

ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2015 IN HIGH HALSTOW
MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Bill Budd Chairman
 Cllr Terry Ballard
 Cllr Paul Hassell
 Cllr Mrs Carol Heyburn
 Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

Item *Action point*

Minute number
2014/15/

1 APOLOGIES

138 An apology for absence due to illness was received from Cllr Mrs Pat Kelly and was accepted. An apology for absence was also received from Cllr Phil Filmer, Medway Council.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

139 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2014

140 It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Heyburn and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2014 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

141 **a C/11/14/17b minute 2014/15/137: Identity Badges**

Cllr Budd had contacted a company and badges would be £6.95 each. It was agreed to proceed.

5 PLANNING

142 **a Applications**

None.

143 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on appendix A were noted.

c Appeals and Other Matters

144 **i The Grange, Ratcliffe Highway**

Cllr Budd reported on a meeting with the owner, which had also been attended by

Cllr Ballard and the Clerk. His proposals had been discussed and they had been shown round the property. Cllr Budd tabled the drawings, which had yet to be submitted to the local planning authority. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Ballard, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed a response of no objection be sent when the planning application was made.

145 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

6 FINANCE

146 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

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

It was proposed by Cllr Ballard, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed the cheques (100906 – 100907) signed since the last meeting be ratified.

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

148 None.

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY

149 **a Nature Reserve**

Cllr Hassell reported that the path and entrance was finished. The next step was to ask the tree surgeons to clear as in the management plan. The Clerk reported that National Grid provided community assistance and they would be able to plant snowdrops and bluebells. The contact was a High Halstow parish councillor.

150 **b Pond and Green**

Cllr Hassell reported that he and Cllr Budd had inspected the pond. Mr Summerfield was concerned that if the water became too high, it would go under his floorboards. They had discussed a 50mm pipe to go under the road, which would cost £500. Mr Summerfield offered to find out more and contact Cllrs Hassell and Budd. The bench would need cleaning and varnishing and the tarmac path needed the moss removed. Cllr Budd had had a meeting with a fire officer and the hydrants had been inspected. The one by the pond had been cleared. There was a hydrant in Newlands Farm Road that needed a connection.

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

151 **a Fenn Corner**

Cllr Hassell described an incident in the early hours of the previous Saturday where a car had gone along the barrier and crashed into an electricity pole. The incident had been attended by an ambulance and the police. UK Power Networks had

installed a new pole in Cllr Hassell's garden. Cllr Budd had contacted Medway Council and Bryan Shawyer had said chevrons would be put up. It was agreed to ask for a site visit with the road safety engineer. Cllr Mrs Heyburn reported that 3 cars had been "drifting" again and had nearly crashed into an HGV.

152 **b Water outside Ashgrove**

Water was lying on the road outside Ashgrove. A photograph had been put on Facebook. Cllr Filmer and the Highways Manager had been contacted and some works had been done.

153 **c Footpaths Officer**

Cllr Budd said that Martin Botney had not come back to him.

10 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

154 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Budd reported on the last meeting. Sgt Leppard had suggested calling 101 to report "drifting". High Halstow had raised the matter of an emergency plan for the Peninsula but it appeared there was none. There was an issue in some areas with picking up undelivered mail, people in Allhallows, Grain and Stoke could go to Stoke Post Office, whereas residents of St Mary Hoo and High Halstow had to go to Rochester. The Monitoring Officer had given a presentation on interests.

b Rural Liaison Grant Projects

155 i. Path. Completed.

156 ii. Commemorative Tree. Cllr Hassell would speak to Mr Summerfield about the soldier. It was agreed a rowan be planted. *PH*

11 KALC/MAC

157 **a Representatives' Report**

Neither Cllr Ballard nor Cllr Mrs Heyburn had been able to attend the meeting.

12 POLICE MATTERS

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

Cllr Hassell reported that no police representative had attended the meeting. There was nothing to report.

13 COMMUNICATIONS

159 **a Magazine**

Cllr Budd would write a report for the next issue. *BB*

160 **b Website**

Nothing to report.

14 CONSULTATION

161 No documents received.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

162 None.

16 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

164 **a Floodlighting on Industrial Estate**

Cllr Budd said he had mentioned to Complete Moling and Cliffe Motors that they could put their lighting on a timer. He had also spoken to the landlord of the Fenn Bell Inn, who would turn his lights off after 11 pm and put them on a timer.

The Chairman thanked councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 9.37 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2015