

HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2017 IN
THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr George Crozer	Chairman
	Cllr Martin Andrews	
	Cllr Mrs Linda Atkinson	
	Cllr Ray Collins	
	Cllr Gary Jerreat	
	Cllr Bill Khatkar	
	Cllr Mrs Christine Watson	
	Cllr Brian Williams	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Mr Gary Thomas	Webmaster
	17 members of the public	

Item No		Action Point
Minute No 2016/17/		
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
385	An apology for absence was received from Cllr Carl Mitchell	At work
	It was proposed by Cllr Crozer, seconded by Cllr Jerreat and agreed this apology be accepted.	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (DPI, conflicts of interest and personal) and alterations to the Register.	
386	None.	
3	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2017	
387	It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 th February 2016 be signed as a true record.	
4	MATTERS ARISING	
388	None.	
5	MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2017	
389	It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Atkinson and agreed the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 27 th February 2017 be signed as a true record.	

6 MOBILE FOOD VANS

390 Letters had been received from 3 traders asking if they could park their vans in the car park.

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow the traders and members of the public to speak.

Various points were raised both in favour and against the proposal. The majority were against allowing the vans to park in the car park.

The Chairman thanked the traders and members of the public for their views and reconvened the meeting.

After a lengthy discussion, Cllr Williams proposed that the traders be allowed to use the car park. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Atkinson. On a vote being taken, the motion was lost by 2 votes in favour, 5 against and 1 abstention.

7 PLANNING

391 **a Applications**

392 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received

c Appeals and Other Matters

393 **i Local Plan Consultation**

It was reported that the deadline for comments had been extended to 10th April as further information would be forthcoming.

394 **ii Traders' Signs**

Cllr Crozer said that traders were putting signs on the streets and it was suggested the enforcement officer should be informed. It was agreed to contact the traders first.

8 FINANCE

395 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

396 **b Payments made since Last Meeting**

None.

397 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Jerreat and agreed the accounts for

payment as listed on Appendix B be paid (cheques 100919 – 100922), with the addition of £115.38, Volker Highways (cheque 100923).

9 GRANT APPLICATIONS

398 a Kent Air Ambulance

It was proposed by Cllr Khatkar, seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed a grant of £250 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 100924).

10 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

399 a Public Conveniences

The Clerk reported that Medway Council had said it would pay the Parish Council the annual rate of £5250pa apportioned in respect of the period between the surrender of the lease and 31st March 2018. Nothing would be payable if the lease were surrendered after 1st April 2018. The surrender of the lease was discussed at length. It was agreed unanimously that Medway Council be informed that the toilets should remain open and that the Parish Council would not agree with surrender of the lease.

b Recreation Ground

400 i General Matters

Nothing to report.

401 ii WWI Commemorative Trees

Cllr Mrs Watson said had spoken to the Headteacher about the idea of the children writing poems and this would be put to the children after the Easter break. The Headteacher had asked about prizes and had suggested W H Smith vouchers.

402 iii Mini Youth Games Cricket

The mini youth games cricket would take place on Thursday 25th May.

c Playpark

403 i General Matters

Nothing to report.

404 ii Cantilever Swing

The Clerk explained the difficulties of sourcing a replacement and installation. It was agreed she should proceed with a budget of up to £1,200.

405 d Car Park

In Cllr Mitchell's absence, there was no report.

406 e **Allotments**

Cllr Mrs Atkinson had nothing to report.

407 e **Forge Common**

Cllr Collins said he had not heard from the tree surgeons and the Clerk was asked to remind them.

408 e **Village Grounds Maintenance**

It was agreed the Clerk write to the Environmental Health Officer about the trampoline in Valentine Drive.

11 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

409 a **Public Rights of Way**

Nothing to report.

410 b **Street Cleaning**

Nothing to report.

411 c **Bus Shelters**

Cllr Williams reported that he was waiting for the permit about the electricity before the shelters could be ordered.

412 d **Tree Warden's Report**

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

413 e **Parking on Pavements**

Cllr Andrews reported that the van which parked on the pavement in Half Moon Way had returned.

12 HALLS

414 a **Recreation Hall**

Cllr Collins said the hall had been booked for a wedding and children's parties.

415 b **Memorial Hall**

No meeting.

13 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

416 Cllr Collins reported on the last meeting. The Police Chief Inspector had said that they were undergoing a structure change with a change of emphasis. There would still be

PCSOs on the Peninsula. The police had lost a grant of £31,000 and it was suggested this could be made up by donations from parishes and businesses, but other parishes were not interested. There was a spread of drugs and gang violence out of London. There had been a presentation by the Campaign for Real Ale. A rural coffee caravan would tour round in association with Hoo Cares. Last year it had been reported that the contingency plan for the A228 was being dropped and that they were seeking funding for the next financial year. It had been reported that building could now take place on Capstone Park.

14 POLICE LIAISON

417 No meeting.

15 KALC/MAC

418 Cllr Mrs Atkinson reported on the last meeting. Parish reports included vandalism to the recently completed work at the Brook in Hoo, the school in Grain that had been damaged by fire would be rebuilt and open again in September and there was a new vicar in Cliffe. Chris Fribbins had given a report on a Heritage Lottery fund bid for projects on the Peninsula.

16 COMMUNICATION

419 **a Surgery**

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that a resident had expressed her appreciation of the tarmac path across the Recreation Ground.

420 **b High Halstow Times**

In Cllr Mitchell's absence, there was no report.

421 **c Website**

It was understood from the Webmaster that the wi-fi would shortly be back in the Recreation Hall.

17 YOUTH

422 **a Youth Club**

It was understood from Mrs Peek that the Youth Club leaders were still struggling to get volunteers who could be there when the club opened at 7 o'clock.

18 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

423 Cllr Mrs Watson said that when she had met the Headteacher she had asked about a bike track and had replied it would be looked at the following year.

19 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S

424 Nothing to report.

20 RELIEF IN NEED

425 It was reported that the Heron Awards would be run again.

21 CONSULTATION

426 No documents received.

20 CORRESPONDENCE

427 None received

21 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

429 a Motor Bikes

Cllr Andrews said he had spoken to the rider of a motor bike on the green in front of Gypsy Way and the rider had apologised.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the public session.

No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public and reconvened the meeting.

23 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

430 It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson and agreed the press and public be excluded from the following item on the grounds the first concerned a legal matter and the second concerned named members of staff.

24 BOUNDARY DISPUTE WITH "WINDY RIDGE"

431 Cllr Crozer reported on the latest position and steps being taken.

25 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

432 Cllr Jerreat said that the Personnel Committee had met.

The Chairman thanked councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 10.15 pm.

SignedChairman

On theday of2017