

ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2017 IN THE PARISH ROOM, FRINDSBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT 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 Clive Stanley Webmaster
 1 member of the public

Item *Action point*

Minute number
 2016/17/

1 APOLOGIES

104 All parish councillors present. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Phil Filmer, Medway Council and from Mr Martin Botley, Footpaths Officer.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

105 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2016

106 It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Ballard and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2016 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

107 No matters were raised.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

108 **i MC/16/4924:** Cliff Auto Repairs, Fenn Street: Details pursuant to conditions 4, 5, 6 and 7 on planning permission MC/16/2817 - Construction of a single storey detached building for use as auto repairs and demolition of existing building

No objection

109 **b Decisions**

The decision as listed on Appendix A was noted.

c Appeals and Other Matters

110 **i Medway Local Plan**

Councillors were asked to look at the plan on the Medway Council website. The deadline for comments was 5pm on Monday 6th March. Cllr Budd explained that there were four options: development in the urban areas; “suburban” – adding onto existing villages; rural focus – extending the villages on the Peninsula; making Hoo into a small town.

6 FINANCE

111 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

112 **b Payments Made Since the Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Ballard and agreed the payments made since the last meeting as listed on Appendix B be ratified.

113 **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 101000 – 101003), with the addition of £39, Clive Stanley (cheque 101004).

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

114 None.

As Clive Stanley was present, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda.

13 COMMUNICATIONS

115 **b Website**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Mr Stanley to speak.

Mr Stanley said the website continued. He would be getting together with the Clerk for the annual review.

The Chairman thanked Mr Stanley and reconvened the meeting.

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY

116 **a Nature Reserve**

Cllr Hassell reported that the fence had been installed. Grass Roots had been tidying up. A quotation of £760 for a fence by the ditch had been received.

117 **b Pond and Village Green**

The Clerk would arrange a meeting with Mike Sankus of Medway Council and Laverock Tree Care to discuss work to the willows.

118 **c Noticeboard**

Cllr Budd said he had spoken to the landlord of the Fenn Bell Inn, who did not want to remove the board as it would mean repainting. He would move it if he obtained planning permission for additions to the building. A temporary board had been put up but it had subsequently been vandalised.

BB

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

119 **a Footpath Officer's Report**

It was reported that the Public Rights of Way officer had said that RS 25 had been legally only a footpath for at least the last 50 years. It could only be upgraded to a bridle path with the agreement of the landowner. The trees planted at the A228 end looked continuous and the PROW would cut these back if they impeded the footpath. The sign was temporary but was in the budget for replacement.

b Any Other Transport or Highways Issues

120 i. Meeting with Highways team. Cllr Budd said that the minutes of the meeting with Cllr Filmer and officers, together with a plan had been promised but not received. It was agreed to write to Cllr Filmer and complain.

10 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

121 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Budd reported on the meeting held in December. There had been presentations from the police, who had said they were on top of nuisance vehicles and from Hoo Cares. This was a project to help the lonely, those with disabilities and mobility problems. There was an initiative to reduce litter from take-away food outlets. The open meeting would be held on 7th March.

11 KALC/MAC

122 **a Representatives' Report**

The next meeting was in February.

12 POLICE MATTERS

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

Cllr Hassell said that there was a 24 hour guard on the LG power station. The extra police who helped cover the Peninsula would be withdrawn from the end of March.

13 COMMUNICATIONS

124 a Magazine

Cllr Budd had nothing to report

14 DATES AND VENUES OF MEETINGS

125 The next meeting, to be held on Tuesday 28th March, would be held in the Parish Room, Frindsbury Extra Memorial Hall at 6.15pm
The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held on Tuesday 30th May in High Halstow Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.
Meetings for the rest of 2017/18 would be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday 25th July
- Tuesday 26th September
- Tuesday 28th November
- Tuesday 30th January 2018
- Tuesday 27th March

The Clerk had been informed that the regular Tuesday booking for High Halstow Memorial Hall went up to April at present and she would try to book the hall for meetings.

15 CONSULTATION

126 No documents received.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

127 None.

17 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

129 No matters were raised.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs Stanney said that the hedge to the land belonging to the church had been removed and was full of rubbish.

The Chairman thanked councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 8.57 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2017