

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 p.m. on
Tuesday 9th September 2003 in the Function Room of the Fenn Bell
Inn St Mary Hoo

Attendance and Apologies for Non-Attendance Those present were as follows:- Parish Councillors Mrs M D Stanney (Chairman); M E Budd (Vice-Chairman); R J Beckey; Mrs C Johnson; H S Khatkar and The Clerk/RFO E C Woodards.

Apologies for Non-Attendance were received from Medway Councillors C Buckwell; P Filmer and Mrs J Bamber.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th July 2003
These Minutes, copies of which had been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Members Allowances - Parish Report by the Independent

Remuneration Panel to Medway The Clerk reported that the Report which applied to all Parishes with effect from the 1st January 2004, only allowed the following to be paid;- an Allowance up to a maximum of £234 per annum, payable to the Chairman only; Travel and Subsistence Allowances (payable but not necessarily claimed) for Parish Councillors for official duties at the Casual User rates payable to Medway Members for journeys within Kent, Allowances for travel or the actual cost of Public Transport and Subsistence actually paid, again in accordance with that for Medway Members. An annex showed the actual rates applicable from the 1st January 2004. The Report was received by Members.

Road Safety - Unsightly Chevrons erected by Medway at Fenn

Corner It was reported that the appearance of the Chevrons had been revised by Medway. Although it was considered that they were still unsightly and ineffective the revision was accepted.

Planning Applications and Associated Matters The Clerk reported on the following:-

1. Biffa Landfill Site. Refusal by Medway to permit further deposits. Chairman reported that the refuse lorries had stopped running and that the Site was being reinstated.
2. Application to Convert the Annex at Fenn Farm into separate living accommodation. It was agreed to make no comment.
3. Application to Convert the Workshop at Fenn Farm into a Bungalow was recommended for refusal by the Parish Council on environmental grounds.

Report from Representatives serving on Committees and Organisations

Councillor R J Beckey reported on the business undertaken at the Rural Liaison Committee Meeting held on the 22nd July 2003. As the future dates of this Committee were not suitable for Councillor Budd, it was agreed that either Councillor Beckey or the Chairman be appointed to attend on future occasions.

Finance

1. Medway Towns Victims Support Scheme Approval given to the payment of £35.00 allowed in the Estimates as a Contribution for the Year 2003/2004. Section 137 LGA 1972.

2. Accounts for Payment Approval was given as follows:-

1. Mrs M D Stanney	On a/c Chairmans Allowance 2003/4	£30.00
2. E C Woodards	On a/c Clerks Allowance and Expenses for 2003/4 (Detailed breakdown submitted)	£52.51
3. J W Nettleton	Hire of Function Room on 09.09.03	£14.00
4. Audit Commission	Audit Fees for 2002/3	£58.75
5. Medway Towns Victims Support Scheme.	Contribution for the Year 2003.	£35.00
6. Allhallows County Primary School	Contribution Cheque drawn out of Meeting. Letter of thanks received from Allhallows County Primary School.	£100.00

Completion of External Audit for the Year 2002/3 The Clerk reported that a Notice of Completion of Audit had been received and that the only comment made had been that "no independent audit arrangements are not in place". The appropriate notices had been affixed to the Parish Council Noticeboards.

Rural Liaison Projects for the Year 2003/4 Amount still available £1475.82. It was agreed that the Chairman should make firm arrangements for the Environmental Area to be cleared of undergrowth with a drainage trench to be laid by Contractors and that the clearance of the Village Pond Area be explored, all as projects for Grant Aid in the current Financial Year.

Medway Council - Developing Parish Plans The Clerk reported that a Meeting was being held at the Red Cross Hall at Hoo on 04.11.03 to discuss the formation of Parish Plans. Councillors R Beckey and Mrs C Johnston agreed to attend as representatives of the Parish Council.

Medway Council - Local Transport Plan 2003 - Annual Progress Report Report passed to the Chairman.

Medway Council - New Evening Bus Service to Medway Valley Park It was reported that the new Service starts on the 01.09.03. and that Notices had been affixed to Parish Council Noticeboards.

Medway Council - Talking Walking in Medway - Conference to launch Consultation on Walking 18.09.03. Notice of Conference was received.

Medway Council - On Line Access to Electronic Services It was agreed that there were no suitable sites for public access to electronic services in St Mary Hoo.

State of the Medway/Swale Estuary - Conference Invitation The invitation was received.

Cliffe Airport - Response by Chris Pond M.P. The Response was received.

Next Meeting It was agreed to hold the next Meeting at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 11th November 2003.

Signed
Chairman of the Parish Council
Dated