

HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2013 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 8.00 pm

PRESENT: Cllr George Crozer
Cllr Stuart Bailey From item 5
Cllr Ray Collins
Cllr Josh Gordon
Cllr Mrs Lesley Munday
Cllr Gary Thomas
Cllr Mrs Chris Watson

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 1 members of the public

Item no *Action point*
Minute no 2012/13/

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

314 An apology for late arrival was received from Cllr Bailey.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

315 Cllrs Thomas and Mrs Munday declared personal interests in item 10a, Recreation Hall, as members of the Management Committee. Cllrs Bailey and Mrs Munday declared personal interests in item 19, Relief in Need as trustees.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2012

316 It was proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2012 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

317 No matters were raised.

5 PLANNING

318 **a Applications**

None

319 **Out of Time**

None.

320 **c Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

321 **d Appeals and Other Matters**

None.

322 **e Licensing Applications**

None.

6 FINANCE

323 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

324 **b Cheques Signed since the Last Meeting**

The cheques signed since the last meeting as listed on the agenda were ratified.

325 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Mrs Munday and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100509-100513), with the addition of £40, High Halstow Recreation Hall (cheque 100514).

326 **d Budget 2013/14**

Cllr Thomas tabled a draft budget as recommended by the Finance committee. It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Gordon and agreed this be adopted.

327 **e Precept 2013/14**

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson and agreed the precept for the year to 31 March 2014 be £40,000.

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

328 **a St Margaret's PCC**

The churchwardens had made an application for a grant towards the re-laying of the path. This would cost £3,365. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Gordon and agreed the full amount be granted, subject to sight of the accounts. The grant made under S137 of the LGA 1972, to be ratified at the next meeting.

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

a Recreation Ground

329 i. General matters. Nothing to report.

330 ii. Cricket fence. Cllr Collins had informed the Clerk of the sequence of events and she would now be able to write to Chris Dockwray. Cllr Collins said more concrete posts were required.

331 **b Play Park**

Cllr Mrs Watson had received a quotation of £1,100 to repair the closures on the gates.

It was agreed they would be inspected as part of Project 90.

332 **c Outdoor Gym**

Nothing to report.

333 **d Allotments**

Cllr Mrs Watson had circulated draft terms of agreement. She proposed these be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Gordon and agreed unanimously.

334 **e Forge Common**

Nothing to report.

335 **f Village Grounds Maintenance**

Nothing to report.

336 **g Skatepark**

Nothing to report.

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

337 **a Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Collins said the public footpaths were in a poor state due to recent weather conditions.

338 **b Street Cleaning**

Nothing to report.

339 **c Tree Warden**

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

340 **d Bus Shelters**

Cllr Thomas reported that Medway Council had offered two bus shelters that were being moved from Halling. He proposed that one was installed immediately in Eden Road to replace the existing shelter and that the other would be stored for the time being. He also proposed that a request be made for a path to the bus stop in Christmas Lane in front of Cardigan Close. This course of action was agreed.

10 HALLS

341 **a Recreation Hall**

Cllr Thomas reported on the recent committee meeting. The farmers market would be re-branded as the Village Market. The architect was about to go out to tender for phase 2. The works for phase 2 would take about 12 weeks. The committee had agreed there would be no increase in hire charges until the building works were finished.

342 **b Memorial Hall**

No meeting.

11 YOUTH

343 Cllr Mrs Munday said that the Club would be 20 years old in April.

12 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

344 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Collins reported on the last meeting. Presentations had been given by English Heritage on the Hoo Peninsula; Stephen Gaimster on the Community Infrastructure Levy and Roy Smith on the Youth Service. The police had made a report and Cllr Collins had raised the issue of speeding on the A228. The matter of late night buses had also been raised.

13 KALC/MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE

345 **a Representatives' Report**

Cllr Bailey had nothing to report.

14 POLICE LIAISON

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

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

15 COMMUNICATION

347 **a Surgery**

Cllr Mrs Watson said there had been 2 surgeries since the last meeting. Matters raised had included speeding outside the halls and there had been a request for a traffic priority sign outside the shop. Cllr Thomas commented that this had been raised with Highways in the past but now there was a new shop, the matter could perhaps be re-assessed. Cllr Mrs Watson said there had also been a question about dog bins at Forge Common.

348 **b High Halstow Times**

Prices were awaited from the printer.

349 **c Web Site**

Nothing to report.

16 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

350 **a Project 90**

The next Project 90 would be held the following Saturday.

17 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

351 Cllr Gordon said there was some talk of asking for the verge to be made wider behind the traffic fence.

18 RELIEF IN NEED

352 Nothing to report.

19 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET’S

353 Cllr Thomas reported the first fund raising event had been held, the Christmas Tree Festival. Including Santa’s visit, over £1,000 had been raised already. They were in the process of setting up a bank account and of registering as a charity, then they would recruit friends. They had asked the Parochial Church Council to give them a list of targets, both short and long term. Ideas that were being explored were a concert, Bonfire Night fireworks and a flower festival. A second Christmas Tree Festival would be held on 14th December 2013. A website had been set up: www.thefriendsofstmargarets.org.uk.

20 CONSULTATION

354 No documents received.

21 CORRESPONDENCE

355 None.

22 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

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

23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

357 a MTS Tankers, Willowbank Drive

Cllr Thomas had noticed MTS tankers in Willowbank Drive and asked if anyone knew about it. Cllr Mrs Munday said they had not been there that day.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the public session.

Mrs Aldrich said that where the Parish Council wanted a path in front of Cardigan Close houses to the bus stop, she had noticed that the grass had been dug up and then the hole filled in. No-one knew why and now it was just mud.

The Chairman thanked councillors and the member of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2013