

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 19th January 2004 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; H S Khatkar; Mrs C Johnston and the Clerk/RFO E C Woodards.

Mrs C Ordway of the Landfill Action Committee and two residents were also in attendance.

Apologies for Non-Attendance An apology was received on behalf of Mrs B Gower of the Landfill Action Committee.

Code of Conduct No Personal or Prejudicial Interests were declared.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th November 2003 These Minutes, copies of which had been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk expressed regret that the Meeting agreed to be held on the 13th January 2004 and re-arranged for tonight had been cancelled but this was due to his indisposition.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Clearance of the Village Pond It was agreed to leave this item until the Spring.

Developing a Parish Plan Councillor R J Beckey reported on the progress made including the possibility of a joint Village Plan with Allhallows for which an entry, requesting support, was to be included in the free local Magazine. Councillor Beckey to represent the Parish on the Joint Committee.

Parish Councillor Mrs C Johnston Mrs Johnston left the Meeting for personal reasons.

Planning Applications and Associated Matters

1. Fenn Farm Fenn Street. Application to convert workshop into a Bungalow. The owners of this property queried the reasons for the Parish Council objecting to the proposed development and to the description used. The Chairman responded with a copy of the Application and the Plans and gave the reasons for restricting development of this nature.
2. Application for the construction of 2 - 4 bedroomed 2 storey Self Catering Holiday Chalets at Fenn Croft, Newlands Farm Road. It was agreed that objections be raised similar to those used when an earlier application for similar work was received
3. Application for the conversion of a Bungalow into a House at Shakespeare Farm Cottage, Shakespeare Farm Road. The owner was present to answer questions. It was agreed to make no comment.
4. Application for the erection of a detached Building to house a garage, workshop, utility room, w.c., with a playroom and storage in the Loft. The Clerk reported that, after contacting the Chairman, a letter of objection had been sent and that Medway Council had now refused the development. Here
Cottage
5. Application for a single storey extension to the Office at A.M. Plant Hire at Fenn Industrial Site. It was agreed that no

objection be raised.

6. Cliffe Airport. It was reported that the Proposal for an Airport at Cliffe had been withdrawn by the Government. All Members expressed their great satisfaction with this decision
7. Landfill Site Shakespeare Farm. Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission ME/94/780 to allow the Filling to an amended Pre-settlement Profile. The Chairman reported on a letter received from Biffa proposing to lodge an Appeal against the Planning Refusal given by Medway. Allhallows P.C. were prepared to lodge an objection to this proposal. It was agreed that no action be taken by St Mary Hoo as yet.

Finance

1. Society of Local Council Clerks It was agreed to continue Membership for 2004 at a annual subscription of £30.00.
2. Rural Liaison Projects for 2003/2004 The Chairman reported that the Clearance of Undergrowth from Fenn Environmental Area had been completed satisfactorily by Baker & Sons The Tree Surgeons at a cost of £540.00 plus VAT of £94.50 making a total of £634.50. It was agreed to pay this sum in full and reclaim £540 from Medway and £94.50 VAT from the Customs and Excise. This would still leave a balance of Grant Aid from Medway of £1892.43 for future projects.
The Clerk reported that in order to meet the cost of the above work he had transferred the sum of £400.00 from the Business Account into the Community Account at Barclays Bank Plc.
3. Schedule of 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 supplied) £ 96.31
 3. J W Nettleton Hire of Function Room on 19.01.04 £ 14.00
 4. Society of Local Council Clerks Subscription 2004 £ 30.00
 5. Baker & Sons Tree Surgeons Clearance Work Fenn £634.50
4. Parish Council Budget for 2004/2005 and Precept upon Medway Council for that Financial Year Copies of the Budget for 2004/2005 comprising the Revised Estimated Payments and Receipts for 2003/2004 and the Original Estimates for 2004/2005, the latter showing a net shortfall of £1500.00, all of which had been previously circulated, were considered and approved. Arising therefrom, it was agreed to Precept for the shortfall of £1500.00 in full from Medway and the necessary documentation for inclusion in Medway Council's Billing for 2004/2005 was completed and signed. The estimated balance in hand at the 31.03.05 was now shown as £4578.00.

Medway Council - Review of Greenspace Services in Rural Areas - Workshop on 21.02.04 Details were passed to Councillor Beckey

Medway Council - More to Medway - Local Strategic Partnership - Medway Community Report and Plan 2004-2007 Report received.

Fencing around Pondpiece at Village Green VG205 Councillor Beckey to inspect the fencing and assess the need for repairs.

Next Meeting Areed for 7.00 p.m. Tuesday 09.03.04.

Dated.....Signed.....Chairman of the Parish Council