

HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2013
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 Mrs Lesley Munday
 Cllr Gary Thomas
 Cllr Mrs Christine Watson

In attendance 1 member of the public

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

289 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Josh Gordon At work
 Cllr Gary Jerreat

It was agreed these apologies be accepted. An apology for absence was also received from Mrs Roxana Brammer, Clerk. Cllr Mrs Watson was thanked for taking the minutes of the meeting.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

290 Cllrs Thomas and Mrs Munday declared personal interests in 10a, Recreation Hall as members of the Management Committee.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2013

291 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Munday, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2013 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

292 No matters were raised.

5 PLANNING**a Applications**

293 i **MC/13/2479:** Buckhole Farm, Cooling Road: Variation of condition

After discussion, it was agreed the following response be made:

High Halstow Parish Council has no objection to this application in principle but asks that a condition is imposed limiting use to private use with no commercial activity.

294 ii **MC/13/2809:** 71 The Street: Construction of a two storey side extension incorporating

garage (demolition of existing garage); single storey front extension; single storey rear extension (demolition of existing conservatory)

No objection

- 295 **iii** **MC/13/2370:** 30 Christmas Lane: Construction of a detached building to rear for use as a games room

No objection

- 296 **iv** **MC/13/2741** Land adjacent to Bellwood Cottages, Ratcliffe Highway, Hoo St Werburgh: Variation of condition 1 to allow for a minor material amendment to planning permission MC/11/2579 to alter the elevations of the buildings with the insertion of additional openings and the extension of the hardstanding area to the southwestern end of the buildings and
MC/13/2742: Application to remove condition 14 (hours of operation) of planning permission MC/08/1121

After discussion, it was agreed to comment as follows:

High Halstow Parish Council objects to these applications on the grounds of planning policies BNE1, BNE2, BNE5 and BNE25.

The parish Council also supports the objections and reasons for objection from Cllr Lionel Pearce, chairman of Hoo St Werburgh parish Council; Mr and Mrs Warren, residents of Hoo st Werburgh who live close to the site and High Halstow residents Matthew Crozer, Mr and Mrs Allsopp and Mr Osenton.

It is noted that although representations on these applications have been made, the website states that the application has merely been registered at this stage. However, the parish Council asks that at the appropriate stage, these applications are determined by the Planning Committee of Medway Council.

- 299 **c** **Decisions**

The decision as listed on Appendix A was received.

- 300 **d** **Appeals and Other Matters**

None.

- 301 **e** **Licensing Applications**

None.

6 **FINANCE**

- 302 **a** **Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

- 303 **b** **Payments made since the Last Meeting**

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

304 c **Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr ~~Lea~~ ^{NEW MUNDAY} and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100605-100613).

7 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

305 None.

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

a **Recreation Ground**

306 i. General Matters. It was reported that a cat had been killed on the field and a member of the public had dealt with it. The all-weather path was flooded at the Christmas Lane end.

307 ii. Fence by all-weather path. This had been repaired.

308 iii. Football. The Clerk was asked to remind the football club to clear up after they had used the pitch.

309 b **Play Park and Outdoor Gym**

Nothing to report

310 d **Allotments**

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that the allotments were being kept tidy and there was one person on the waiting list.

311 e **Forge Common**

Cllr Collins asked when Turfsoil were going to cut back the hedges. He would ask Mike Waller for advice about the ragwort. The memorial bench was now installed.

f **Village Grounds Maintenance**

312 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.

313 ii. The Clerk had reviewed the job specification and cutting the churchyard was now included. The tender documents for the 2014/15 contract were in preparation and would shortly be going out, with a closing date of 31st December. A query as to responsibility of the verge in Forge Lane was made.

9 **HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

314 a **Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

315 b **Street Cleaning**

Nothing to report

316 c Tree Warden

Cllr Collins reported that 3 trees had blown over on the Recreation Ground and he would deal with them.

317 d Bus Shelters

The electric box at the Heronsbank bus shelter could be removed by Medway Council at a cost of £489. It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed this be accepted. It was reported there would be consultation about putting bus stop markings in the road at this location.

10 HALLS

318 a Recreation Hall

Cllr Thomas reported £30,000 had been repaid to the Council. The Healthchecks had been very successful. The next one would be held on 7th December. Fundraising for phase 3 had started. £90 had been raised at the Saturday market. The surgery would reopen on 14th November.

319 b Memorial Hall

Cllr Collins reported that the ladies' toilet had been refurbished, as had the shed.

11 YOUTH

320 a Youth Club

Cllr Mrs Munday had nothing to report.

321 b Youth Provision

Cllr Mrs Watson asked that the skateboard facility be kept on the agenda and that when the precept was received in April, consideration be given to installing 1 item of equipment.

12 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

322 a Representative's Report

No meeting.

13 KALC/MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE

323 a Representatives' Report

No meeting.

14 POLICE LIAISON

324 a Police Liaison Representative's Report

Cllr Andrews had nothing to report.

15 COMMUNICATION

325 a Surgery

Cllr Mrs Watson reported there had been a complaint about overflowing dog bins again. It was not known how often they should be emptied and the Clerk would be asked to find out as this was becoming a regular problem. The issue of cars parking on pavements had been raised and an article would be put in High Halstow Times. She also reported that Medway Council had visited the building plot in Eden Road. They were contacting the owner and would inform the Parish Council of the outcome. Medway Council would also cut back a horse chestnut tree in Medway Avenue if necessary. The fir trees on left hand side of the alley to Forge Common from Northwood Avenue needed cutting back and the neighbours should seek an enforcement order from Medway Council.

326 b High Halstow Times

It was reported that "Village Voices" contained some interesting articles and it had been suggested that these be incorporated in High Halstow Times. A discussion followed but no decision was taken.

327 c Web Site

Nothing to report.

16 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

328 a Project 90

It was noted that more volunteers would be welcome..

329 c Centenary of First World War

There was some discussion about an event, which would be considered for inclusion in the following year's budget.

17 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

330 It was reported the school would be taking part in the Christmas tree festival.

18 RELIEF IN NEED

331 Noting to report.

19 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S

332 £73 is being received monthly in subscriptions. The Friends have paid for pointing of the church.

20 UNREGISTERED LAND

333 Ongoing.

21 PARISH PLAN

334 Nothing to report.

22 CONSULTATION

335 a Southend Airport Consultation – Letter from Royal Aero Club

It was reported that all parish councils on the Peninsula were objecting. Cllr Crozer would extract salient points from the Royal Aero Club's letter, referencing High Halstow.

23 CORRESPONDENCE

336 None.

24 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

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

25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS


338 a Broadband

Cllr Thomas reported that the Kent/Medway project would be phased for 6th April 2014 to September 2015 at the earliest. Medway Council might be able to help with increased capacity at the school and it might be possible to run a cable to the Recreation Hall.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the public session.

No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked the councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.45 pm

Signed.....Chairman

On the8...day ofJanuary.....2014

