

**ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2014 IN THE FUNCTION ROOM, THE FENN BELL, FENN STREET AT 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Bill Budd Chairman  
 Cllr Terry Ballard  
 Cllr Paul Hassell  
 Cllr Mrs Carol Heyburn  
 Cllr Mrs Pat Kelly

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 1 member of the public

<b>Item</b>	<i>Action point</i>
<i>Minute number</i>	
<i>2013/14 /</i>	

**1 APOLOGIES**

174 All councillors present. An apology for absence was received from Mr Mike Windsor, Footpaths Officer.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

175 None.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2014**

176 It was proposed by Cllr Ballard, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kelly and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2014 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

177 **a C/01/14/17a minute 2013/14/173: Complete Moling**

Cllr Budd reported he had now received a reply from the office manager.

**5 PLANNING**

**a Applications**

178 **i MC/11/2516:** Lodge Hill, Chattenden: Outline planning application with some matters reserved (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) for the demolition of existing buildings and development of a mixed use settlement comprising up to 5000 residential units, up to 36,750 m<sup>2</sup> GEA of B1 business floorspace, up to 7,350 m<sup>2</sup> GEA B2 business floorspace, up to 3251 m<sup>2</sup> GEA convenience retail floorspace A1, up to 2070 m<sup>2</sup> GEA comparison retail floorspace A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, secondary school, 3 primary schools, community facility, healthcare facility, assisted living facility, nursing home, garden centre, two hotels, water bodies and associated infrastructure works including access, roads, informal and formal open space, pedestrian, cyclist and public transport infrastructure, utilities, car and cycle parking.

It was agreed the major issue was that of transport. The Council's views had not changed.

- 179      **ii**    **MC/14/0553:** Complete Moling, Fenn Street: Removal of existing shed and Portacabin and construction of single storey building to form shed.

No objection in principle, but the Council requests that conditions are imposed that a landscape plan is submitted and that there shall be no working at weekends.

- 180      **b**      **Decisions**

The decisions as listed on appendix A were noted.

- 181      **c**      **Appeals and Other Matters**

None

- 182      **d**      **Licensing Applications**

None.

## **6**                    **FINANCE**

- 183      **a**      **Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on appendix B were noted.

- 184      **b**      **Cheques Signed Since the Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Ballard and agreed the cheques (100869 - 100870) signed since the last meeting be ratified.

- 185      **c**      **Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Ballard and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be approved (cheques 100871 -100874).

## **7**                    **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- 186      **a**      **Victim Support**

A grant had been made in September 2013 and it was agreed no grant be made on this occasion.

## **8**                    **MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY**

- 187      **a**      **Nature Reserve**

The Clerk was asked to ask Norman Vidler for a date for the construction of the drainage, before the contractor would lay the path.

- 188      **b**      **Pond and Green**

Laverock Tree Care had stated they would be undertaking the work to the trees in April.

**9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT****189 a Footpath Officer's Report**

In giving his apologies, Mr Windsor had said he had nothing in particular to report. He was intending to move, but would continue in his post until he did.

**190 b Speed Limits**

The letter from Chris Rogers confirming the new speed limits was noted.

**191 c Update from Cllr Filmer**

The Clerk would contact Cllr Filmer and Andy McGrath.

**192 d Fly Tipping and Road Cleaning**

Cllr Mrs Kelly complained about the increase in fly tipping and the fact the roads needed cleaning.

**193 e Bus Stop, Fenn Bell Inn**

Rob Carmen had submitted a drawing of a suitable barrier for the bus stop opposite the Fenn Bell. He had said there were no funds in Medway Council's budget, but it could be installed at the Parish Council's expense for £643. This was discussed and it was agreed to proceed with this. The Clerk would approach the ward councillors for funding from their ward improvement funds, or some of the rural liaison grant could be used.

**10 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE****194 a Representative's Report**

Cllr Budd reported on the last meeting. Cllr Hassell had also attended. There was now sparser rural policing. It was important everything was reported. The initiative and dispersal of nuisance motor cycles had been successful. There had been reports on a major incident control exercise and on youth provision. The Open meeting had followed, with Lodge Hill the only agenda item. They felt it had been poorly presented.

**b Rural Liaison Grant Projects**

195 i. Path. Waiting for construction.

196 ii. Nature Reserve Drain. Waiting for construction.

**11 KALC/MAC****197 a Representatives' Report**

Neither Cllr Ballard nor Cllr Mrs Heyburn had been able to attend the last meeting.

**12 POLICE MATTERS**

**198 a Police Liaison Committee representative’s report**

Cllr Hassell asked that warden Zehra Mustapha be invited to the next or a subsequent meeting.

**13 COMMUNICATIONS**

**199 a Magazine**

Cllr Budd said he would write an article for the next issue.

**200 b Website**

Nothing to report.

**14 CONSULTATION**

**201 Changes to Audit**

The Government was consulting on proposed changes to the audit system, whereby councils with a turnover of under £25,000 would no longer require an external audit. However the proposals for transparency that would be substituted were similar to those already applying to councils with a turnover of over £200,000 and would be far more onerous and take up more of a clerk’s time, thus costing the relevant council more. The Clerk had already spoken to the County Secretary of KALC about this.

**15 CORRESPONDENCE**

202 None.

**16 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS**

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

**17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**204 Green Waste Food Caddy**

Cllr Budd asked if anyone had received their waste food caddy yet. All said they had not, but Cllr Ballard reported they had been delivered to residents in Lower Stoke.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2014