

**HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2014 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  
 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**

230 Cllr Stuart Bailey At work  
 Cllr Mrs Christine Watson On holiday

It was proposed by Cllr Jerreat, seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed these apologies be accepted by the Council.

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

231 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 10 SEPTEMBER 2014**

232 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Munday, seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

233 No matters were raised.

**5 SKATEBOARD FACILITY**

234 The Clerk reported that Cllr Bailey had visited Culverstone Recreation Ground, where a half-pipe of the same design had been installed. He had reported that the noise seemed to be acceptable. As the Clerk to Meopham Parish Council had recently left, the Clerk had been unable to find out if there were any complaints. Cllr Bailey had raised the issue at the KALC Medway Area Committee and the Chairman of St James, Isle of Grain Parish Council had said that they had not had any complaints. It was

proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Andrews and carried unanimously that the half-pipe be ordered.

**6 PLANNING**

**235 a Applications**

None.

**236 b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.

**c Appeals and Other Matters**

**237 i Lodge Hill**

Cllr Crozer reported that Cllr Alan Jarrett of Medway Council had expressed the opinion that it was better to build at Lodge Hill than have piecemeal development. Cllr Crozer was of the opposite view and said he thought villages should expect to increase slightly.

**238 d Licensing Applications**

None.

**7 FINANCE**

**239 a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

**240 b Cheques Signed since the Last Meeting**

None.

**241 c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Jerreat and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100696-100700), with the addition of £360, R H Osenton (100701).

**242 d Conclusion of Audit 2013/14**

The audit for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 had been concluded.

**243 e Budget 2015/16**

Cllr Thomas asked councillors to give thought to items they wished to bring forward to the budget for the next financial year.

**8 GRANT APPLICATIONS****244 a Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

It was proposed by Cllr Crozer, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed a grant of £100 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 100702). Cllr Mrs Munday said that Susan Osenton had been collecting for 40 years and it was agreed to write to her to thank her.

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

245 i. General Matters. The Clerk reported that the Drainage Authority had said that the French drain could be turfed over and it was agreed Turfsoil be asked to quote.

246 ii. Fences. Cllr Collins had received 3 quotations. The cheapest was from Meopham Fencing who had quoted £3,595. After discussion, during which Cllr Williams said he thought the fencing could be done much cheaper, it was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Mrs Munday and agreed by 5 votes for and 2 against that the quotation by Meopham Fencing be accepted.

247 iii. Car park drain. Cllr Collins said that the drain had now been cleared and repaired by C S Drainage at a total cost of £610. Cllr Williams suggested "in" and "out" signs for the car park. He was informed that when this had been raised some years previously, the opinion as to which entrance should be "in" and "out" had been mixed. Cllr Williams was asked to investigate.

iv. Signage. The draft wording for a sign about dogs on the field was discussed. Cllr Williams was asked to proceed with purchasing signs, at a maximum cost of £100.

**248 b Playpark**

Cllr Williams said the issues raised in the RoSPA report were being addressed.

**249 c Football**

Nothing to report.

**250 d Allotments**

Nothing to report.

**251 e Forge Common**

Cllr Collins said that he had approached a specialist in dealing with ragwort. The recommendation was that a 2 year programme was needed, costing £465 each year. It was a legal requirement of a landowner to deal with ragwort on his land. It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Munday and agreed the programme be put in place.

**f Village Grounds Maintenance**

252 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.

253 ii. Tree on Valentine Drive. Cllr Mrs Watson had asked when the tree on

Valentine Drive that had been felled would be replaced. The felled tree had been a eucalyptus tree which was inappropriate and had not been part of the original landscaping. At the time of the decision to remove it, there had been no intention of replacing it.

254 **g Notice Boards**

Cllr Collins said he had found a source of magnets and it was agreed to purchase 16 packets of 5.

**10 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

**a Public Rights of Way**

255 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.

256 ii. Path from Recreation Ground to Ruggles Close. Cllr Williams reported that the soakaways had been installed but had not proved to be the solution to the problem. He had met Adam Taylor again and if the Parish Council was prepared to contribute £1400, Medway Council would put an all-weather surface on the public footpath from The Street to Ruggles Close. The line of the footpath was discussed together with the cost of a possible diversion. It was agreed that a site meeting be arranged with Adam Taylor for the Footpath Officers and the Clerk.

**b Street Cleaning**

257 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.

258 ii. Dog Bins. Cllr Thomas said he had asked Medway Council for a price to supply and empty bins to the end of the current contract.

259 **c Tree Warden**

Nothing to report.

260 **d The Street**

Cllr Thomas reported that Medway Council was considering putting a raised platform across The Street by the school and consultation would be through High Halstow Times.

261 **e Sharnal Street**

Cllr Thomas said he had reported the leak across the road near Fisherwood.

262 **f Half Moon Way/Christmas Lane Path**

Medway Council would be arranging a site meeting with Mrs Aldrich.

263 **g A228**

Cllr Collins commented that the report on contingency plans for the A228 had never been received.

**11 HALLS****264 a Recreation Hall**

Cllr Thomas reported that a fundraising auction would be held on 25<sup>th</sup> October. They were discussing and finalising plans for phase 3.

**265 b Memorial Hall**

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

**12 YOUTH****266 a Youth Club**

Nothing to report.

**267 b Future Provision**

It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda for the time being.

**13 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE****268 a Representative's Report**

Cllr Collins said the police had reported many problems with youth in Hoo and also with the use of nitrous oxide. Terry Martin of KALC had given a presentation which had included a campaign to get more people to stand for election to parish councils. An update had been given on planning policy.

**14 KALC MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE**

269 Cllr Williams had not been able to attend the last meeting. Cllr Bailey had reported that items of interest had been the approval of the solar energy farm in Stoke, problems in Cliffe with CCTV and a planning application in Wainscott to convert most of the Working Men's Club to a larger branch of the Co-operative.

**15 POLICE LIAISON****270 a Police Liaison Representative's Report**

Cllr Andrews reported that there were problems with the 101 telephone number – he had recently waited 20 minutes for a reply. The anti-social behaviour patrol car was not in operation on Sundays and the dedicated bike unit was not coming. Rebecca Pease was now the Community Warden. The police were investigating flytipping in Allhallows. Cllr Crozer requested that Cllr Andrews ask about Victim Support at the next meeting.

**16 COMMUNICATION****271 a Councillors' Surgery**

Cllr Jerreat said that the surgery had been cancelled as no-one was available.

272 **b High Halstow Times**

Nothing to report.

273 **c Web Site**

Cllr Thomas said the minutes were now up to date.

**17 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

274 Nothing to report.

**18 RELIEF IN NEED**

275 Cllr Mrs Munday said that the annual invitation to apply for aid was about to be issued.

**19 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET’S**

276 Cllr Thomas said the next meeting was the following week.

**20 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

**21 CONSULTATION**

278 No documents received.

**22 CORRESPONDENCE**

279 **a Peninsula Group Ministry**

The invitation to the Service of Celebration was received. Councillors were asked to respond individually.

**23 REPORTS & CIRCULARS**

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

**24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

281 No matters were raised.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable members of the public to speak. No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 10pm

Signed .....Chairman

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