

ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ADJOURNED FROM THE INQUORATE MEETING OF 26 JANUARY AND HELD ON MONDAY 9 MARCH 2009 IN THE FUNCTION ROOM, THE FENN BELL, FENN STREET AT 7.00 pm**

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| PRESENT: | Cllr Bill Budd | Chairman |
| | Cllr Bob Beckey | |
| | Cllr Paul Hassell | |
| | Cllr Bill Khatkar | |
| | Mrs Roxana Brammer | Clerk |
| In attendance | Mr Clive Stanley | Webmaster |
| | Mr Paul Pearce | Kent Wildlife Trust |

| Item | | <i>Action point</i> |
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| <i>Minute number</i> | | |
| <i>2008/9/</i> | | |

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

101 An apology for absence was received from

Cllr Kit Johnson Family commitment

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Beckey and carried unanimously that this apology be accepted by the Council.

2 CODE OF CONDUCT**102 b Declarations of Interest and Alterations to the Register**

None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2008

103 It was proposed by Cllr Khatkar, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2008 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

104 No matters were raised

5 PLANNING**105 a Applications**

None

106 Out of Time

The responses to the out of time applications as listed on Appendix A of the agenda were ratified.

107 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.

108 **c Appeals and Other Matters**

None

109 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

6 FINANCE

110 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on appendix B were noted.

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

The cheques as listed on Appendix B as accounts for payment (cheques 100671 – 100673) had been signed during the adjournment of the meeting and were ratified.

112 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed accounts for payment received during the adjournment be paid - £262.19, R B Consultants (cheque 100674); £99.00, Clive Stanley (100675) and £14.00, Sue Button (100676).

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

113 None.

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Paul Pearce of the Kent Wildlife Trust to speak.

Mr Pearce said that Medway Council had asked the Kent Wildlife Trust to run a project in the four parishes at the east of the Hoo peninsula. The project was to investigate improving the greenspaces and access to them, providing a “green infrastructure”. He was seeking ideas for projects that could be delivered in the next year. One idea he wished to progress was a footpaths walk in June. He was advised that Christoph Bull had twice led successful walks through the parish and the Clerk would put him in touch. It was suggested that he link with Catherine Smith and the Walking Festival. Promotion for any event would be placed on the Parish Council’s noticeboards and website. It was recommended he talk to the landlady of the Fenn Bell Inn who would probably be able to put promotional material in the bar.

The Chairman thanked Mr Pearce and reconvened the meeting.

8 AMENITY COMMITTEE

114 **a Conservation Area**

Cllr Hassell reported that Kent Wildlife Trust would undertake a wildlife survey of both the conservation area and the pond for £450. He proposed this be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Beckey and agreed. The Chairman emphasised this

would be funded from the Rural Liaison grant and would be no cost to residents. The survey would be undertaken in spring/early summer. Adequate warning would be given so that any clearance requested could be done. The Clerk would ask Turfsoil Ltd, who did the grounds maintenance in High Halstow to quote. It was reported that the lock to the gate was continuously being broken and that a vehicle was often parked within the gate.

115 **b Pond**

Work to the pond was now complete. It was filling up well.

116 **c Amenity Committee Meeting held on 2 March**

Cllr Hassell gave a verbal report on the meeting. Apart from items already covered, tree warden Andrew Laphorn had attended several courses. The Committee had decided that public rights of way would be in their remit in future. Cllr Beckey had said he would be willing to be the Parish Council's Footpaths Officer.

9 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

117 **a Hoppers Lane**

The Clerk had received an e-mail from highway inspector Jane Ovenell who had inspected the area and works would be carried out.

118 **b Ditches**

The Clerk would ask Medway Council to check the ditches in Hall Road as they did not appear to be functioning properly. *RB*

119 **c Fenn Corner**

It was reported that the funding for a roundabout at Fenn Corner was now available and the works would go ahead.

10 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

120 **a Representative's Report**

The next meeting was on 24 March. Cllr Beckey had heard the rural liaison grant had been reinstated for 2009/10.

b Rural Liaison Grant Projects

121 i Work on the pond. Completed.

122 ii Conservation Area. On-going

123 iii Wildlife Survey. Now agreed.

11 KAPC/MAC

124 **a Representatives' Report**

Cllr Hassell had not been able to attend the last meeting as he had been held up returning from work.

12 BIFFA LIAISON GROUP

125 Cllr Khatkar said the next meeting would be at the end of the month and would be the final meeting.

13 POLICE MATTERS

126 a Police Liaison Committee representative's report

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

14 COMMUNICATIONS

127 a Newsletter

The Clerk apologised for not having got out a newsletter. Cllr Khatkar said residents were still asking for the old magazine. Cllr Beckey wondered if a page could be put in High Halstow Times. After discussion it was agreed Cllr Khatkar would approach the Editor of Allhallows Life and Cllr Beckey would speak to the Editor of High Halstow Times.

128 b Website

As the Webmaster was present, the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow him to speak.

Mr Stanley gave the usage statistics. He emphasised he would welcome items to put on the website. He would be in touch with Mr Pearce over promotion and progress of the Green Infrastructure project.

The Chairman thanked Mr Stanley and reconvened the meeting.

15 CONSULTATION

129 a Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity

Received.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

130 None.

17 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

131 Monday 11 May 2009. The Annual Parish Meeting would commence at 7.00pm and the Annual Parish Council Meeting would follow immediately afterwards.

18 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

133 No matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2009