

St Mary Hoo Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 31 July 2018

In The Blue Room, The Village Hall, The Street, High Halstow at 7 :30 p.m.

C/09/18/1-10

Present : Cllr Bill Budd Chairman
 Cllr Mrs Pat Kelly
 Cllr Terry Ballard
 Cllr Paul Hassell
 Mrs Linda Atkinson Parish Clerk
 2 members of the public

Absent : Cllr Mrs Carol Heyburn

Agenda Item Number	Minute Number
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| 1 | 47 | <p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Cllr Carol Heyburn unable to attend due to a personal commitment and sent apologies.</p> |
| 2 | 48 | <p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None.</p> |
| 3 | 49 | <p>Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 May 2018</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Ballard and seconded by Cllr Mrs Kelly that the Minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 28 May 2018, be signed as a true record.</p> |
| 4 | 50 | <p>Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda</p> <p>None</p> |
| 5 | 51 | <p>Contract of Employment for Clerk – Appendix A</p> <p>As the Contract of Employment for the Clerk Mrs Linda Atkinson has been read and considered by all Councillors prior to the meeting, there were no issues with any wording within the Contract. It was proposed by Cllr Budd and seconded by Cllr Hassell that both Cllr Budd as Chairman and Mrs Linda Atkinson as Clerk sign the contract. The Clerk would take a copy of the Contract to keep for her own records.</p> |
| 6 | | <p>Planning – Appendix B</p> |
| A | 52 | <p>Applications
 MC/18/1639
 The Old Rectory, The Street, St Mary Hoo</p> <p>Application for replacement/alteration to windows to the eastern elevation, bricking up of a modern high level window and re-positioning of the main entrance door</p> <p>No objection</p> |

- 53 MC/18/1640**
The Old Rectory, The Street, St Mary Hoo
 Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to the ground and first floor to include the removal of some internal walls, the installation of a new staircase giving access between the floors of the house and removal of the existing staircase, replacement/alterations of windows to the eastern elevation, bricking up of a modern high level window and re-positioning of the main entrance door

No objection.

- 54 MC/18/1745**
Fenn House Farm, Fenn Street, St Mary Hoo ME3 8QT
 Cllr Budd confirmed that a comment had been made by letter to the Planning Department of Medway Council. As a Parish Council we are concerned regarding overdevelopment of the area. It has been agreed that there should not be any infilling with dwellings which may encourage other villagers to do the same.
 There were other objections made by villagers. However, it was agreed that Medway Council be informed that the land does not belong to Fenn House Farm but is land adjacent to it.

B Decisions

- 55 MC/18/1099**
2 Rose Cottages, St Mary Hoo ME3 8RL
 Construction of a porch to front – demolition to front.

No comment

- 56 MC/18/1197**
Horse Field (Rear of Forge Cottages)
Newlands Road, St Mary Hoo ME3 8RE
 Change of use of land from horse culture to residential incorporating the construction of a detached four bed single storey dwelling and detached garage incorporating annexe within the roof space

SMHPC had placed an objection on this application. The Medway Authority responded with a full refusal.

C Appeals and Other Matters – none at date of agenda

7 57 Finance – Appendix C

Bank balances

- A** The balances of the bank accounts were read and understood.
- B** Cheques for payments for account were prepared for signature.
- C** Accounts for payment were agreed.

It was proposed by Cllr Kelly and seconded by Cllr Hassell that these accounts be paid with the prepared cheques.

