

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 21st March 2005 at 7:10 pm
in the Function Room of the Fenn Bell Inn St Mary Hoo

Attendance

Those present were as follows:-

Mrs. M D Stanney (Chair)
H S Khatkar

Mr M E Budd (Vice Chair)

Mr R J Beckey
Mr E C Woodards Clerk/RFO

Also in Attendance

No-one else in attendance

1. **Apologies for Non-Attendance**

Apology for non-attendance received from Mrs C Johnson due to ill-health.

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

No Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests were made for the current Meeting.

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th January 2005, and which had been distributed previously, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

Maintenance of Environmental Area at Fenn

- 1) It was reported that an invoice in the sum of £600 plus £105 VAT had been received from Baker & Sons the Tree Surgeons for clearing the Area and that the invoice had been forwarded to Medway Council for direct payment as Rural Liaison Grant Aid.
- 2) It was reported that a complaint had been received from a Resident regarding damage to a fence when the Environmental Area was recently cleared of rubbish by the above-mentioned Baker & Sons Tree Surgeons. The Area had now been inspected but no damage had been found and it was agreed to take no action.
- 3) Dumping of Garden Rubbish. Councillor Budd offered to deliver the letter, prepared by the Clerk, to those properties which might be concerned with the problem.

5. **Planning Applications and Associated Matters**

The Clerk and Chair reported on the following:

- a) SEERA (South East Regional Assembly) – Proposals for Housing and Economic Growth across the S.E. including the Thames Gateway. Reference was made to these proposals and the drastic effect which they could have on the Hoo Peninsula. Councillor Beckey referred to a Meeting which he had attended in Hoo on the 15th March 2005. The Chair referred to the Green Field Areas which would be lost and the complete lack of adequate provision for Services and Infrastructure within Medway in general and the Hoo Peninsula in particular. It was agreed to oppose the Proposals.
- b) Fenn Croft Newlands Farm Road. Request made to Medway concerning use of Holiday Accommodation and an objection submitted concerning the application for a Swimming Pool.

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

- a) 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 by the recent Rural Liaison Committee Meeting and on a Meeting to discuss flooding.
- b) The Chair also reported on the Meeting at High Halstow concerning Flooding and on the business conducted at the recent K.A.P.C. Meeting.

7. **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Internet Web Site for the Publication of Parish Council Matters**

Site Data approved by Medway Council with the domain name: stmaryhoo_pc.gov.uk being ordered. The Web Site will then be published within a few weeks.

8. **Finance**

a) **Medway Rural Liaison Forum - Projects required for 2005/2006**

Balance of Grant Aid available: £2,532.43.

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

i)	Mrs M D	On a/c Chairman's Allowance @ £204 pa	
	Stanney	February and March 2005	£34.00
ii)	E C Woodards	On a/c Travelling and Clerks Expenses	
		<i>February and March 2005</i>	25.00
		<i>Photo copies</i>	6.20
		<i>Stationery Includes Jet Ink Cartridges 2004/5</i>	66.65
		<i>Postages</i>	1.68
		<i>Telephone</i>	5.00
			£104.53
iii)	Allhallows		£14.97
	Parish Council		
iv)	Susan Button	Hire of Function Room on 21 st March 2005	£14.00

c) **Medway Council – Parish Remuneration Panel to meet on 15th March 2005**

Medway requested to approve an increase to £250 per annum in the Chairmans Allowance for St Mary Hoo as from 1st April 2005. As agreed in the Annual Estimates.

9. **Medway's Rural Transport Update Meeting at 7.00p.m. Tuesday 5th April 2005**

It was agreed Councillor Beckey would attend.

10. **Clean Neighbourhoods and Environmental Bill – Additional Powers for Parish Councils**

Received

11. **Biffa Landfill Site Animal Conservation Area – Breeding of Hares**

Dissatisfaction was expressed at the principles involved but no action to be taken.

12. **Biffa Landfill Site – Possible date for recommencement of Work**

It was reported that it might take 18 months before the Site was re-opened.

13. **Next Meeting** It was agreed as the 17th May 2005

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

Dated:.....