

ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2014 IN THE FUNCTION ROOM, THE FENN BELL, FENN STREET AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr Bill Budd	Chairman
	Cllr Terry Ballard	
	Cllr Paul Hassell	
	Cllr Mrs Carol Heyburn	
	Cllr Mrs Pat Kelly	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Mr Mike Windsor	Footpaths Officer
	Cllr Phil Filmer	Medway Council
	Mr Andy McGrath	Medway Council

Item		<i>Action point</i>
<i>Minute number</i>		
<i>2013/14 /</i>		

1 APOLOGIES

143 All present.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

144 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2013

145 It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Heyburn and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2013 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

146 No matters were raised.

As the Footpaths Officer and Cllr Filmer were present, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda.

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**147 a Footpath Officer's Report**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable the Footpaths Officer give his report.

Mr Windsor said he had been out over Christmas and the paths were muddy.

The Chairman thanked Mr Windsor and re-convened the meeting. The Clerk reported that Christoph Bull would be leading a New Year's Eve walk on Wednesday 31st December 2014.

148 **b Ditch Drainage**

The Chairman reported on a site meeting with Jason Molloy of Medway Council. He had said he could put certain remedial actions in place as soon as possible, but more funds would be available in the next financial year and other works could be included at that point.

149 **c Speed Limits**

The speed limit orders were out for consultation.

150 **d Fenn Corner Roundabout**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable Cllr Filmer and Mr McGrath speak on items 9d, e and f.

Cllr Filmer started by saying he would look at the water and drainage problems. He knew the roundabout was visually unattractive. The Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture was investigating either sponsorship or allocation of S 106 money to pay for a scheme to enhance its appearance. Cllr Mrs Heyburn spoke about drivers “drifting” round the roundabout and Mr McGrath said he would look into it.

151 **e Biffa Site Entrance**

Cllr Budd said he had shown the area to Jason Molloy and some possibilities had been discussed. Cllr Filmer and Mr McGrath said they would speak to Biffa.

152 **f Post Box at Fenn Corner**

Cllr Ballard explained the situation and the impasse with Royal Mail. It was agreed that replacing the box by the Fenn Bell rather than outside Fenn House Farm was safer for both the public and Royal Mail staff. Cllr Filmer and Mr McGrath would follow this up.

Cllr Filmer also said that he had asked Mark Reckless MP to find out whether the Fenn Corner area would be included in the new faster broadband when rolled out onto the Peninsula, as rumours indicated that these houses and the small industrial estate would be left out.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Filmer and Mr McGrath for their attendance and re-convened the meeting.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

153 **i MC/14/0021: Icris House, Ratcliffe Highway: Construction of a single storey rear extension (demolition of existing conservatory)**

No objection

154 **Out of Time**

The response to the out of time application as listed on Appendix A was ratified

155 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on appendix A were noted.

156 **c Appeals and Other Matters**

None

157 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

6 FINANCE

158 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on appendix B were noted.

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

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Ballard and agreed the cheques (100863 - 100865) signed since the last meeting be ratified.

160 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Ballard and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be approved (cheques 100866 -100867).

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

160 None.

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY

161 **a Nature Reserve**

The weather had been too wet for the contractor to lay the path. Cllr Hassell described the water running off the field and it was agreed to obtain a quotation for a French drain..

162 **b Pond and Green**

Cllr Hassell had met Darren Summerfield on site and they had discussed the willows again. Cllr Hassell recommended that three were felled and the remaining willow be pollarded. The loss of the trees would open up the pond. Cllr Budd reported on the overflowing of the pond. He had shown the problem to Mr Molloy that afternoon and a solution by extending the ditch on the other side of the road had been discussed, but this would mean running a drain under the road. An indication was given by Cllr Filmer that he would investigate.

10 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

163 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Budd reported on the last meeting. The police were being called out to Bourne

Leisure and were trying to work with their management. They were targeting traffic at dispersal zones at the Medway City Estate and by Homeleigh Farm Shop. Presentations had been given on broadband and by North Kent Downs Countryside Trust.

b Rural Liaison Grant Projects

- 164 i. Bird boxes. It was agreed not to pursue this project for the current year.
165 ii. Path. This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.
166 iii. Nature Reserve Drain. It was agreed to add this to the projects.

11 KALC/MAC

167 a Representatives' Report

No meeting.

12 POLICE MATTERS

168 a Police Liaison Committee representative's report

Cllr Hassell reported on the last meeting. Tina Fursey was the new PCSO. Cllr Hassell had mentioned the "drifting" and the PCSO would make a report. The police were making enquiries about the flytipping in Hopper's Lane. The next meeting was on 4th March.

13 COMMUNICATIONS

169 a Magazine

Cllr Budd said he would write an article for the next issue.

170 b Website

Nothing to report.

14 CONSULTATION

171 No documents received.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

172 Letter from Rev Stephen Gwilt

A letter had been received from the Rector about a heritage trail to commemorate World War I, with an invitation to join in. After discussion, no councillor was prepared to put himself forward and the letter was received,

16 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

173 Complete Moling

Cllr Budd said he had written to Complete Moling about the intensity of their lighting and use of digger, including weekends, which he found intrusive. He was waiting for a reply.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.52 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2014