

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 25th January 2005 at 7:00 pm
in the Function Room of the Fenn Bell Inn St Mary Hoo

Attendance

Those present were as follows:-

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| Mrs. M D Stanney (Chair) | Mr M E Budd (Vice Chair) | Mr R J Beckey |
| H S Khatkar | Mrs C Johnson | Mr E C Woodards Clerk/RFO |

Also in Attendance

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| Web Master (<i>Wishes not to be named for security reasons</i>) | John Luck | Allhallows Parish Council | Mark Reckless | Medway's Conservative Spokesperson |
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1. **Apologies for non-attendance**

No apologies were received.

2. **Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Presentation of the draft proposed Internet Web Site**

The Web Master, with the assistance of a lap top computer and a large screen, together with copies of some of the pages and links, presented the draft Web Site to the Members. The Web Master expounded on the information and layout that he was proposing which, after a few suggestions by Members, was approved. Reimbursement to the Clerk of the Parish Council of the fee of £200 paid by him to the Web Master, was also approved.

3. **Code of Conduct – Parish Councils Model Code of Conduct Order 2001- LGA 2000**

Clerk /R F O Mr E C Woodards and the Chair referred to a possible Prejudicial Interest to be incurred by the Chair should the Estimate of the Chair's Financial Allowance for 2005/2006 be debated in the business to be undertaken in considering and setting the Council Tax for 2005/2006.

4. **Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th November 2004, and which had been distributed previously, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

Maintenance of Environmental Area at Fenn

(1) The Chair reported that the work of clearance had been completed satisfactorily by Baker & Sons the Tree Surgeons and that an invoice was awaited.

(2) Dumping of Garden Rubbish. Referred to the next Meeting.

6. **Planning Applications and Associated Matters**

The Clerk and Chair reported that:

(a) Landfill Site. The Official Inquiry approved the Appeal by Biffa against the decision by Medway not to allow the Re-opening of the Western Section of the Biffa Landfill Site in order to restore the original levels. The Chair reported that the site, when reopened, would be accepting materials for a further two and a half years. The result had been foreseen and no appeal would be justified. The Chair thanked Members for their support both before and during the Inquiry and for the great help given by Medway Councillors and Mrs B Gower.

- (b) Iden, Newlands Farm Road. The Approval given by Medway to the construction of a Swimming Pool was received.
- (c) Land adjacent to East Mead, Fenn Street. The application for the erection of a Stable Block was received..
- (d) Newlands Farm House, Newlands Farm Road. The application for the Alterations and Extensions to the Listed Building was accepted.
- (e) Fenn Croft, Newlands Farm Road. Reference was made to a number of sightings of cars leaving Newlands Farm Road at peak times in recent years containing a number of individuals wearing working clothes and either going to work or returning in the evening. It would appear that the occupants were coming from the holiday accommodation at Fenn Croft. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr M Pinchin, Enforcement Officer at Medway, and request that he investigates the possibility of the infringement of the Conditions imposed by Medway when granting planning permission for the Holiday Homes.

7. **To receive Reports from Parish Council Representatives serving on Committees**

Councillor R. J. Beckey reported on the business undertaken by the Joint Steering Group Committee of the Allhallows and St Mary Hoo Vital Villages Plan and on his promotion to Chair. He also referred to the business undertaken by the recent Rural Liaison Committee Meeting.

8. **Finance**

a) **Annual Subscription - Local Council Clerk's Association**

It was agreed to continue Membership for 2005 for the Fee of £30 as allowed in the Estimates.

b) **Schedule of Accounts for Payment - Approval was given as follows:-**

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| i) | Mrs M D Stanney | On a/c Chairman's Allowance @ £204 pa November, December 2004 January 2005 | £51.00 |
| ii) | E C Woodards | On a/c Travelling and Clerks Expenses | |
| | | <i>Nov.Dec.2004Jan.2005</i> | <i>37.50</i> |
| | | <i>Photo copies</i> | <i>6.00</i> |
| | | <i>Stationery</i> | <i>3.75</i> |
| | | <i>Postage</i> | <i>2.80</i> |
| | | <i>Telephone</i> | <i>7.50</i> |
| | | <i>Reimbursement of Web Master Fee</i> | <i>200.00</i> |
| | | | £257.55 |
| iii) | Susan Button | Hire of Function Room on 25 th January 2005 | £14.00 |
| iv) | The Society of Local Council Clerks | Subscription 2005 | £30.00 |

c) **Request for Grant Aid from the Parish Council.**

Request received from the South Eastern Regional Play Association. Refused on the grounds of no local connections.

d) **Parish Precept of £1500 to be Levied upon Medway Council for the Financial Year 2005/2006**

Copies of the Budget for 2005/2006; together with copies of the Final Accounts for 2003/2004; the original and revised Estimates for 2004/2005 and details of balances, all of which had been previously circulated were considered. After increasing the Chair's Allowance for 2005/2006 from £204 to £250, it was agreed to Precept from Medway in 2005/2006 for the full net shortfall of £1500. The Precept Form for inclusion in Medway's Billing arrangements was completed and signed. The effect on balances was examined with the estimated balance in hand at the 31/03/06 rising to £ 4,877. It was agreed to look at balances again next year

9. **Bus Service Withdrawals**

- a) Thursday Evening N33 Service and the last N94 journey.
- b) Late night journey from Grain on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

10. **Invitation from Medway to attend the National Holocaust Day at the Corn Exchange on 27.01.05**

Received.

11. **S.E.E.R.A. and Regional Action Involvement in S.E.**

Details of these related organisations were received.

12. **South Eastern England Plan under Consultation until 15.04.05**

It was agreed to take no action.

13. **Issues raised at the Medway Rural Transport Seminar on 17.11.05**

Received.

14. **Flood Awareness by the Environmental Agency**

Received.

15. **Medway - Rural Transport - Tom Calvert**

The Chair reported on the meeting with Tom Calvert at Stoke..

16. **Proposed next Meeting**

No decision made.

Signed:.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

Dated:.....