

ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2013 IN THE FUNCTION ROOM, THE FENN BELL, FENN STREET AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Bill Budd Chairman
 Cllr Bill Khatkar Vice-chairman From item 9b
 Cllr Terry Ballard
 Cllr Paul Hassell
 Cllr Mrs Carol Heyburn
 Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

Item	<i>Action point</i>
<i>Minute number</i>	
<i>2012/13 /</i>	
1	APOLOGIES
184	All councillors present. An apology for late arrival was received from Cllr Khatkar. An apology for absence was received from Mr Mike Windsor, Footpaths Officer.
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
185	None.
3	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2013
186	It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Heyburn, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2012 be signed as a true record.
4	MATTERS ARISING
187	No matters were raised.
5	PLANNING
188	a Applications
	None received.
189	Out of Time
	The response to the out of time application as listed on appendix A was ratified.
190	b Decisions
	The decision as listed on appendix A was noted.
	c Appeals and Other Matters
191	i Supply of Planning Documents
	The Clerk reported that Medway Council would no longer be supplying hard copies of planning applications.

192 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

6 FINANCE

193 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on appendix A were noted.

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

It was proposed by Cllr Ballard, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed the cheques signed since the last meeting as listed on appendix B be ratified (100822 – 100826).

195 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Mrs Heyburn and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be approved (cheques 100827-100831). In the absence of Cllr Khatkar, there was again a problem with signing the cheques and Cllr Budd commented that the bank mandate should be reconsidered and asked for this to be placed on the agenda for the ext meeting. He proposed that for expediency in paying accounts should the second councillor not be present, the cheques be signed by one councillor and the Clerk and the second councillor would not be on them. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Heyburn and agreed. Cllr Budd said he would speak to Cllr Khatkar about the practicalities.

196 **d Precept**

The Clerk reported that Medway Council had contacted her about the council tax support grant and parish council involvement. This could be paid in addition to the precept already demanded by the Parish Council, which would make the percentage increase in the precept higher, or be deducted from the precept, so that the amount received by the parish council remained the same. There had not bee n time to bring this back to the Council and as Responsible Financial Officer she had decided on the second option.

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

197 None.

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY

198 **a Nature Reserve**

A quotation to create a path with concrte supports and to dig out a ditch had bee received for £8,650. Cllrs Budd, Ballard and Hassell agreed to meet on site to consider the matter.

199 **b Pond and Green**

Cllr Budd said the grass would need a first cut of the season after Easter.

9 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**200 a Footpaths Officer's Report**

The Clerk reported that Mr Windsor had said the weather had been bad and he had only walked to Stoke twice. She also reported that Christoph Bull was arranging a walk on 31st July.

201 b Fenn Corner Roundabout and other Highways Issues

Cllr Filmer had informed the Clerk that the roundabout had now been handed over. He had also said that a 40 mph speed limit on the Ratcliffe Highway was being investigated.

202 c Surface Water at Fenn Corner

Cllr Budd reported that the works were scheduled to take place between 8th and 12th April. It was possible the road would have to be closed.

10 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**203 a Representative's Report**

Cllr Budd reported on the regular and open meetings held on 19th March. Updates had been given on Lodge Hill, the core strategy and Chattenden. Natural England had implemented an extension of the SSSI to cover virtually the whole of the MoD area. It was possible this would not be confirmed and the core strategy was being held up. If Lodge Hill could not be part of the core strategy, other parts of Medway would be put under increased pressure for development. The Villager bus was being promoted and they were hoping to replace the two original buses. There had been complaints from some parishes about the new charges for the supply of planning documents and the difficulty of budgeting and setting precepts. Presentations had been made to the open meeting by the Police Commissioner, Ann Barnes and by the LNG National Grid team on proposals to deliver liquid gas to petrol stations by road tanker.

b Rural Liaison Grant Projects

- 204 i. Bird boxes. The Clerk would speak to Rolf Williams of the RSPB. *RB*
 205 ii. Path through Nature Reserve. This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

11 KALC/MAC**206 a Representatives' Report**

No meeting

12 POLICE MATTERS**207 a Police Liaison Committee Representative's Report**

Cllr Hassell had nothing to report.

13 COMMUNICATIONS

208 a Magazine

The provision of both Allhallows Life and the High Halstow Times was reviewed. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed to continue to provide High Halstow Times but discontinue Allhallows Life. Cllr Budd would speak to Cllr Watson about Village Voices, the Hoo St Werburgh magazine. *BB*

209 b Website

Nothing to report.

14 CONSULTATION

210 No documents received.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

211 a National Grid

The invitation from National Grid to a public exhibition was received.

16 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

213 No matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2013