

ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3 DECEMBER 2007 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 Mrs Kit Johnson
 Cllr Bill Khatkar

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 4 members of the public

Item	<i>Action point</i>
<i>Minute number</i>	
<i>2007/8/</i>	
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
<i>104</i>	All present.
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER
<i>105</i>	None.
3	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2007
<i>106</i>	It was proposed by Cllr Beckey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Johnson and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2007 be signed as a true record.
4	MATTERS ARISING
<i>107</i>	No matters were raised
5	PLANNING
	a Applications
	No applications had been received.
<i>108</i>	Out of Time
	The response to the out of time application as listed on Appendix A was ratified.
<i>109</i>	b Decisions
	The decision as listed on Appendix A was noted.
<i>110</i>	c Appeals and Other Matters
	None.

111 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

6 FINANCE

112 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on appendix A were noted.

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

None

114 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Beckey, seconded by Cllr Khatkar and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix A be approved.

115 **d Budget 2008/9**

The draft budget was discussed. After discussion, it was agreed the provision to specific reserves for the amenity areas be reduced to £1,000. With this amendment to the draft budget it was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed the budget be adopted.

116 **e Precept 2008/9**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Beckey and agreed the precept for 2008/9 be £3,750.

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

117 **a Victim Support**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Johnson, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed a grant of £50 be made to Victim Support under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 100633).

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

118 **a Conservation Area**

The reported she had so far been unsuccessful in finding someone who would be able to write a management plan.

119 **b Pond**

Cllr Beckey tabled a proposal he had received from residents living near the pond. As the residents were present, the Chairman suspended to meeting to allow them to speak and a general discussion to take place.

The residents explained their proposal and said they would be willing to volunteer to carry out much of the work themselves. They did not wish the willow trees to be pollarded as they felt this to be drastic and would affect their outlook. They were

willing to become BTCV Tree and Pond Wardens.

The Chairman thanked them for their representations and reconvened the meeting.

Cllr Beckey proposed that Andrew Laphorn, Alan Clarke and himself be appointed tree wardens and that Tim Weeden, James George and himself be appointed pond wardens. This was seconded by Cllr Khatkar and agreed. The Clerk would contact BTCV. Cllr Beckey proposed that an Amenity Committee be set up to manage the Council's land and property. He suggested the Committee be comprised of the Chairman *ex officio*, 3 councillors and one pond warden and one tree warden. It would be a formal committee of the Council and would be serviced by the Clerk. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Johnson and agreed. Membership would be Cllrs Beckey, Hassell and Mrs Johnson and Andrew Laphorn and Tim Weeden. It was agreed the first meeting would be held on Saturday 8 December at the pond. The Clerk reported that the Higham pond warden had visited the pond, but she had had no feedback.

120 **c Public Footpath by the Church**

The tarmac was covered in moss and was dangerous. The Clerk would seek quotes to get it cleared.

9 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

121 Nothing to report

10 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

122 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Beckey had not been able to attend the last meeting.

123 **b Rural Liaison Grant Projects**

i Tree work. On-going

11 KAPC/MAC

124 **a Representatives' Report**

Cllr Budd had not been able to attend the last meeting.

12 BIFFA LIAISON GROUP

125 Cllr Khatkar reported on the last meeting. They were still on schedule.

13 POLICE MATTERS

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

Cllr Mrs Johnson said there had been no meeting. It was thought that PCSO Bal Somal covered St Mary Hoo as well as High Halstow.

14 COMMUNICATIONS

127 **b Website**

Nothing to report.

128 **b Quarterly Newsletter**

The Clerk had produced an Autumn issue and would do a Winter issue following the meeting of the amenity committee the following Saturday.

15 CONSULTATION

129 No documents had been received.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

130 None

17 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

18 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

132 Monday 7 January in the Function Room, Fenn Bell.

19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

133 No matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2008