

**HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2016 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 Bill Khatkar  
 Cllr Carl Mitchell  
 Cllr Mrs Christine Watson  
 Cllr Brian Williams

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 3 members of the public

**Item no** *Action point*

Minute no 2015/16/

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

299 An apology for absence was received from

Cllr Gary Jerreat Family reasons

It was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson and agreed this apology be accepted.

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

300 None.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2015**

301 It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 be signed as a true record, subject to the following amendments:

C/11/15/6d minute 2015/16/266: 1<sup>st</sup> sentence delete "29<sup>th</sup>" and substitute "28<sup>th</sup>". 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence delete "and no minutes were available".

C/11/15/10a minute 2015/16/282: Insert "the Parish Council" between "would like" and "to put up".

**4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2015**

302 a **C/10/15/6 MINUTE 2015/16/209: Defibrillator**

Cllr Crozer reported that the defibrillator had been purchased but needed a post.

**5 PLANNING**

**a Applications**

- 303 **i MC/15/4417:** Land at 32 Christmas Lane: Demolition of the existing garage site and the construction of a 4no bedroom detached house with integral single garage and associated parking

No objection

- 304 **ii MC/15/4470:** 32 Willowbank Drive: Construction of a single storey rear extension and additional side window to ground floor

No objection

- 305 **iii MC/15/4462:** 19 Cooling Road: Construction of a single storey side extension to form garage - demolition of existing garage

No objection.

306 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

**c Appeals and Other Matters**

307 **i Medway Local Plan**

Cllr Collins said there had been a presentation at the last Rural Liaison Committee meeting he had attended. It was indicated that an area at Buckhole Farm, land parallel with Longfield Avenue and the area from Half Moon Way along Christmas Lane to Sharnal Street could be zoned for housing. Also under consideration was land in Hoo from Bells Lane to Ropers Lane and Lodge Hill. The comments from Cllr Roy Freshwater were noted.

308 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

**6 FINANCE**

309 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

310 **b Payments made since the Last Meeting**

The payments made since the last meeting were ratified.

311 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Mitchell and agreed that the

accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100815-100819), with the addition of £118, Society of Local Council Clerks (100820).

## 7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

312 None.

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

### 313 a Recreation Ground

Cllr Collins said that the new trees would not arrive until March.

### b Playpark

314 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.

315 ii. Half Pipe. Cllr Mrs Watson had been in touch with Park Leisure and they would re-do the bolts and repair the concrete. She had no update on any noise amelioration. Cllr Crozer said he had provided their details to Mr Robertson.

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316 iii. RoSPA report. A quotation of £1,370 had been received from Park Leisure for new swing seats and chains, including the basket swing. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Watson, seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed this be accepted.

### 317 c Allotments

Nothing to report.

### 318 d Forge Common

Nothing to report.

### 319 e Village Grounds Maintenance

Nothing to report.

## 9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

### 320 a Public Rights of Way

Cllr Williams said he had reminded the Public Rights of Way Officer about the tarmacking of the path across the Recreation Ground. He also thought the all-weather path needed some attention and would investigate.

### 321 b Street Cleaning

Nothing to report.

### 322 c Tree Warden

Nothing to report.

**323 d School Crossing**

The comments of the Planning Committee had been forwarded to Highways following the site meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Nothing further had been heard and it was agreed to ask for an update.

**324 e Bus Shelters**

Cllr Williams reported the working party had held a site meeting with Rob Carmen of Medway Council and Mrs Aldrich. Preliminary results of the consultation, which finished on 1<sup>st</sup> February, were positive and most people preferred the "Eton" design. Volker Highways were Medway Council's contractors and would charge £879.28 for groundworks and installation. He proposed that the "Eton" design be purchased. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson and agreed by 5 votes for, none against and one abstention. He also proposed that Volker Highways be commissioned to install the shelter, This was seconded by Cllr Bailey and agreed.

**10 HALLS**

**325 a Recreation Hall**

Cllr Collins said that the hall committee was still seeking grants for phase 4. They needed £5,000.

**326 b Memorial Hall**

A letter had been received from the hall committee, asking the Parish Council to vacate the storage shed. Cllr Collins said he would ask the cricket club if they could store the spare fence posts.

**11 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**327 a Representative's Report**

Cllr Collins said he had raised the matter of a contingency plan for the Peninsula. He had been informed a document was in preparation and would go out to consultation when ready. An update had been given on rural broadband. The police had reported a problem on the Peninsula with off-road motorbikes and they had asked that these be reported to the 101 service.

**12 POLICE LIAISON**

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

Neither Cllr Andrews nor Cllr Khatkar had been able to attend the last meeting.

**13 KALC/MAC**

329 The next meeting was in February.

**14 COMMUNICATION****330 a Councillors' Surgery**

Cllr Mrs Watson said the Parish Council had been thanked for helping get the bus timetable restored, although the last bus from Strood was at 6.55 pm and there had been a comment that it should be later.

**331 b High Halstow Times**

Nothing to report.

**332 c Web Site**

The Clerk was asked to forward minutes to the webmaster.

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**15 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

333 Nothing to report.

**16 YOUTH****334 a Youth Club**

Cllr Mrs Watson said that the end of term disco before Christmas had gone well. The term had started again the previous evening.

**17 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

335 Cllr Mrs Watson had nothing to report.

**18 MEDICAL PRACTICE**

336 Cllr Crozer reported on his meeting with the Practice Manager. She had said there were no plans to reduce services but there was a shortage of doctors. Cllr Collins said he had heard that the practice's Hoo pharmacy might be removed; if so the practice would not be able to dispense from High Halstow.

**19 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S**

337 Nothing to report.

**20 RELIEF IN NEED**

338 Nothing to report.

**21 CONSULTATION**

339 No documents received.

**22 CORRESPONDENCE**

340 None.

**23           REPORTS & CIRCULARS**

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

**23           ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

342    **a       Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Cllr Collins said that some village groups wanted to celebrate the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in June. The item would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

343    **b       Medway Leisure Centres**

Cllr Andrews said that the hours of the leisure centres had been reduced and users had not been informed in advance.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Mr Brunt said that before Christmas he had read in the paper that The Street would be closed for the installation of a raised table, which had clearly not happened and he supposed it had been a mistake. He also said he had written to the Prime Minister about a super hospital he had designed for Lodge Hill. Copies had been sent to the MP and to Medway Council. The plans had been forwarded on to the health service and he had been asked to produce his plans for a meeting on Lodge Hill to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

The Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2016