

ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 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 Bill Khatkar

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance Mr Andrew Laphorn Tree Warden

Item *Action point*

Minute number
 2007/8/

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

164 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Mrs Johnson, who was indisposed. It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Beckey and agreed this apology be accepted.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER

165 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2008

166 It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Khatkar and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2008 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

167 No matters were raised

As Andrew Laphorn was in attendance, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda.

8 AMENITY COMMITTEE

168 **a Conservation Area**

The Clerk would contact Groundwork to meet on site in the early summer.

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169 **b Pond**

Cllr Beckey reported that the Pond Wardens had attended the first course run by BTCV. No courses had yet been announced for the Tree Wardens. It was agreed they should attend any appropriate courses as they arose. Cllr Beckey reported on a weekend spent by volunteers clearing the area surrounding the pond. This had been a requirement of the pond report. They had met the tree surgeon on site and pruning of trees had been agreed. The issue of one tree and the British

Telecommunications cable remained. The next things to do were the fence and dredging. It was proposed to remove and replace the damaged posts and straighten the rest and then fit new steel tubing. It was also proposed to replace the remaining trellis fence with a similar post and rail fence but with wooden posts. Total costs would be in the region of £600. This would be funded from the rural liaison grant. Dredging could not be done until the autumn. Cllr Beckey outlined the difficulties of carrying out works at the correct time of year if agreement on expenditure could only be made every couple of months. Cllr Budd proposed that the Amenity Committee be given delegated powers to agree expenditure between Council meetings, subject to it being within the budget or the receipt of a specific committed grant. This was seconded by Cllr Khatkar and agreed. The Pond Wardens wanted to purchase a book at a cost of £17 and this was agreed.

170 **c Public Footpath**

The Clerk had sought a quotation from Turfsoil Ltd to treat the moss on the tarmac footpath by the churchyard wall. It was agreed that the quote should be e-mailed to members for agreement outside the meeting as it was a matter of Health and Safety.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

- 171 **i MC2008/0370:** 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 (alternative layout to MC2007/2264)

It was agreed this did not alter the Council's previous objection.

172 **b Decisions**

None notified

c Appeals and Other Matters

173 **i The Old Post Office**

It was reported that the lights had been removed and the wall would be reduced in height to 1m.

174 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

6 FINANCE

175 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on appendix A were noted.

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

None

177 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix A be approved, with the addition of £17 to Pond Conservation (cheque 100646).

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

178 **a RNLI**

Mrs Cynthia Rigby had nominated the RNLI as the charity for donations in memory of Dr Rigby. It was proposed by Cllr Beckey, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed a grant of £50 be made to the RNLI under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 100645).

9 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

179 Nothing to report.

10 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

180 **a Representative's Report**

No meeting.

181 **b Rural Liaison Grant Projects**

i Tree work. On-going

11 KAPC/MAC

182 **a Representatives' Report**

Cllr Hassell said that he had reported about the work to the pond. The speaker at the last meeting had been Nigel Whitburn of Action for Communities in Rural Kent.

12 BIFFA LIAISON GROUP

183 Cllr Khatkar said there were no problems and work was on target.

13 POLICE MATTERS

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

In Cllr Mrs Johnson's absence, there was no report.

14 COMMUNICATIONS

185 **a Quarterly Newsletter**

The next issue would advertise the Annual Parish Meeting and include “Pond Life”, the Pond Wardens’ newsletter.

186 **b Website**

Nothing to report.

15 CONSULTATION

187 **a NATS Proposed Changes to Airspace**

Received.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

188 None.

17 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

18 DATE AND VENUE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

190 Both meetings would be held on Wednesday 21 May in the Function Room, Fenn Bell.

19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

191 **a Concrete Blocks, A228**

A discussion took place about the unsightly nature of the concrete blocks placed by the Christmas Lane roundabout on the A228 at Sharnal Street to deter travellers. However, this was in High Halstow parish.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2008