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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2018 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 7.30PM

In Attendance

Cllr Crozer – Chair

Cllr Watson – Vice Chair

Cllr Williams

Cllr Collins

Cllr O’Hanlon

Cllr Jerreat

Cllr Andrews

Cllr Khatkar

Cat Bloomfield - Clerk

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Atkinson

Cllr Andrews

2 Declarations of Interest

None

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th September 2018 - attached

Agreed

4 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda

None

5 Planning – Appendix A

*RC, LA,
GJ*

a Applications

MC/18/2813 - Cllr Collins has tried to speak to the residents but they have not been available. Proposing No objection.

Parking Restrictions Willowbank, Harrison, And Longfield – it was proposed by Cllr Crozer and seconded by Cllr Khatkar that The Clerk will write to Medway Council to inform them that The Parish Council are not against the parking restrictions as long as this is in line with the local resident’s views.

b Decisions

NA

c Appeals and Other Matters

NA

- d Neighbourhood Plan
Policies and Objectives are being reviewed.
The Application for funding will be submitted this month.
- E Local Plan
Next Consultation is in November. At a recent Planning meeting said that there was a plan for the peninsula - the access to the peninsula was the main issue – there has been a suggestion that a dedicated bus lane will be added to the central reservation of four elms hill which would run every ten minutes or so. Discussions are still in process regarding road and rail access to the peninsula with no firm plans or solutions in place at the moment.
- 6 Finance – Appendix B *CB*
- a Bank balances
Agreed
- b Payments made since last meeting
Agreed
- c Accounts for payment
Agreed
It is proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Khatkar and agreed that we pay Sinclair’s Ltd for the work completed on the playpark – the quote was agreed at the September meeting.
- 7 Grant Applications
None
- 8 Management of the Council’s land and property
Safety pack is now in storage for use as and when it is needed.
- a Recreation Ground *CW, BW*
i. General matters
None
- b Playpark *CW, BW*
i. General matters
None
- c Allotments *LA*
Cllr Collins proposes that the council accept the quote to remove the three cherry trees that have been complained about at the allotments are removed. This is seconded by Cllr Watson and agreed.
- d Forge Common *RC*
None
- e Village grounds maintenance *CB*
None
- f “Home of the Heron” signs and quotes regarding new posts *GC*
Cllr Crozer has retrieved a quote for replacement posts - £26 per post.
Cllr Crozer will inspect all of the signs to see how many need to be replaced.
- g Placement of Original WI Signs *RC*
Cllr O’Hanlon and Cllr Atkinson have retrieved quotes – In principle Cllr O’Hanlon proposes and Cllr Watson seconds that the Natural signs company will be instructed to make the village signs with cream writing on oak posts.

	At a cost of £310. This will be subject to a budget meeting. The motion is a greed – Cllr Collins Abstained from voting dependent on budget availability.	
	h Abbey Estate Grass Cutting update	CB
	Gavin Jones has stated that this is a seasonal issue and that the weeds will be cut back. He is not expecting this to be an issue through the winter months.	
9	Highways & Transport	
	a Public Rights of Way	RC, M'OH
	i. Parking restrictions at the end of Harrison drive/ Willowbank Drive/ Longfield Road	
	Completed under Planning	
	- ROW improvement plan – All our footpaths in High Halstow need to be surveyed – volunteers are needed.	
	One of the improvements will be to add a carpark and enhance the access to the Thames.	
	b Street Cleaning	CB
	i. General Matters	
	Staff is back to a full complement after sickness.	
	c Tree Warden's report	RC
	Nothing	
	d Bus shelters	BW CB
	i. Insurance Claim Update	
	Arriva are saying that they believe that the bus stop was positioned in the wrong place. Ongoing matter.	
10	Halls	
	a Recreation Hall	GC
	Main hall has been redecorated, Motown night is a sell-out, still spaces for the swing evening.	
	b Memorial Hall	RC
	There is a tea and coffee event in the memorial hall on remembrance day 11/11/18 with memorabilia from the war. 10am - 2pm	
11	Rural Liaison Committee	RC
	None	
12	Police Matters	MA, BK
	a Police Liaison report	MA
	None	
13	KALC/MAC	BW, LA
	None	
14	Communication	
	a Surgery	CW/GJ
	Complaints regarding	
	Litter by the vets in Christmas lane	
	When will the winning Poem be put up in the memorial hall	
	Green Party have presented a challenge to Medway Council regarding the local plan and the new housing framework that has been written by central government.	
	b High Halstow Times	LA
	None	

	c	Websites	LA
		None	
15		Youth	CW
	a	Youth Club	
		22 children attending each week, there are 6 helpers plus a young man who is completing the duke of Edinburgh award he will be working with them for the next three months. The club will be open for the half term with Halloween activities.	
16		High Halstow Primary School	CW
		New school reps have been elected.	
		Their Golden Rules/ School values are	
		Be Honest	
		Be respectful	
		Be Responsible	
		Be Kind and Courteous	
		Be Hardworking and Ambitious	
		This morning they have decided that they will fundraise for British Heart Foundation, Dogs Trust and My Shining Star – Cancer charity for children.	
		Houses being built in the village – the children have asked if they can put their views forward on what they would like to see in the village.	
17		Friends of St Margaret’s	GC
		Armistice concert on the 9 th of November, the church is going to be decorated by the knitting group with poppies the church will be open the week before.	
18		Relief in Need	CP
		Chris Peak – bursary’s have been paid to those students that have successfully applied.	
		The next AGM there does not need to be a rep elected due to RIN terms of office.	
19		Consultation	CB
		None	
20		Correspondence	CB
		A request for opinion regarding the street names in the new development at Walnut Tree Close have been submitted.	
		The council are happy for Medway council to decide.	
21		Reports and Circulars	CB
		None	
22		Tennis Provision within the village	BW

Cllr Khatkar proposes that an advertisement is placed in the High Halstow times and that the village is asked for feedback regarding sports facilities. They will have until the end of January to respond. This is seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed.

23 Standing Orders

GC/LA

- i. Reviewed Version including corrections and updates

NOTICE OF MOTION Cllr Collins proposes adoption at the November meeting – this is seconded by Cllr Khatkar and Agreed. This will include the code of conduct.

24 Remembrance Wreath

Cllr Collins Proposes that up to £25 is spent on a remembrance wreath – this is seconded by Cllr Khatkar and agreed.

25 Any other urgent business at the Chairman’s discretion

No motions may be proposed nor decisions taken under this item

BK – Email – regarding the local planning meeting –

BW – When does the lease run out for the toilets and how much money do we need to maintain it?

PUBLIC SESSION

Matters raised by the public may be placed on the agenda for the next or a future meeting

Resolution to exclude the press and public

Deangate – Medway council have confirmed that they are still the freeholder and they have confirmed that it has not been sold.

On the recreation ground there was an electric scooter – there are signs saying that there should not be any motorised vehicles on the recreation ground.

26 Boundary dispute

Cllr Crozer proposes that we write to the individual and say that the council would accept £1200, this is seconded by Cllr O’Hanlon and agreed. Cllr Watson abstained from voting.

27 Personnel

Committee meeting needs to be arranged before the next meeting.

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Signed by Cllr Crozer
Chairman

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Date