- 8** **58** **Grant Applications**
 It was noted that there were no grant applications
- 9** **Management of the Council’s Land and Property**
- A** **59** **Nature Reserve**
 Laverocks had been assigned to work on the Nature Reserve but they had not been in touch as of July. However, they did inform us that they would probably carry out the work in September 2018. *BB*
 Cllr Budd to contact Laverocks to ensure that they are scheduled to attend in September. Many of the trees require attendance. Cllr Budd to ensure that the work required is carried out
- B** **60** **Pond and Village Green**
 Both are looking good at present. *BB*
 Laverocks to be contacted about this task too. Next phase to be put to Medway Authority as previously agreed (We should not go out of the previously agreed envelope). As a Council need to place the next of the plan into force. Cllr Budd to discuss this with Laverocks when contacting them for the Nature Reserve issue.
- C** **61** **Noticeboards**
 The Noticeboards are yet to be refurbished. This will be done in due course when time and weather allows.
- 10** **62** **Management of Bell Wood – Appendix D**
 An email communication been received from Sally Carman requesting information on Bell Wood. *LA*
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 Mrs Palmer requested information on the owner of the land as this issue was becoming quite dangerous because the trees were growing out too near to the road. During the snowfall in the winter of 17/18 the trees had fallen over and blocked the road. This is now a serious matter. Having received the email Cllr Budd contacted Ward Councillor Filmer who then made enquiries with the relevant departments within Medway Council. It was confirmed by Louise Brown of Medway Council that the land is in fact owned by the Church Commissioners and therefore not the responsibility of the Council.
 It was decided that the Clerk Mrs Linda Atkinson contact Louise Brown confirming that there is an issue with the road and that this should be addressed. At the same time The Church Commissioners who own the road should be contacted and informed of the present dangers. Cllr Kelly to provide the Clerk with the contact details that she has to enable swift conclusion of the matter.
- 11** **Highways & Transport**
The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow the public to speak.
 Public spoke on the danger on the road due to speeding traffic. The traffic overtakes while resident is turning into her driveway. Complaint mainly

is that legal speed limit differs in different parts of the road. The road is also being used as a cut through to avoid the speed cameras on the main road to the Isle of Grain.

Councillor Budd confirmed that the SMHPC have been in constant correspondence with Highways Authority confirming concerns on the speed. There is now reduced speed limit to 30 miles an hour to some parts of the road.

Highways and Safety Department have been informed on many occasions that the speed limit requires enforcement

Highways Department have confirmed that the reason they are unable to supply speed cameras as there have not been any fatalities, and therefore the cost of the cameras were not warranted.

A traffic monitoring system run by volunteers was discussed in previous SMHPC meetings but were declined in a vote.

Chairman suggested that villagers write to Ward Councillor Phil Filmer to confirm their feelings as this may enforce how important it is

The Clerk Linda Atkinson to contact Ward Councillor Phil Filmer at the same time.

Councillor Budd thanked the public speakers for their contribution and reconvened the meeting.

A 63 Public Rights of Way

Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Adam Taylor (see Minute 65)

B 64 Any other transport or highways issues

No other highways issues.

12 Rural Liaison Committee

A 65 Councillor Budd discussed the Rights of Way Improvement Plan that Adam Taylor at Medway Authority is now putting in place a Rights of Way Improvement Plan. This will be a 10 year plan which will cover the whole of Medway. *BB*

Councillor Budd spoke at length to Mr Taylor after the meeting and arranged a meeting with him at Fenn Farm. He was concerned

They then went along to look at the site where there were issues before. It was clear to both Councillor Budd and Mr Taylor that no work had been done on it.

Footpaths are impassable. Councillor Budd requested that he be kept informed when the work would be carried out. As of today's date (31/07/18) there had been no news from Mr Taylor.

13 KALC/MAC

A 66 Representatives' report *CH*

Councillor Heywood was unable to attend.

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| 14 | 67 | Police Matters | |
| A | | Police Liaison Committee representative's report | PH |
| | | Was unable to attend. | |
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| 15 | | Communications | |
| | 68 | Magazine | |
| | | There was discussion on whether SMHPC should provide a Newsletter on a bi monthly basis. | BB |
| | | The cost is an issue with Councillors. | LA |
| | | It was decided that Councillor Budd would write an article for Village Voices. He would then check on the final wording of the article. | |
| | | It was also decided that the Clerk Mrs Linda Atkinson would prepare a draft of what a Newsletter might look like. | |
| | 69 | Website | |
| | | Nothing to report | |
| 16 | 70 | Consultation | |
| | | None. | |
| 17 | 71 | Correspondence | |
| | | None | |
| 18 | 72 | Reports and Circulars | |
| | | Clerks & Councils Direct | |
| | | None. | |
| 19 | 73 | Change of date for September meeting | |
| | | Discussion with regard to the Chairing of the September meeting. Councillor Budd will not be available and has apologised for his absence. Councillor Hassell confirmed that he would Chair the meeting. | |
| 20 | 74 | Any other urgent business at the Chairman's discretion | |
| | | Councillor Hassell has confirmed that the container has now been assembled and both Councillors are pleased with the result. | |

The Chairman thanks Councillors for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 21.07

Signed

Chairman

On the day of2018