

**ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2011 IN THE FUNCTION ROOM, THE FENN BELL INN, FENN STREET AT 7.00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Bill Budd Chairman  
 Cllr Paul Hassell  
 Cllr Mrs Carol Heyburn

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 3 members of the public

<b>Item</b>	<i>Action point</i>
<i>Minute number</i>	
<i>2010/11/</i>	

**1 APOLOGIES**

119 An apology for absence was received from

Cllr Bill Khatkar Away from home

An apology for absence was also received from Medway Cllr Tony Watson and from Mrs Ann Stanbrook, Footpaths Officer.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER**

120 None.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2011**

121 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Heyburn, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2011 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

122 No matters were raised.

**5 VACANCY**

123 The vacancy remained.

**6 PLANNING**

**a Applications**

124 **i MC/11/3018:** Fenn Farm, Fenn Street: Removal of condition 5 of consent ME/95/0164

After discussion it was agreed to object on grounds of lack of good reason.

125 **b Decisions**

The decision as listed on Appendix A was received.

126 **c Appeals and Other Matters**

None.

127 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

**7 FINANCE**

128 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on appendix A were noted.

129 **b Cheques Signed Since the Last Meeting**

The cheque signed since the last meeting as listed on Appendix A was ratified.

130 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix A be approved (cheques 100750-100754).

131 **d Budget 2012/13**

The draft budget for 2012/13 was discussed. The amount for property maintenance was reduced to £1000. It was then proposed by Cllr Mrs Heyburn, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed the budget for 2012/13 be adopted.

132 **e Precept 2012/13**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Mrs Heyburn and agreed the precept for 2012/13 be £6,000.

**8 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

133 **a Victim Support**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed that a grant of £25 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972.

134 **b Kent BTCV**

No grant made.

**9 AMENITY COMMITTEE**

135 **a Footpath Officer's Report**

It was reported that Mrs Stanbrook had resigned as her husband's job was relocating abroad. A vote of thanks was proposed. The Chairman would personally thank her before she moved.

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136      **b      Nature Reserve**

Cllr Hassell reported that the winter programme of work was in hand.

137      **c      Pond**

The work to the trees would be done at the beginning of January.

**10                      RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

138      **a      Representative's Report**

The last meeting had had a speaker about the Lodge Hill development and there had been a report about plans to close Halling Fire Station.

**b      Rural Liaison Grant Projects**

139              i              Bird boxes. Ongoing.

**11                      KAPC/MAC**

140      **a      Representatives' Report**

Cllr Mrs Heyburn reported that the speaker at the last meeting had been Chris Buckwell on life as an immigration judge, which had been amusing and informative.

**12                      POLICE MATTERS**

141      **a      Police Liaison Committee representative's report**

Cllr Hassell said he had been unable to attend the last meeting.

**13                      HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

143      **b      Fenn Corner**

It was believed this had not been handed over by the contractors.

144      **b      Ratcliffe Highway at St Mary's Cottages**

It was reported that the residents identified at the previous meeting had been consulted.

145      **c      Clarke's Coaches**

There continued to be complaints about the speed of the commuter coaches.

**14                      COMMUNICATIONS**

146      **a      Allhallows' Life**

Cllr Hassell apologised that due to family problems he had not been able to get a previous issue out and that the last issue had been left on the doorstep and had been soaked by heavy rain.

The Clerk reported that Allhallows Parish Council wanted to change the printing company. It would be cheaper but the delivery would be made to one address only by courier and the St Mary Hoo copies would not be separated. Cllr Budd said if he was contacted when the delivery had been made, he would collect and arrange delivery.

147      **b      Website**

Cllr Mrs Heyburn said she would appreciate more about the local history on the site.

**15                      CONSULTATION**

148                      No documents received.

**16                      CORRESPONDENCE**

149                      None.

**17                      REPORTS AND CIRCULARS**

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

**18                      DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

151                      Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.30 pm

**19                      ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

152                      No matters were raised.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman invited members of the public present to speak.

Mrs Stanney had several issues she wished to raise. She was unhappy the noticeboard by St Mary's Cottages had been removed because one resident had complained. She was assured that it had been removed on safety grounds and that when removed, it was found to be falling apart. She complained about the tree works by the pond and the replacement of the wooden fence by bollards and metal poles. She said that a 300 year old hedgerow had been pulled out in the area with conservation status and replaced with ranch-style fencing. She had informed enforcement, but they had been unable to see what all the fuss was about. Mrs Stanney said there were too many caravans on Fenn Meadow. Cllr Budd informed her that he understood that Shepherd Neame would be putting in a planning application.

Mr Windsor referred to the planned highway works at St Mary's Cottages and said that near his house it was ten times worse. There were bad sight lines on the S bend and it was impossible to see what was coming and traffic took the bends too fast.

The Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2012