

ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2016 IN THE FENN BELL INN, FENN STREET, ST MARY HOO at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Bill Budd Chairman
 Cllr Paul Hassell
 Cllr Mrs Carol Heyburn
 Cllr Mrs Pat Kelly

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

Mr Clive Stanley Webmaster
 1 member of the public

Item		<i>Action point</i>
Minute number 2015/16/ 1	APOLOGIES	
130	An apology for absence was received from Cllr Terry Ballard indisposed	
	It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed that this apology be accepted by the Council.	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
131	None.	
3	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2015	
132	It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 29 th September 2015 be signed as a true record.	
4	MATTERS ARISING	
133	None.	
5	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2015	
134	It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 24 th November 2015 be signed as a true record.	
6	MATTERS ARISING	
135	None.	

7 PLANNING

a Applications

- 136 **i MC/15/4270:** Shakespeare Farm, Shakespeare Farm Road: Planning application for the retention of the existing landfill gas management compound and electricity generating station at Shakespeare Farm landfill site

No objection.

- 137 **ii Fenn Bell Inn, Fenn Street:** Planning application to be submitted to Medway Council for zoo, conservation centre and miniature railway.

This application had not yet been submitted to the Local Planning Authority. As the applicant was present, the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow him to speak.

Mr Cowell explained that Shepherd Neame would be submitting a retrospective application and there would be a further application for added matters. He would also be seeking a zoo licence. He had received over 400 emails of support. He had held an open meeting and there had been no objections but questions over parking had been asked. His further plans were to establish conservation for red squirrels with a captive breeding programme, planting for butterflies and other wildlife and he had been in touch with the Hedgehog Trust. One of the buildings would be used as a classroom. His plan had always been about keeping his hobby going. He would try to control numbers of visitors with a maximum of 200 at any one time.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cowell and reconvened the meeting. After discussion it was agreed that when the planning application was received, a response of no objection would be made.

138 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

139 **c Appeals and Other Matters**

No matters were raised.

140 **d Licensing**

None.

8 FINANCE

141 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

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

The cheques signed since the last meeting as listed in Appendix B were ratified.

143 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Heyburn and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid (cheques 100955 – 100959).

144 **d Budget 2016/17**

The Clerk ran through the figures in the draft budget. It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kelly and agreed the budget be adopted.

145 **e Precept 2016/17**

It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kelly and agreed the precept for the year to 31st March 2017 be £6,200.

146 **f Clerk's Membership of Society of Local Council Clerks**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed the Council pay the Clerk's subscription in respect of St Mary Hoo Parish Council, £65 (cheque 100962).

9 GRANT APPLICATIONS

147 None.

10 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY148 **a Nature Reserve**

It was reported that the brambles needed spraying.

149 **b Pond**

Cllr Hassell reported that the drainage pipe was working well.

150 **c Village Green**

Cllr Budd said he would investigate a solicitor to help register the land at the Land Registry. A quotation had been received from Turfsoil to cut the grass but it was thought there had been a misunderstanding about the area to be cut. More quotes would be obtained. Grass Roots would refurbish the bench.

11 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT151 **a Footpaths**

In the Footpath Officer's absence, there was no report.

152 **b St Mary's Cottages Road Safety Issues**

Due to time constraints, the Chairman had responded to a consultation about extra road safety measures at St Mary's Cottages and his response was ratified.

12 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

153 a Representative's Report

Cllr Budd reported on the last meeting. There had been a presentation on the local plan, which would be from 2016 – 2035. High Halstow had requested an extension of the speed cameras between Christmas Lane and Britannia Road, but this had been refused.

b Rural Liaison Grant Projects

- 154 i. Equipment storage. In Cllr Ballard's absence, there was no update.
- 155 ii. Bulb planting. Completed.
- 156 iii. Bird boxes. To be put up.

13 KALC/MAC

157 a Representative's Report

The next meeting was in February.

14 POLICE MATTERS

158 a Police Liaison Committee representative's report

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

15 COMMUNICATIONS

159 a Magazine

Cllr Budd said he continued to put parish reports in the magazine.

160 b Website

As the Webmaster was present, the Chairman suspended the meeting to enable him to speak.

Mr Stanley said that if any village events were planned, either the Clerk or he should be informed. He said that the website links to Village Voices only linked to a picture of the cover, not to the pages and he would discuss this with the Editor.

The Chairman thanked Mr Stanley and reconvened the meeting.

16 FENN STREET INDUSTRIAL AREA LIGHTING

161 Complaints had been received about the high level of intensity and intrusive lighting at the Fenn Street Industrial Estate. Enforcement would be informed.

17 CONSULTATION

162 No documents received.

18 CORRESPONDENCE

163 None.

19 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

164 None received.

20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

165 No matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm

Signed.....Chairman

On theday of2016