

HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2015 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 8.00 pm**

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| 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 | Mrs Margaret Church | Payroll Clerk |
| | 5 members of the public | |

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

445 All present.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS

446 Cllrs Thomas and Mrs Munday declared potential conflicts of interest in item 7a, grant application from the Recreation Hall and personal interests in item 10a, Recreation Hall, as members of the Management Committee.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2015447 It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2015 be signed as a true record, subject to the following amendment:

Item 18 minute 2014/15/438: delete "an auction and a boot fair"

4 MATTERS ARISING

448 None.

5 PLANNING**a Applications**449 i **MC/15/0575:** 10 Thames Avenue: Construction of a two storey rear extension, ground floor element coming out on the side to join garage; new flat roof over garage

High Halstow Parish Council has no objection in principle to this application. The Parish Council would however draw the planning authority's attention to concerns from the neighbour at 12 Thames Avenue, as his garage shares a roof with the garage of no 10 and it is believed asbestos is present in this roof.

450 b Decisions

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.

451 c Appeals and Other Matters

None.

452 d Licensing Applications

None.

6 FINANCE

453 a Bank Balances

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

454 b Cheques Signed since the Last Meeting

None.

455 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 100745 – 100752), with the addition of £490, Cousins Print and Design (cheque 100753).

456 d Payroll Clerk

Cllr Crozer made a presentation of a garden gift voucher to Mrs Church, thanking her for all she had done both for the Council and the village over many years. Mrs Church replied that she had enjoyed working for the Council and that she would continue to attend the Quiz Nights.

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

457 a Recreation Hall

As Chairman of the Hall Committee, Cllr Thomas explained that in order to complete the works to the hall, £30,000 was needed over and above the hall's own contribution. He asked that the budgeted grants of £10,000 for 2014/15 and 2015/16 be released and that the Parish Council make an additional grant of £10,000. After discussion, the Chairman suspended the meeting to enable members to make a site visit.

The Chairman then re-convened the meeting. Some further discussion took place and

Cllr Thomas proposed that a grant of £30,000 be made. This was seconded by Cllr Collins and on a vote being taken the motion was carried by 8 votes for, none against and 1 abstention. The grant made under S 19 of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976.

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

a Recreation Ground

- 458 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.
- 459 ii. Signage. Cllr Williams said the new sign would be put up.
- 460 iii. Gate from Car Park. Cllr Collins reported the quote from Meopham Fencing was for £315. Centrewire had not had anything appropriate. He proposed the quotation from Meopham Fencing be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed.
- 461 iv. Car Park Marking. Cllr Thomas said he was waiting until Medway Council had decided about the pedestrian crossing.

462 **b Recreation Ground Equipment**

Nothing to report.

463 **c Football**

Cllr Williams said he had received reports about bad language and had spoken to the manager and captain. The Clerk would contact the Football Club.

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464 **e Allotments**

Cllr Mrs Watson said there were still 4 people on the waiting list.

465 **e Forge Common**

Cllr Collins reported that one load of chippings had been spread at the entrances.

466 **f Village Grounds Maintenance**

The Clerk had reminded Turfsoil about the replacement of the missing tree in Valentine Drive.

467 **g Notice Boards**

The notice board in Christmas Lane had been damaged and Nathan Hall was dealing with it.

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

a Public Rights of Way

- 468 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.
- 469 ii. Path from Recreation Ground to Ruggles Close. Ongoing.
- 470 iii. Old part of Christmas Lane. Ongoing.

b Street Cleaning

- 471 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.
472 ii. Dog Bins. Cllr Thomas had nothing to report.
473 iii. Dux Court Road. Cllr Crozer asked that Medway Council litter pick Dux Court Road.

474 **c Tree Warden**

Nothing to report.

475 **d The Street**

Cllr Thomas reported that nothing further had been heard from Medway Council.

10 HALLS

476 **a Recreation Hall**

- i. General Matters. Cllr Thomas reported that various fund raising events were being planned.
ii. Medical Practice. The Practice Manager had been invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

477 **b Memorial Hall**

No meeting.

11 YOUTH

478 **a Youth Club**

Nothing to report.

12 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

479 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Collins said the next meeting was the following week. The open meeting for all parish councillors and clerks had been cancelled as the speaker had withdrawn.

13 KALC MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE

480 No meeting.

14 POLICE LIAISON

481 **a Police Liaison Representative's Report**

Cllr Andrews said there had been no meeting. He reported that there had been nuisance motor bikes in the village.

15 COMMUNICATION

482 **a Councillors' Surgery**

Cllrs Mrs Watson and Jerreat had nothing to report.

483 **b High Halstow Times**

Nothing to report.

484 **c Web Site**

Cllr Thomas said the website was up to date.

16 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

485 It was agreed refreshments be provided at a cost of up to £100.

17 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

486 Nothing to report.

18 RELIEF IN NEED

487 Nothing to report.

19 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S

488 Cllr Thomas reported that a cake festival would be held during March and the AGM would be held in May.

20 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

489 Cllr Mrs Watson had nothing to report.

21 CONSULTATION

490 No documents received.

22 CORRESPONDENCE

491 None.

23 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

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

24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

493 No matters were raised.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Mrs Smith asked about the forthcoming parish elections and the Clerk explained the process.

It was reported that cars were racing on the Ratcliffe Highway at the entrance to Flanders Farm.

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

SignedChairman

On theday of2015