

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 6.30 p.m. on  
Wednesday 20th March 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; J W Nettleton and the Clerk/RFO E C Woodards. Medway Councillor C Buckwell and six members of the Public were also in attendance.

Co-option of a Suitably Qualified Person to fill the Casual Vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr C H L Rigby The Clerk reported that J W Nettleton, Licensee of the Fenn Bell Inn, was prepared to be nominated. Mr Nettleton then left the room. As no other nominations were submitted, Mr Nettleton re-entered the room and was duly elected to fill the casual vacancy, the period in office terminating in May 2003. The necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was completed and witnessed by Councillor Budd. Specimen signatures were also obtained for forwarding to Barclays Bank Plc. Medway Council to be notified.

Election of Vice-Chairman In view of the resignation of the previous Vice-Chairman Dr C H L Rigby, Councillor M E Budd was duly elected to take this office.

St Mary Hoo categorised as "sleepy" by the Government following a Rural Services Survey carried out by the Countryside Agency On the invitation of the Chairman, Medway Councillor C Buckwell referred to his anger at the designation given to St Mary Hoo, along with other parishes, of "barely active" following a survey of facilities provided in rural parishes. He was to take the matter up with the Rural Affairs Minister on behalf of the Parish

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th JANUARY 2002 The Minutes, copies of which had 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, as instructed, he had obtained an estimate for a fax machine at a cost of £165.08 plus VAT of £28.89 making a total of £193.97. The Clerk was authorised to complete the purchase and to apply to Medway Council for grant aid for £165.08. This would leave a balance of grant aid to be carried forward into 2002/2003 of £235.92 which, together with the allocation of grant aid for that year of £1240.00, would give a total of £1475.92 available to the Parish Council.

Allhallows St Mary Hoo and Stoke Scene The Chairman reported on a meeting held by the Parishes at which it had been agreed by that the magazine should continue and that an Editor be appointed.

Planning and Associated Items

1. Government's Planning Green Paper. The Clerk reported that he had completed a questionnaire on the Green Paper indicating the Parish Council's objections to the proposals to abolish County Structure Plans and generally restrict local controls over planning.

M. D. Stanney

2. Landfill Site - Shakespeare Farm. The Chairman thanked Mrs B Gower of the Landfill Action Committee for an article referring to the objections to the proposals to extend the Site. This would be inserted in the next issue of the Scene.

### Finance

Audit of Accounts for 2000/2001 The Clerk reported that the Audit had been completed and found to be satisfactory.

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	February/March	£ 28.00
			24.
E C Woodards	On a/c Clerk's Allowance and Expenses for		
	2001/2002 (Detailed breakdown submitted)		£ 53.55
			25.
J W Nettleton	Hire of Function Room on the	20.03.02.	£ 14.00
			26.
K.A.P.C.	Subscription for 2002/2003 due on	01.04.02.	£ 82.45
			27.
Staples	Purchase of Fax Machine		£193.97
			28.
	(Cost to be recovered from Medway Council's Rural Liaison Grant Aid)		

New London Airport - Inclusion of Cliffe in the list of Proposed Sites On the invitation of the Chairman Medway Councillor C Buckwell spoke on the "leaked" proposals. It was then agreed that further consideration be given to this matter at the next Meeting in May when Consultation Papers and more information may be to hand.

Medway Community Legal Service Partnership - Outline Strategic Plan The Clerk referred to the Plan which was intended to develop a network of quality providers of advice and legal services for local communities.

Joint Kent & Medway Structure Plan - Consultation Exercise The Clerk produced the Plan which mapped out the future for Kent. The exercise to finish on the 17.05.02. The Plan was passed to Members for examination.

Healthcare Provision - Same Day Treatment Centres Reference was made to the recent provision of "Same Day Treatment Centres" for those patients unable to obtain a professional opinion urgently from their own surgery. It was agreed that a protest be made against this system on behalf of the elderly and children within Rural Areas who would be disadvantaged in not being able to see their own Doctor at their own local surgery.

Improvements to Noticeboards Councillor M E Budd referred to the condition of the noticeboards and offered to obtain perspex and wood stain and refurbish them. The offer was gladly accepted with the cost to be reimbursed in due course.

Next Meeting It was agreed that the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Assembly be held on Tuesday 14th May 2002.

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

Dated..14<sup>th</sup>..MAY...2002.....