

**HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 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  
 Cllr Brian Williams

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 4 members of the public

**Item no** *Action point*  
*Minute no 2014/15/*

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

132 All present.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

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

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2014**

134 It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Mrs Munday and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2014 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

135 No matters were raised.

**5 PLANNING****a Applications**

136 i **MC/14/1644:** 9 Northwood Avenue: Application for Lawful Development Certificate (proposed) for construction of a single storey side extension incorporating pitched roof over existing flat roof of garage

No objection

137 ii **MC/14/0617:** 13 Northwood Avenue: Construction of first floor front extension

together with the insertion of dormer window to the front elevation

No plans had been available and no comments were made.

- 138 **iii MC/14/1353:** Land adjacent to 2 Harrison Drive and 5 Eden Road: Application for approval of reserved matters (access, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to condition 1 of outline permission MC/14/0412 for construction of two 2 storey blocks comprising four 1 bedroomed flats with associated parking

No objection

- 139 **iv MC/14/1891:** Stout Farm, Clinch Street: Conversion of existing barn into a 3 bedroomed dwelling house with associated parking

No objection

- 140 **v MC/14/1885:** 20 Cooling Road: Construction of a first floor extension over existing single storey element; single storey rear extension and construction of raised decking to rear (demolition of existing conservatory)

No objection

- 141 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.

- c Appeals and Other Matters**

- 142 **i Paramount Theme Park**

The London Resort Co was holding a series of information events about the proposed Paramount Theme Park on the Swanscombe Peninsula. Cllr Bailey said he would attend.

- 143 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

## **6 FINANCE**

- 144 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

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

None.

- 146 **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 100668-100675).

**7 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

147 None.

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

**a Recreation Ground**

148 i. General Matters. Cllr Mrs Watson reported that RoSPA would be carrying out their annual inspection that month. She would meet them on site.

149 ii. Fences. Cllr Crozer said that having considered the matter, the Parish Council should deal with the damaged fence as now that footballers were again using the pitch, it was inevitable there would be some damage. After discussion it was agreed Cllr Collins should obtain quotations to replace the fence, both with and without a stile. RC

149 iii. Car park drain. Cllr Collins asked for contact details so he could speak to Complete Moling.

150 **b Playpark**

The damage to the old climbing frame had been made good.

151 **c Football**

The Clerk reported that she would meet with the Football Club to review the lease.

152 **d Allotments**

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that all plots were now taken.

153 **e Forge Common**

Cllr Collins reported that the hedges would be cut back.

154 **f Village Grounds Maintenance**

It was reported that a cherry tree in Gypsy Way was damaged but this was the responsibility of the management company acting for the residents. The brambles in Forge Lane at the back of the church had been dealt with by Turfsoil free of charge.

**9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

**a Public Rights of Way**

155 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.

156 ii. Path from Recreation Ground to Ruggles Close. A response was still awaited from the Public rights of Way Officer.

157 **b Street Cleaning**

Cllr Thomas asked for prices of dog bins.

**158 c Tree Warden**

It was still not known why the tree in Harrison Drive had been felled.

**159 d Christmas Lane/Half Moon Way Bus Stop/Shelter**

Cllr Thomas reported that Medway council was still drawing up plans and it was not yet out for formal consultation. A resident of Sharnal Street wanted the shelter at the end of Christmas lane kept because it was used. It was understood from Mrs Aldrich that although there was no official stop by her house, passengers were being dropped off into her drive by both Arriva and Clarke's Coaches.

**11 HALLS****160 a Recreation Hall**

Cllr Thomas reported the snagging for phase 1 had been completed. £15,000 had been granted from Medway Council's Rural liaison grant. For phase 3.

**161 b Memorial Hall**

Cllr Collins said no meeting had been held.

**12 YOUTH****162 a Youth Club**

Cllr Mrs Munday said the last session before the summer break had been held 8<sup>th</sup> July, when a barbecue had taken place. She had been overwhelmed by the number of people and their presentation to her. Cllr Crozer proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Mrs Munday for her years of service to the Youth Club. Cllr Mrs Munday replied that it had honestly been a pleasure.

**163 b Future Provision**

i. Skateboard facility. Cllr Mrs Watson said she had applied to both Scottish Power and National Grid for grant funding and was waiting to hear. The Clerk reported that her application for the Rural Liaison grant as agreed at the last meeting had not been received by Medway Council's officer and she had had to send it again; in the meantime Cllr Thomas had applied for and been granted the £15,000 for the hall and she was in doubt that any more money would be granted in the current financial year. The siting was discussed at length and the possible provision of another sight screen for the Cricket Club. It was suggested by Cllr Thomas and agreed that RoSPA be asked to select the most appropriate position when they paid their inspection visit later that month.

**13 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE****164 a Representative's Report**

No meeting.

**14 KALC MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE**

165 Cllr Bailey reported on the last meeting, which had been attended by Terry Martin, KALC County Secretary and by Clive Powell, also of KALC. Mr Martin had outlined his thoughts on improvements to the service provided by KALC. Mr Powell had offered local training courses for a minimum of 10 people. Of the parish reports, Hoo St Werburgh had spoken about a proposal by Taylor Wimpey for a development of 500 homes between the Ratcliffe Highway and Peninsula Way and Stoke had reported on a proposal for a solar energy farm on land at Malmaynes Hall Farm.

**15 POLICE LIAISON****166 a Police Liaison Representative's Report**

Cllr Andrews reported on the last meeting. No police had attended. The unofficial signs on the A228 would be removed, unless they were community based. The police were using the liaison meeting for contact with the parish councils and PCSOs would no longer be attending parish council meetings. They were very much in favour of the motor bike track. Hoo St Werburgh was having problems with motor bikes on the sea wall.

**16 COMMUNICATION****167 a Councillors' Surgery**

Cllr Mrs Watson said that there had been queries about the brambles in Forge Common and the school hedge along Christmas Lane.

**168 b High Halstow Times**

Nothing to report.

**169 c Web Site**

Nothing to report.

**17 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

170 Nothing to report.

**18 RELIEF IN NEED**

171 Nothing to report.

**19 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S**

172 Cllr Thomas said that in future news would be reported in High Halstow Times, rather than by means of a specific newsletter.

**20 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

173 Cllr Mrs Watson had nothing to report. The school would be asked to get the hedge cut

back.

**21 CONSULTATION**

174 No documents received.

**22 CORRESPONDENCE**

175 None.

**23 REPORTS & CIRCULARS**

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

**24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

177 **a Broadband Communications Mast**

Cllr Williams asked if there was any news about the broadband communications mast. Cllr Thomas replied that Medway Council was well aware that the mast was not wanted in High Halstow.

178 **b Lodge Hill**

Cllr Mrs Watson asked the result of the Medway Council Planning Committee meeting to determine the Lodge Hill application. She was informed that the meeting had been postponed..

179 **c Manhole Covers, Dux Court Road**

The manhole covers in Dux Court Road were mentioned. Cllr Bailey reported that Medway Council had lifted its own covers, but not those belonging to British Telecommunications.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable members of the public to speak.

A complaint was made about traffic both for the school and the Red Dog. The Chairman suggested a diary be kept of times and photographs.

A rumour had been heard that St Margaret’s Court would be demolished and houses built. It was asserted that MHS Homes did not look after the site and that it should be tidied up.

Mrs Smith said she thought a good decision had been reached about the fence at the bottom of the Recreation Ground.

The Chairman thanked councillors and the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.

Signed .....Chairman

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