

HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2016 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 Bill Khatkar
 Cllr Mrs Christine Watson
 Cllr Brian Williams

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 4 members of the public

Item no *Action point*

Minute no 2015/16/

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

389 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Carl Mitchell On holiday
 Cllr Stuart Bailey At work

It was proposed by Cllr Crozer, seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed these apologies be accepted.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS

390 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2016

391 It was proposed by Cllr Collinss, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2016 be signed as a true record, subject to the following amendments:

Add Cllr Gary Jerreat to the list of those present.

C/02/16/8a(iii) minute 2015/16/358: Insert before final sentence: "Cllr Williams asked if anyone was prepared to seek 3 quotations, to which there was no reponse."

C/02/17 minute 2015/16/381: second sentence to read "They had voted on activities for their charities and had decided on a pyjama day, Teachers' Got Talent and a dog-themed day."

4 MATTERS ARISING

392 No matters were raised.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

- 393 **i MC/16/0828:** 16 Willowbank Drive: Construction of a single storey front extension

No objection.

394 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

c Appeals and Other Matters

395 **i Medway Local Plan**

Cllr Collins said there was to be a presentation at the next meeting of the Rural Liaison Committee and he would be attending.

396 **ii Lower Thames Crossing**

Cllr Collins asked for the item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

397 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

6 FINANCE

398 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

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

None

400 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100828-100834), with the addition of £342, Cousins Print & Design (cheque 100835).

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

401 None.

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

a Recreation Ground

- 402 **i** General Matters. Nothing to report.

- 403 ii. All weather path. The order as agreed at the last meeting would now be placed.
- 404 iii. Litter bin. The litter bin next to the playpark entrance had been vandalised and it was agreed a replacement bin be ordered.
- 405 iv. Trees. The trees were on order.
- 406 v. Cricket fence. Cllr Collins said he would speak to David Lapthorn about the damage to the fence round the cricket pitch.

b Playpark

- 407 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.
- 408 ii. Half Pipe. Park Leisure would be reminded they needed to repair a section of concrete on the half-pipe. *RB*
- 409 iii. RoSPA report. Cllr Williams said he and the Clerk had met Park Leisure's installer on site and were waiting for the quotation.

c Allotments

Cllr Mrs Watson had nothing to report.

d Forge Common

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

e Village Grounds Maintenance

Nothing to report.

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

a Public Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

b Street Cleaning

It was reported the dog waste bins needed emptying.

c Tree Warden

Nothing to report.

d Pedestrian Crossing, The Street

The pedestrian crossing would now be installed immediately after Easter.

e Bus Shelters

Cllr Williams had had a meeting with Volker Highways and Medway Council and the works would take place during the week beginning 21st March.

418 **f** **Flytipping**

Cllr Collins reported that the dumped tyres had been removed.

419 **g** **Sharnal Street**

Cllr Williams reported that the turning point at the end of Sharnal Street had become a gathering point for young people and that there was an accumulation of litter and also a dumped car.

10 **HALLS**

420 **a** **Recreation Hall**

Cllr Collins reported on a meeting with the builders for phase 4. They requested a section of the car park. He reported on discussions about the defibrillator with Cllrs Andrews and Bailey and it was now suggested it be installed on the Recreation Hall close to the Doctors' surgery. This would be agreeable to the Recreation Hall Committee and was agreed.

421 **b** **Memorial Hall**

Cllr Collins reported that no meeting had been held. He said that the shed had to be cleared out, in order to return it to the Memorial Hall Committee at the end of the month. It was agreed a working party be formed of Cllrs Crozer, Collins and Williams to see if it would be possible to move the contents to the street cleaners' garage and to deal with the matter.

11 **RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

422 **a** **Representative's Report**

Cllr Collins said the next meeting would be held on 15th March and would be the annual open meeting.

12 **POLICE LIAISON**

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

Cllr Andrews complained he was still not being notified of meetings. Cllr Crozer asked if he could bring up the issue of youths congregating when possible.

13 **KALC/MAC**

424 No report.

14 **COMMUNICATION**

425 **a** **Councillors' Surgery**

Cllr Mrs Watson said a resident had fallen over in Harrison Drive and asked if pressure could be put on Medway Council to do something about the pavement.

426 **b High Halstow Times**
In Cllr Mitchell's absence, there was no report.

427 **c Web Site**
Nothing to report.

15 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

428 **a Event for Queen's 90th Birthday**
Cllr Collins reported the organising group had met and had put a plan together. They were aiming to get more stalls. One event would be a children's party. There was a discussion over the request to have pony rides and the group was advised to check the inquirer's insurance.

16 YOUTH

429 **a Youth Club**
As Mrs Peek was present, the Chairman suspended the meeting to enable her to speak.

Mrs Peek said that they were having a Sport Relief evening and would be having an Easter themed evening on 22nd March. The Club would be celebrating its 23rd birthday on 19th April and councillors were invited to attend. The AGM would be held on 24th May.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Peek and reconvened the meeting.

17 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

430 Cllr Mrs Watson gave an update on the meeting of the School Council. They would be having a pyjama day on 21st March. The staff had not been keen on the proposed "Teachers' Got Talent" event and this would not be taking place. The idea of a dog themed day was under investigation. An event sponsored by the NSPCC would be confirmed. There would be a Governors' day on 17th, PTA cake sale on 18th March and the Fair would be on 21st May. The Clerk had won second prize in the school lottery, the first parish council winner.

18 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S

431 Cllr Crozer reported a cake festival would be held the forthcoming weekend.

19 RELIEF IN NEED

432 In Cllr Bailey's absence, there was no report.

20 CONSULTATION

433 No documents received.

21 CORRESPONDENCE

434 None.

22 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

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

23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

436 **a Clean for the Queen**

CLlr Collins asked that the initiative be mentioned in the next issue of High Halstow Times.

437 **b New Buildings on Ratcliffe Highway**

CLlr Andrews said he had received a few comments about the new buildings on the Ratcliffe Highway.

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 9.35 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2016