

ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2017 IN THE PARISH ROOM,
FRINDSBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT:	Cllr Bill Budd	Chairman
	Cllr Terry Ballard	
	Cllr Paul Hassell	
	Cllr Mrs Pat Kelly	From item 5
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Cllr Phil Filmer	Medway Council

Item		<i>Action point</i>
Minute number		
2016/17/		

1 APOLOGIES

130 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Mrs Heyburn due to a family commitment and was accepted by the Council. An apology for late arrival was received from Cllr Mrs Kelly.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

131 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2017

132 It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Ballard and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2017 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

133 No matters were raised.

5 PLANNING**a Applications**

134 **i MC/17/0971:** Martletts, Ratcliffe Highway: Application for non-material amendment to planning permission MC/16/2953 to replace the gable end roof with bullseye window to front porch with a hipped tiled pitched roof to match existing

No objection

135 **ii CAN/17/0918:** St Mary Hoo Village Pond, Hall Road: T1 - Willow - Crown reduce - By cutting back east limb to first fork to give Crown radius of 6m. - Cutting back remaining limbs by approx 1m to give final height of 6.5m from ground level.

As the applicant was the Parish Council, no response would be made.

- 136 **iii** **MC/17/0902:** Victoria House, Ratcliffe Highway: Conversion of existing barn to form a 3-bedroomed dwelling with associated parking and relocation of existing stable building

After discussion, it was agreed to object as follows:

St Mary Hoo Parish Council objects to this application. The construction of a new house would provide an additional dwelling in the open countryside and would therefore be contrary to planning policy and would also constitute backland development.

- 137 **iv** **MC/17/0249:** Victoria House, Ratcliffe Highway: Construction of a three bedroom detached house with integral garage; photo voltaic panels and roof lights to sides; Juliet balcony to rear together with the creation of vehicle crossover and hardstanding to front and construction of detached garage for existing dwelling (Ratcliffe House) - demolition of detached garage

The consultation period for this application had passed but it was agreed nevertheless to respond as follows:

St Mary Hoo Parish Council objects to this application. The construction of a new house would provide an additional dwelling in the open countryside and would therefore be contrary to planning policy.

- 138 **b** **Decisions**

None notified.

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

- 139 **i** **Medway Local Plan**

The Clerk reported that the closing date for responses to the consultation had been extended to 10th April.

6 **FINANCE**

- 140 **a** **Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

- 141 **b** **Payments Made Since the Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Ballard and agreed the payments made since the last meeting as listed on Appendix B be ratified.

- 142 **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 101008 – 101009), with

the addition of £52, Clive Stanley (cheque 101010); £200, Wayne Budd (101011) and £760, Simon Green (Halstow Fencing & Gates) (101012).

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

143 a **Kent Air Ambulance**

It was proposed by Cllr Hassell that a grant of £500 be made. This did not find a seconder. It was then proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed that a grant of £250 be made under S137 of the LGA 1972. (cheque 101013)

8 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

144 a **Portfolio Holder's Report**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable Cllr Filmer to speak.

Cllr Filmer said the minutes of the meeting held in September 2016 should now be available and the Clerk confirmed she had now received them. He had been promised by the officers that they would do what had been promised at that meeting in the next few weeks when the new budget year started. It was pointed out that the Fenn Corner roundabout needed weed treatment and Cllr Filmer said he would see to it.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Filmer and reconvened the meeting.

145 b **Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Budd reported that Martin Botley had resigned.

146 c **Any Other Transport or Highways Issues**

No matters were raised.

9 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY

147 a **Nature Reserve**

Cllr Hassell said he thought the area was looking good and that the contractor was doing a good job. The storage container was needed and he and Cllr Budd would try to source one of the right size. The new fence had been installed.

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148 b **Pond and Village Green**

Cllr Budd reported on a meeting with Laverock Tree Care and Medway Council's tree officer. The damaged branch could be dealt with without planning consent, but work to the remainder of the trees needed planning permission. The tree officer was willing to allow a canopy of 6m x 6m high, which would allow more light to the pond. There would need to be an annual planning application on similar lines. He also reported that Grass Roots would attend to the bench and mow the grass that week.

10 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

149 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Budd had not been able to attend the last meeting.

11 KALC/MAC

150 **a Representatives' Report**

Cllr Ballard had not been able to attend the last meeting.

12 POLICE MATTERS

151 **a Police Liaison Committee representative's report**

Cllr Hassell reported that the police station at Kingsnorth would be closed at the end of the month and that the person living in a camper van in the Isle of Grain was still there.

13 COMMUNICATIONS

152 **a Magazine**

Cllr Budd reported that the next issue was due at Easter.

153 **b Website**

Nothing to report.

14 CONSULTATION

154 No documents received.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

155 None.

16 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

157 No matters were raised.

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

18 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

158 It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed to exclude the press and public from the following item on the grounds it concerned personnel matters.

19 CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

159 The draft contract of employment relating to the Clerk and prepared by Cllr Mrs Heyburn and the Clerk had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed the contract of employment be adopted.

The Chairman thanked councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2017