

**ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10 JANUARY 2008 IN THE FUNCTION ROOM, THE FENN BELL, FENN STREET AT 7.00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Bill Budd Chairman  
 Cllr Bob Beckey  
 Cllr Paul Hassell  
 Cllr Mrs Kit Johnson  
 Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance PCSO Julie Burrows  
 PCSO Balraj Somal

**Item** *Action point*  
*Minute number*  
 2007/8/

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

134 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Khatkar, who had a prior engagement. It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Beckey and agreed this apology be accepted.

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

135 None.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2007**

136 It was proposed by Cllr Beckey, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2007 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

137 No matters were raised

As PCSOs Julie Burrows and Balraj Somal were in attendance, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda.

**13 POLICE MATTERS****138 a Police Liaison Committee representative's report**

Cllr Mrs Johnson had nothing to report.

**139 b PCSO Report**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow the PCSOs to speak.

PCSO Julie Burrows introduced herself and her colleague PCSO Balraj Somal. She covered Isle of Grain, Stoke and Allhallows and PCSO Somal covered Hoo St Werburgh and High Halstow, although he concentrated on High Halstow. She

confirmed that St Mary Hoo came under her jurisdiction but they worked together. The dedicated police officer was WPC Ann Jeffrey. The police liaison meeting scheduled for February would be held in March.

The Chairman thanked PCSOs Burrows and Somal and reconvened the meeting.

**5 PLANNING**

**a Applications**

- 140 **i MC2007/2264:** Land north east of Kingsnorth Industrial Estate, Kingsnorth, Hoo St Werburgh: Outline application for the construction of a business park development for light industrial, general industrial and storage and distribution uses (B1C, B2 and B8) with associated landscaping, ecology, parking and servicing areas and access and improvements to Ropers Lane and Stoke Road

This application had been received on CD and could not be considered at the meeting due to lack of facilities for viewing the disk. The Clerk was delegated to formulate a response after councillors had been able to view the application. *RB*

141 **b Decisions**

None notified

142 **c Appeals and Other Matters**

None.

143 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

**6 FINANCE**

144 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on appendix A were noted.

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

None

146 **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.

**7 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

147 **a Kent Air Ambulance**

It was proposed by Cllr Beckey, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed a grant of £25 be made to Kent Air Ambulance Trust under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 100638).

**8 AMENITY COMMITTEE**

**148 a Conservation Area**

Nothing to report

**149 b Pond**

Cllr Beckey reported on the site meeting of the Amenity Committee and Mrs Jill Kingsford, Pond Warden for Higham. After discussion it was agreed that all tree work must be done by a qualified tree surgeon and the Clerk was instructed to ask Simon Laverock to proceed with an amended plan as recommended by the Amenity Committee. Cllr Beckey said that the volunteers would be clearing part of the pond surrounds in the near future. They had been told they must have the correct safety clothing and an invoice would be received in due course. BTCV were arranging some courses and it was agreed all wardens attend the appropriate courses at a cost of £15 per course.

*RB*

**150 c Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 December**

Received.

**9 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

151 Nothing to report

**10 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**152 a Representative's Report**

No meeting.

**153 b Rural Liaison Grant Projects**

i Tree work. On-going

**11 KAPC/MAC**

**154 a Representatives' Report**

Cllr Budd would not be able to attend the next meeting and asked Cllr Hassell to substitute for him.

**12 BIFFA LIAISON GROUP**

155 No meeting.

**14 COMMUNICATIONS**

**156 a Quarterly Newsletter**

Cllr Mrs Johnson said she had not received copies of the Winter issue to distribute. These had been posted before Christmas. Cllr Hassell had received his copies but late. The Clerk would reprint for Cllr Mrs Johnson.

157      **b      Website**

Nothing to report.

**15                      DR CHRIS RIGBY**

158                      It was reported that Dr Rigby, a former Chairman of the Council, had died on New Year’s Eve while on holiday visiting family in Australia. It was agreed the Clerk should write a letter of condolence to Mrs Rigby and also ask to which charity the family would like a donation made in Dr Rigby’s memory.

**16                      CONSULTATION**

159                      No documents had been received.

**17                      CORRESPONDENCE**

160      **a      Groundwork**

It was agreed an officer from Groundwork be invited to look at the Conservation Area.

**18                      REPORTS AND CIRCULARS**

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

**19                      DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

162                      Monday 24 March in the Function Room, Fenn Bell.

**20                      ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

163                      No matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2008