

**ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 JULY 2012 IN THE  
FUNCTION ROOM, THE FENN BELL, FENN STREET AT 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Bill Budd Chairman  
 Cllr Bill Khatkar Vice-chairman  
 Cllr Paul Hassell  
 Cllr Mrs Carol Heyburn  
  
 Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

<b>Item</b>		<i>Action point</i>
<i>Minute number</i>		
<i>2012/13 /</i>		
<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
56	All present.	
<b>2</b>	<b>CODE OF CONDUCT</b>	
57	It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Khatkar and agreed the draft code of conduct as prepared by the Monitoring Officer be adopted, subject to its adoption by Medway Council on 26 <sup>th</sup> July. The Clerk reported that the Monitoring Officer had stated that the current dispensations for Cllrs Budd, Hassell and Heyburn would continue.	
<b>3</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2012</b>	
58	It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Heyburn, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2012 be signed as a true record.	
<b>4</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
59	No matters were raised.	
<b>5</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2012</b>	
60	It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Heyburn, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2012 be signed as a true record.	
<b>6</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
61	No matters were raised.	
<b>7</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>	
62	<b>a Applications</b>	
	None received.	
63	<b>b Decisions</b>	
	None received.	

64 **c Appeals and Other Matters**

None

65 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

**8 FINANCE**

66 **a Bank Balances and Bank Mandate**

The bank balances as listed on appendix A were noted.

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

It was proposed by Cllr Khatkar, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed the cheques signed since the last meeting be ratified.

68 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Khatkar and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix A be approved (cheques 100790-100792).

**9 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

69 None.

**10 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY**

70 **a Nature Reserve**

i. General matters. Cllr Hassell and Cllr Budd said they would do some cutting back. The rescued bird boxes would be stored and the RSPB would be contacted about more.

71 ii. Cllr Budd reported on a site visit and discussions with Steve Matthews representing GiFT-IT, a project on the Peninsula to do with green spaces.

72 **b Pond**

Cllr Budd said he had not inspected the pond since the meeting in June, but would shortly do so.

73 **c Seat**

A quotation of £324 had been received from Colyn Property Services to replace the seat and provide a concrete plinth to make mowing easier. It was agreed to accept this and Cllrs Budd and Hassell would liaise with Colyn Property Services.

74 **d Noticeboard, Rose Cottages**

A quotation of £259.85 had been received from Colyn Property Services to fit acrylic sheet on the doors and to clean and re-stain the noticeboard. It was agreed this quotation be accepted.

**11 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE****75 a Representative's Report**

Cllr Budd reported on the last meeting, hosted by Allhallows Parish Council. Presentations had been given by Martin Hall of Greening the Gateway, Thames and Medway on GiFT-IT and by Christine Evans of National Grid on their community fund. The police presence was provided by PCSOs Tabs MacGowan and Mandeep Clare and following representations by Hoo St Werburgh Parish Council, it had been agreed to write to the Chief Constable about the lack of visible policing.

**b Rural Liaison Grant Projects**

76 i. Bird boxes. More bird boxes had been discussed under item 10a(i).

**12 KALC/MAC****77 a Representatives' Report**

Cllr Mrs Heyburn reported on the last meeting, which had consisted of reports from the parish councils represented.

**13 POLICE MATTERS****78 a Police Liaison Committee representative's report**

Cllr Hassell reported that John Haddaway was one of the two people dealing with Neighbourhood Watch and it appeared he would not be able to continue with the group.

**14 COMMUNICATIONS****79 a Magazine**

Cllr Budd reported on a letter from the Chairman of Allhallows Parish Council, to which he had replied. He thought it was clear that Allhallows Parish Council did not want any collaboration. It was agreed that he write a brief article which would be placed in both Allhallows Life and High Halstow Times. Both would be circulated and the reaction of residents would be sought.

**80 b Website**

Nothing to report.

**15 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT****81 a Public Footpaths**

A "private land" notice discouraging walkers from using the public footpath at Bellwood Court had been put up. This had been reported to the Public Rights of Way officer who was investigating.

**82 b Hoppers Lane**

Water was coming from Mayson's View. Cllr Budd had had a look but it had been

raining and he would look again after dry weather.

**16 CONSULTATION**

83 None.

**17 CORRESPONDENCE**

84 None.

**18 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS**

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

**19 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

86 Tuesday 25 September in the Function Room, Fenn Bell at 7.30 pm.

**20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

87 **a Estuary Airport**

It was believed consultation about an airport in the Thames Estuary area had been deferred until the autumn.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2012