

HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 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 Mrs Christine Watson
 Cllr Brian Williams

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 9 members of the public

Item no*Action point**Minute no 2014/15/***1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

180 Cllr Gary Thomas On holiday

It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Munday and agreed this apology be accepted by the Council.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS

181 Cllr Mrs Munday declared a personal interest in item 11a, Recreation Hall, as a member of the Management Committee.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JULY 2014

182 It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Mrs Munday and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2014 be signed as a true record, with the following amendment:

C/07/14/19 minute 2014/15/172: delete second sentence.

4 MATTERS ARISING

183 No matters were raised.

5 SKATEBOARD FACILITY

184 Cllr Crozer referred to the site meeting held prior to the start of the parish council meeting and said it was apparent there was no other suitable site. Since members of the public had spoken about noise, it was agreed to ask the manufacturer if they could inform the Council of an identical half-pipe installed elsewhere, so that if practical, a visit to gauge the noise could be made.

6 PLANNING

a Applications

- 185 i **MC/14/2253:** 9 Northwood Avenue: Construction of a single storey side extension incorporating pitched roof over existing flat roof of garage

No objection

- 186 ii **MC/14/2582:** Land adjacent to 2 Harrison Drive and 5 Eden Road: Application for approval of reserved matters being access, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to condition 1 of outline application MC/14/0412 for construction of two 2-storey blocks comprising of four 1-bedroomed flats with associated parking

No comments made.

- 187 iii **MC/14/2596:** 7 Mackintosh Close: Application for Lawful Development Certificate (proposed) for construction of a single storey side extension

As no documents were available on Medway Council's website, it was no possible to form an opinion and make a response.

188 b Decisions

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.

c Appeals and Other Matters

189 i Paramount Theme Park

Cllr Bailey had not been able to attend the information event. The Clerk had been and reported that there would have to be major alterations to the A2 which would affect residents travelling west.

190 ii Lodge Hill

Cllr Crozer reported that Medway Council had approved the Lodge Hill application. It was now being sent to the Secretary of State for determination.

191 d Licensing Applications

None.

7 FINANCE

192 a Bank Balances

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted. The Clerk reported that due to new arrangements for the payment of the allocated rural liaison grant, the money for 2014/15 had been paid into the Council's account, together with any sums rolled over from the previous year. However the £15,000 granted for the Recreation Hall had not yet been received and nothing had been heard about the extra amount applied for towards the cost of the skateboard facility.

193 b Cheques Signed since the Last Meeting

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

194 c Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100683-100690, 100692), with the addition of £133.61, Brian Williams, reimbursement playpark repairs (100691); £90, Turfsoil, (100693) and £352.50, Cousins Print & Design (100694).

195 d Co-option to Finance Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Watson, seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed Cllr Williams be co-opted to the Finance Committee.

196 e Emergency Payments

Cllr Williams proposed that a sum of up to £200 be available in case of emergencies, without waiting for authorisation at a parish council meeting, in agreement with the Clerk, pending revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. This was seconded by Cllr Jerreat and agreed.

8 GRANT APPLICATIONS**197 a Kent Air Ambulance**

It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Bailey and agreed a grant of £250 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 100695)

9 TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS

198 Cllr Williams said he had attended a training day for councillors run by KALC, which he highly recommended. The Clerk had established that KALC would put on training at half price, provided that a parish council hosted the event and 10 people attended. She had also discovered that Cliffe & Cliffe Woods Parish Council had also enquired. After discussion it was agreed the subject be re-visited after the elections in May 2015.

10 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**a Recreation Ground**

- 199** i. General Matters. Nothing to report.
- 200** ii. Fences. Cllr Collins said he was waiting for prices.
- 201** iii. Car park drain. Cllr Collins had received a quotation of £1,600 from Complete Moling. He was seeking two more quotations.

202 b Playpark

Cllr Mrs Watson said the RoSPA report had identified some minor items, but no major ones. Cllr Williams had addressed some of the minor repairs and had ordered signs as required by the report.

203 **c Football**

The Clerk reported that the inclusion of the pitch in the contract with Turfsoil meant that it would not be necessary to increase the cost of the lease. It was reported that a member of the public had complained about bad language and the Club would be reminded about this.

204 **d Allotments**

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that three people were on the waiting list.

205 **e Forge Common**

Cllr Collins reported that the ragwort needed dealing with.

206 **f Village Grounds Maintenance**

Nothing to report.

207 **g Notice Boards**

Cllr Mrs Watson said she was unable to open one of the locks. Both Cllr Mrs Munday and the Clerk had the same problem. The Clerk was asked to contact Nathan Hall. Cllr Mrs Watson also said that the magnets had largely disappeared and were impossible to replace, which was confirmed by the Clerk. She suggested that cork or soft wood be put in the boards so that pins could be used to fix notices.

11 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

a Public Rights of Way

208 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.

209 ii. Path from Recreation Ground to Ruggles Close. The Public Rights of Way Officer had inspected and soakaways would be constructed. Cllr Williams would wait and see but thought this would not be satisfactory and that the path would still be muddy and would need an all-weather surface.

210 **b Street Cleaning**

Nothing to report.

211 **c Tree Warden**

Nothing to report.

12 HALLS

212 **a Recreation Hall**

No meeting.

213 b Memorial Hall

Cllr Collins reported repairs had been done to the fencing and insulation on the back wall.

13 YOUTH

214 a Youth Club

Cllr Mrs Munday said the Club would reopen on 23rd September.

215 b Future Provision

Potential youth projects were discussed and it was agreed the old climbing frame should be replaced.

14 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

216 a Representative's Report

Cllr Collins said the next meeting was the following week.

15 KALC MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE

217 No meeting.

16 POLICE LIAISON

218 a Police Liaison Representative's Report

No meeting.

17 COMMUNICATION

219 a Councillors' Surgery

Cllr Mrs Watson said that a resident of Goodwood Close had complained that children were picking up stones from the French drain and throwing them at his windows. The Clerk was asked to contact the drainage authority to see if turfing the drain over would affect its performance.

220 b High Halstow Times

Nothing to report.

221 c Web Site

A member of the public had complained the last set of minutes were those of the February 2014 meeting.

18 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

222 Nothing to report.

19 RELIEF IN NEED

223 Nothing to report.

20 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S

224 In Cllr Thomas's absence, there was no report.

21 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

225 Cllr Mrs Watson had spoken to the Headteacher, who would appreciate volunteers to come forward, to help with reading, maths and gardening. The school had received a good Ofsted report.

22 CONSULTATION

226 No documents received.

23 CORRESPONDENCE

227 None.

24 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

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

25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

229 No matters were raised.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Points raised were:

The notice boards needed varnishing.

Parking was bad at the Harrison Drive entrance to the school, with parents parking on the pavements, such that other parents with children walking to school had to walk in the road.

There were loose dogs on the Recreation Ground and the sign on the back of the hall was now unreadable and needed replacing.

SignedChairman

On theday of2014