

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 6.32 p.m. on
Wednesday 16th January 2002 in the Function Room of the Fenn Bell
Inn St Mary Hoo

Attendance Those present were as follows:- Mrs M D Stanney (Chairman); D F Sinclair; Mrs M L Sinclair; M E Budd and The Clerk/RFO E C Woodards
Medway Councillor C Buckwell; Allhallows Parish Council Chairman M Swaby; Stoke Parish Council Representative Mr Luck and two Members of the Public were also in attendance

Resignation of Councillor Dr C H L Rigby - Casual Vacancy The Clerk produced a letter of resignation from Dr C H L Rigby and the Chairman referred to his long and valued service for nearly 10 years as a Parish Councillor for St Mary Hoo. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of appreciation to Dr Rigby on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk was asked to implement the procedure for the advertising of a Casual Vacancy and the Co-option of a replacement Councillor at the next meeting on the 20th March 2002

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 27.11.2001 The Minutes, copies of which had already been circulated to Members, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Rural Liaison Project - Purchase of Fax Machine The Clerk reported that he had not yet completed the purchase of a suitable machine.

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Request to Medway Council for a 40 m.p.h. Speed Limit on the Ratcliffe Highway through St Mary Hoo The Chairman reported that a Consultant, arranged by ~~Medway Council~~ ^{Biffa}, had carried out a Traffic Survey in December 2001 to the satisfaction of the Police. Any costs of implementing the traffic restriction would be borne by Biffa.

Outlet Pipe blocked - Village Pond As the water level was low it was agreed that no further action be taken until the summer.

Planning and Associated Matters The Clerk reported on the existing Application by Biffa for the Extension of the Landfill Site at Shakespeare Farm originally submitted in April 2001 and referred to the Inspector's Report which had led to the refusal of a similar application at Lamberhurst Farm in Kent. Medway Councillor C Buckwell reported that Medway Council were awaiting reports from various Agencies on the Application for Shakespeare Farm which, coupled with site meetings, could prolong consideration by Medway for several months. The Chairman reported that Brian Geake, Case Officer for Medway, would be continuing to deal with the Application until it is completed. The Chairman also reported on a request from Biffa to publish a map on the Landfill Site including the new proposed Extension. This was approved.

Finance

Audit of Accounts for 2000/2001 Audit to commence on 18.02.02. at the Civic Centre.

M.D. Stanney

Estimates - Variable figures for inclusion in the Year 2002/3

J W Nettleton Hire of Meeting Room to remain at £14
British Red Cross Contribution to remain at £100
Medway Towns Victims Support Scheme Cont. to remain at £25
Scouts - Medway and Allhallows Cont. to be increased to £50
Chairman's Allowance To be reviewed in the New Year when the
scale of Participating Allowances are announced.
Request for Funds for the W.R.V.S Refused

Accounts for Payment Approval was given to the payment of the following Accounts:-

Mrs M D Stanney	On a/c Chairman's Allowance 2001/2002		
	Allowance £168 per annum. October/November	£28.00	16.
E C Woodards	On a/c Clerks Allowance and Expenses		
	for 2001/2002 (Detailed breakdown submitted)	£75.12	17
J W Nettleton	Hire of Function Room 27.11.01	£14.00	18
Society of Local Council Clerks	Subscription for 2002	£23.00	19.

Request made for 40 mph Speed Limit on the Ratcliffe Highway The Chairman reported that this request had been made by the Parish Council following a similar request made by Biffa. The reply from Medway had been ambiguous and was being reconsidered by the Highways Department of Medway Council.

Draft Map Information for St Mary Hoo required by the Countryside Agency The Clerk reported that new access rights to the countryside would be in force for the Public from the year 2005 and comments were required as to any areas of Open Country or Common Land within the Parish. None were shown on the map provided by the Countryside Agency and it was agreed that there were no applicable areas to be shown except for VG 205, the Village Green. The Clerk was asked to return the Map with the Village Green suitably endorsed thereon.

Consultation Paper on the Establishment of a new Health Authority for Kent and Medway The Paper was accepted without comment.

Volunteers required for a Youth Justice Initiative The Clerk referred to the need for volunteers to support this initiative.

Developing an LSP and Community Strategy for Medway - Planning for a Rural Funding Event The Clerk reported that a Meeting had been arranged by Medway Council to be held on the 08.01.02. for interested parties.

Date of the next Meeting It was agreed that the next Meeting be held at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 16th January 2002.

Signed... *M. D. Stanney*
Chairman of the Parish Council

Dated... 16.01.02

