

ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 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
In attendance	Cllr Phil Filmer	Medway Council
	Mr Clive Stanley	Webmaster
	5 members of the public	

Item		<i>Action point</i>
<i>Minute number</i>		
2012/13 /		

1 APOLOGIES

88 All present.

2 CODE OF CONDUCT

89 The draft code of conduct adopted at the July meeting had now been adopted by Medway Council. It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Khatkar and agreed the code of conduct be ratified. Councillors were given disclosable pecuniary interest forms and had 28 days in which to return them direct to the Monitoring Officer. There were no other declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JULY 2012

90 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Heyburn, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2012 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

91 No matters were raised.

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

14 COMMUNICATIONS**92 b Website**

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

Mr Stanley said there was now a link to Allhallows' Life and he had added the Chairman's September report. He welcomed any new material about the village and photographs.

The Chairman thanked Mr Stanley and reconvened the meeting.

5 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**93 a Appointment of Footpaths Officer**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed that Mr Mike Windsor be appointed Footpaths Officer. He would contact Adam Taylor at Medway Council.

94 b Fenn Corner Roundabout

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Cllr Filmer and members of the public to speak.

Cllr Mrs Heyburn stated the area was untidy. Policing had changed and there were again problems with cars at night. Cllr Filmer promised to contact the police again over the issue. Cllr Hassell asked why the Armco was behind the lamp post and a resident said traffic was passing at speed and she felt she was being prevented from walking. Cllr Filmer raised the point that if the road had a lower speed limit, it would be difficult to police. He was assured that most people would respect a lower speed limit and that if there was an accident and a driver had been exceeding the speed limit, they could be prosecuted. Cllr Hassell asked why the roundabout was concrete. Cllr Filmer replied that the original idea had been to place a feature on it. The area had now been handed over. He would arrange for the painted out part of the cycle lane to be removed properly and would speak to Robin Cooper about enhancing the area. A resident pointed out that traffic noise was resonated by the concrete and that a natural finish would deaden the sound.

95 c Traffic Calming, St Mary's Cottages

Councillors and residents agreed the scheme had not made any difference and Cllr Khatkar said it was worse.

96 d Speeding outside Ashgrove, Barn Street

A resident said that cars speeded round the S-bend outside Ashgrove and there was a problem with sightlines.

Cllr Filmer said he would take back all the comments and would investigate the possibility of a lower speed limit.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Filmer and the residents and reconvened the meeting.

6 PLANNING**a Applications****97 i MC/12/1658: The White House, Ratcliffe Highway: Construction of a single storey side extension incorporating garage and utility/shower room (demolition of existing garage)**

No objection.

98 b Decisions

The decision as listed on appendix A was noted.

99 **c Appeals and Other Matters**

None

100 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

7 **FINANCE**

101 **a Bank Balances and Bank Mandate**

The bank balances as listed on appendix A were noted.

102 **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.

103 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Khatkar and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix A be approved (cheques 100799-100803).

104 **d Audit for the Year 2011/12**

It was noted that the audit for the year to 31 March 2012 had been successfully concluded.

8 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

None.

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

106 **a Nature Reserve**

Cllr Hassell thought the area was looking quite good. There was some household rubbish by the fence and it was suggested a skip be provided and a working party organised.

107 **b Pond and Green**

Cllrs Budd and Hassell had recently done some tidying up. It was understood from a resident that the habitat within the perimeter of the fence and the pond should be left to mature. The wildlife survey report of 2009 stated that the margin round the pond should not be cut between April and August and should be 1.5m wide. Cllr Budd reported somebody had cut the grass and the Parish Council needed to know if anyone else was cutting it.

108 **c Seat**

Cllr Budd reported that the seat had been replaced but that residents were not happy with the way it had been done and felt a trip hazard had been created. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed top soil and seed be applied to level the plinth.

- 109 **d Noticeboard, Rose Cottages**
- The notice board had been refurbished but the Clerk reported she could not open the bottom of the doors and had not been able to use it. Cllr Budd would investigate. *BB*
- 10 TREE WARDEN**
- 110 It was confirmed that Mr Andrew Laphorn remained a tree warden under the Kent BTCV scheme.
- 11 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**
- 111 **a Representative's Report**
- Cllr Budd had nothing to report.
- b Rural Liaison Grant Projects**
- 112 i. Bird boxes. The Clerk would speak to Rolf Williams of the RSPB *RB*
- 113 ii. Spring bulbs. It was agreed daffodils should be purchased to be planted on the verge around the roundabout, provided enough volunteers to plant them came forward.
- 12 KALC/MAC**
- 114 **a Representatives' Report**
- No meeting.
- 13 POLICE MATTERS**
- 115 **a Police Liaison Committee representative's report**
- Cllr Hassell had nothing to report.
- 14 COMMUNICATIONS**
- 116 **a Magazine**
- Due to the Editor of High Halstow Times being on holiday, Cllr Budd's article had not appeared. It was agreed to continue with both High Halstow Times and Allhallows' Life for the time being.
- 15 CONSULTATION**
- 117 No documents received.
- 16 CORRESPONDENCE**
- 118 **a Letter from Terry Ballard**
- A letter had been received from Mr Terry Ballard, applying to fill the vacancy on the Council, which had been received too late to be placed on the agenda. His co-option as councillor would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

17 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

18 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

120 Tuesday 27 November in the Function Room, Fenn Bell at 7.30 pm.

19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

121 No matters were raised.

PUBLIC SESSION

The issue of broadband speed was raised. Cllr Budd reported on the actions being taken by Medway and Kent County Councils.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Filmer, Mr Stanley, councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.55 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2012