proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed the quotation be
 accepted.
 457 iii. Car park drain. The Clerk would contact Medway Council for advice as to
 contractors.

458 b Play Park and Outdoor Gym

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that dog mess had been found in the fenced play area.

459 c Football

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow the Secretary of the High Halstow Football Club to speak.

Mr Beale said that they were disappointed with the pitch marking. The paint was not thick enough and the lines were not straight. The Clerk explained that the contractor was not prepared to take machinery on the field due to the wet conditions and had done their best in the circumstances. Mr Beale asked if the club could do their own marking out on Saturday mornings, if the Parish Council supplied them with a roller and paint. He referred to the request by the Red Dog Football Club to use the pitch on Sundays and said that Ryan Stickings was the High Halstow Football Club's goalkeeper as well as a member of the Red Dog Football Club, but he was doubtful that the pitch would stand up to extra matches.

The Chairman thanked Mr Beale and reconvened the meeting.

The request to undertake marking the pitch was discussed. The Clerk said that marking the pitch and relining was included in the new landscape maintenance contract, which had now been signed. Cllr Crozer said that in any case the Council could not allow the club to mark out the pitch for insurance reasons.

450 d Allotments

Cllr Mrs Watson said she had two on the waiting list and would update the article in High Halstow Times.

451 e Forge Common

Cllr Collins asked that the Clerk arrange for Turfsoil to contact him.

f Village Grounds Maintenance

452 Nothing to report.

10 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

453 a Public Rights of Way

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

454 **b Street Cleaning**

It was reported that mess had been left in Ruggles Close by the waste collection operator. For sale boards had been dumped in the ditch by Heronsbank. Vodka bottles, a refrigerator and kitchen cabinets had been flytipped in Britannia Road. Cllr Thomas said he would report this to Medway Council.

455 **c Tree Warden**

Cllr Collins said that trees were being decimated in Northward Hill. Cllr Crozer said he would speak to the RSPB.

456 **d Speed Limits**

An update by Chris Rogers of Medway Council was received. It was noted that the new speed limits should be in place by the end of the month.

457 **e Kerb, The Street**

This had been reported to Medway Council but nothing further had been heard.

458 **f Drainage, Dux Court Road**

It appeared this was being dealt with..

11 HALLS

459 **a Recreation Hall**

Cllr Thomas reported that the final tranche of the grant from Veolia had been received and the loan from the parish Council paid off. It was estimated that £4,000 would be needed for phase 3. He would be making another grant application in the near future and it was possible help might be given by Medway Council. Fund raising events were being planned.

460 **b Memorial Hall**

No meeting.

12 YOUTH

461 **a Youth Club**

Cllr Mrs Munday had nothing to report.

462 **b Future Provision**

Cllr Mrs Watson reported on a meeting she and the Clerk had had with Park Leisure. She tabled a drawing showing where a half-pipe skateboard ramp could be sited on the Recreation Ground. The cost would be in the region of £15,000. The idea was discussed and she was asked to find out the additional cost of a hard area next to the ramp. Cllr Crozer asked that the young people be consulted and it was agreed to do this through the Annual Parish Meeting and the High Halstow Times.

13 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

463 a Representative's Report

Cllr Collins reported that the next meeting was on 18th March and that this would be followed by the annual open meeting, to which all councillors were invited. The sole agenda item was Lodge Hill.

14 KALC/MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE

464 a Representatives' Report

There had been no representation from High Halstow at the last meeting.

15 POLICE LIAISON

465 a Police Liaison Representative's Report

Cllr Andrews said he had been unable to attend the last meeting. Cllr Thomas said he had spoken to the new PCSO and had suggested he visit King's Kitchen.

16 COMMUNICATION

466 a Surgery

Cllr Mrs Watson said the parking at the junctions of Willowbank Drive and Longfield Avenue and of Valentine Drive and Britannia Road remained causes of complaint. Cllr Andrews said he would speak to the PCSO.

467 b High Halstow Times

Nothing to report.

468 c Web Site

Nothing to report.

17 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

469 a Project 90

It was agreed litterpicking would be undertaken.

18 RELIEF IN NEED

470 Cllr Mrs Munday had nothing to report.

19 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S

471 The AGM would be held in May.

20 CONSULTATION

472 a Medway Dog Control Orders

No objection.

21 CORRESPONDENCE

473 None.

22 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

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

23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

475 a High Halstow Primary School

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that she had met with the Headteacher, Mrs Stangroom and had been given a tour of the school. There are 200 pupils at present. The classes are all named after insects. The children have 6 golden rules that they abide by every day and Cllr Mrs Watson thought that they did seem well behaved. The school is now part of an Academy set up and they are finding this much better for everyone. They have a decent sized IT department and a developing library. The arts and crafts room is bright and is used for a number of different projects. The school orchestra were taking part in a concert at the Central Theatre in Chatham. Cllr Mrs Watson and Mrs Stangroom agreed they would touch base periodically and that Mrs Stangroom would let Cllr Mrs Watson know if there was anything happening at the school that would be of interest to the Parish Council and vice versa.

476 b Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Mrs Munday volunteered to provide refreshments as usual. Cllr Mrs Watson suggested the Annual Report contain photographs of the councillors.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the public session.

Representatives of parents at the school said they had been pressing Medway Council to provide a pedestrian crossing in The Street between the school and the hall car park. They had the support of the Headteacher. A lengthy discussion followed., with various actions that could be taken by the parents and by the Parish Council.

Mrs Smith referred to the letter box in the new door to the surgery in the Recreation Hall and said it needed a box to catch the post. Cllr Thomas explained that this was not possible as regulations meant that the disabled needed to see through the door.

It was reported that an official complaint had been made to Medway Council about the waste collection. There were now new routes in place and temporary operatives.

The Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.27 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2014