

HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2016 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr Stuart Bailey	Vice-chairman
	Cllr Martin Andrews	
	Cllr Ray Collins	
	Cllr Gary Jerreat	
	Cllr Bill Khatkar	
	Cllr Carl Mitchell	
	Cllr Mrs Christine Watson	
	Cllr Brian Williams	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Cllr Roy Freshwater	Medway Council
	3 members of the public	

Item no *Action point*
Minute no 2015/16/

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

344 An apology for absence was received from

Cllr George Crozer Prior engagement

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

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS

345 Cllr Mitchell declared a possible conflict of interest in item 14b, High Halstow Times, as he worked for the company who printed the newsletter.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2016

346 It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2016 be signed as a true record, subject to the following amendments:

C/01/16/8b minute 2015/16/316: Final sentence insert "the quote for the swing seats only" after "agreed" and before "be accepted".

C/01/16/11a minute 2015/16/327: Add final sentence "A presentation was given on the local plan and there was a discussion about speed cameras on the A228 between Christmas Lane and Fenn Corner."

4 MATTERS ARISING

347 No matters were raised.

PLANNING

348 a **Applications**

None.

349 b **Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

c **Appeals and Other Matters**

350 i **Medway Local Plan**

AS Cllr Freshwater was present, the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow him to speak.

Cllr Freshwater said he would concentrate on housing. The target was 30,000 dwellings over 20 years but he believed the timeframe would speed up. The Hoo Peninsula was the largest area of greenfield land in Medway and developers would only build on brownfield sites if they received subsidies from the local authority. Developers were aware of all greenfield sites. Lodge Hill would be tested and residents should be prepared for an onslaught of developers.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Freshwater and reconvened the meeting. After discussion, it was agreed the Planning Committee be delegated to respond to the consultation, which closed on 29th February.

351 d **Licensing Applications**

None.

6 FINANCE

352 a **Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

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

The payment made since the last meeting was ratified.

354 c **Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mitchell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100822-100826).

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

355 None.

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

- 356 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.
- 357 ii. Trees. The trees were on order.
- 358 iii. All-weather path. Cllr Williams had spoken to a local contractor, V Sinclair who had quoted £720 to repair the worst section of path. Cllr Williams proposed this quote be accepted and if the repairs were of good standard, Mr Sinclair be asked to quote for the remainder of the path, which was currently passable. This was seconded by Cllr Jerreat. A lengthy discussion followed, during which it was suggested that it might be better to ask for a quote to do the entire length. It was pointed out that this would be over £1,000 and that 3 quotes would have to be obtained, which would delay making good the part that was constantly flooding in severe weather. Cllr Williams then asked if anyone was prepared to seek 3 quotes, to which there was no response. On the motion being put to a vote, it was carried by 6 votes in favour, none against and 2 abstentions.

b Playpark

- 359 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.
- 360 ii. Half Pipe. Park Leisure would be reminded they needed to repair a section of concrete on the half-pipe. *RB*
- 361 iii. RoSPA report. Cllr Williams said he and the Clerk would arrange to meet Park Leisure's installer on site. *BW, RB*

362 c Allotments

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that of the 2 spare allotments, the holder of plot 5a had taken on plot 5.

363 d Forge Common

Nothing to report.

364 e Village Grounds Maintenance

It was reported that plants from a garden in Longfield Avenue were over the pavement. This was not within the Parish Council's remit. Cllr Andrews said he knew the resident and would speak to her. Cllr Williams said that cars and vans were parking on the verge in The Street and the ground was getting churned up. Medway Council would be informed.

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**365 a Public Rights of Way**

Nothing to report.

366 b Street Cleaning

Nothing to report.

367 c **Tree Warden**

Nothing to report.

368 d **School Crossing**

The pedestrian crossing had been due to start on 1st February and the contractors had been on site. However the school had been uncooperative in allowing pedestrian use for children of the Harrison Drive gate and the school traffic in the car park had also made matters difficult so the work would now be carried out in the #Easter holidays.

369 e **Bus Shelters**

Cllr Williams had been sent acceptance forms for the groundworks and shelter and the Clerk was asked to complete and return them. Cllr Williams would co-ordinate the contractors.

370 f **A228 Contingency Plan**

Cllr Collins reported on a proposed A228 contingency plan for the Peninsula. There would be permanent diversion signs that would be used by the police if parts of the road were blocked and Peninsula Way could be used for an "Operation Stack" for HGVs. The military road would be used if the road was blocked between the Four Elms and Hoo roundabouts.

10 HALLS371 a **Recreation Hall**

Cllr Collins said that the hall committee was still trying to raise funds for phase 4 of the refurbishment. A new fitness class had started up.

372 b **Memorial Hall**

Cllr Collins reported that no meeting had been held. Cllr Andrews would liaise with Cllr Crozer over a post to install the defibrillator in the hall garden, It was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed that if Cllr Andrews's post proved unsuitable, a post be purchased up to a cost of £200.

11 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE373 a **Representative's Report**

Cllr Collins said the next meeting was in March.

12 POLICE LIAISON374 a **Police Liaison Representative's Report**

No meeting had been held.

13 KALC/MAC

375 The next meeting was in February.

14 COMMUNICATION

376 **a Councillors' Surgery**

Cllr Mrs Watson said a resident of the house next to the all-weather path had said a fence erected in the past had been put in the wrong place and she wished to replace it on the correct boundary line. There had also been a report of people walking over crops on Solomon's Farm.

377 **b High Halstow Times**

Cllr Mitchell referred to a letter about a lady exercising a dog while riding a bicycle. This had prompted a response that the lady's husband went running and that she was a dog trainer and followed on her bicycle.

378 **c Web Site**

The Webmaster had said that everything was up to date.

15 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

379 **a Event for Queen's 90th Birthday**

An event was being planned by a committee of residents for Saturday 11th June. They had asked that at least one councillor go on the committee and it was agreed Cllr Collins would join. The event would be held on the Recreation ground from 1 – 9pm. It was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson and agreed the Parish Council sponsor the event up to £2,000.

16 YOUTH

380 **a Youth Club**

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that the Youth Club had celebrated pancake Day.

17 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

381 Cllr Mrs Watson had attended a meeting of the School Council. They had voted on activities for their charities and had decided on a pyjama day, teachers got talent and a dog themed day.

18 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S

382 In Cllr Crozer's absence, there was no report.

19 RELIEF IN NEED

383 Nothing to report.

20 CONSULTATION

384 No documents received.

22 CORRESPONDENCE

385 None.

23 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

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

23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

387 **a Lower Thames Crossing**

Cllr Collins asked that the Lower Thames Crossing be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

388 **b Motor bikes**

Cllr Andrews said that he had observed motor bikes being ridden on the open space opposite Gypsy Way being taken into a house in Christmas Lane.

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 9.40 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2016