

Office before

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at 6.35 p.m. on Tuesday 14th May 2002 in the Function Room of the Fenn Bell Inn St Mary Hoo

Attendance Those present were as follows:- Mrs M D Stanney (Chairman); M E Budd; D F Sinclair; Mrs M L Sinclair; J W Nettleton and The Clerk/RFO E C Woodards. Medway Councillor P Filmer and three members of the Public were also in attendance. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Medway Councillor C Buckwell; Mrs B Gower and Mrs C Ordway.

Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the coming Civic Year Mrs M D Stanney was again elected as Chairman with Councillor M E Budd as Vice-Chairman. The necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Chairman.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on the 20th March 2002 and on the 24th April 2002 The Minutes, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes

St Mary Hoo categorised as "Sleepy" by Government Sources The Clerk referred to a reply, in circular form, received from the Minister for Rural Affairs attempting to justify the various classifications given to certain Parish Councils following a questionnaire completed by Clerks. The circular was received.

Rural Liaison Project - Purchase of Fax Machine The Clerk reported that grant aid in the sum of £165.08 had now been received from Medway Council. The VAT had yet to be refunded.

Healthcare Provision - Same Day Treatment Centres The Meeting accepted a letter received from the Medway and Swale NHS in reply to the Parish Council's letter of criticism.

Model Code of Conduct Councillor M E Budd's signed Register of Interests and Acceptance of the Code was passed to the Clerk.

Finance - Internal Auditor The Chairman and various Members reported on their inability to find a volunteer to act as an Internal Auditor.

Standing Orders and Financial Regulations The Clerk reported that sample regulations were being updated by the K.A.P.C. and would be provided in due course for a small charge.

Planning and Associated Items

1. A note of the Conditions relating to the use of land for the siting of a portable office and camera mast was received.
2. Kent and Medway Joint Structure Plan. Medway Councillor P Filmer commented in general on the Plan and it was agreed that no comments be submitted.
3. Landfill Site - Shakespeare Farm. Medway Councillor P Filmer reported that Medway would be considering this application very shortly.
4. Proposed New London Airport at Cliffe. It was agreed to continue to take no action until firm proposals are received.

Reports from Representatives on Committees etc. Councillor D Sinclair reported on various footpaths within the Parish and the Chairman reported upon the business carried out at the recent Police Liaison Committee.

Appointment of Parish Council Representatives onto Committees etc

1. Medway Rural Liaison and Rural Forum (1) M E Budd appointed.
2. KAPC Local Area and County Committee (2) Mrs M D Stanney and M E Budd appointed.
3. Medway Council Public Paths Consultative Committee (2) D F and Mrs M L Sinclair appointed.
4. Kent Rural Community Council (1) No appointment made.
5. Police Liaison Committee (1) Mrs M D Stanney appointed.
6. Biffa Landfill Site Liaison Committee (2) Mrs M D Stanney and J W Nettleton appointed.
7. Village Transport Representative (1) Mrs M D Stanney appointed

Finance - Subscriptions and Donations It was agreed not to continue Membership of the KRCC due to the increase in fees and that a donation continue to be given to the Medway Towns Victims Support Scheme but increased to £35.00 per annum as opposed to the £25.00 allowed in the Annual Estimates.

Finance - Accounts for Payment Approval was given as follows:-

1. Mrs M D Stanney On a/c Chairman's Allowance 2002/2003  
Allowance £168 per annum April/May 2002 £ 28.00
2. E C Woodards On a/c Clerk's Allowance and Expenses  
for 2002/2003 (Detailed breakdown submitted) £ 59.96
3. J W Nettleton Hire of Function Room on 24.04.2002  
and 14.05.2002 2 at £14.00 £ 28.00
4. Cornhill Insurance Plc. Premium due 01.06.2002 £187.65
5. Medway Towns Victims Support Scheme Annual Appeal £ 35.00  
(Section 137 LGA1972)

Medway Rural Liaison Committee Projects for 2002/2003 The Chairman suggested that assistance may be needed by way of grant aid when clearing the Village Pond.

Medway Council's Revised Report on the future of the A228 The Clerk produced the Report for the information of the Meeting.

Kent Wildlife Trust Tyland Barn Sandling The Clerk referred to notices that he had displayed on behalf of the Trust and Councillor Nettleton volunteered to display at the Fenn Bell Inn, notices of future events.

Next Meeting It was agreed that the next Meeting be held at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday 9th July 2002.

Signed.....  
Chairman of the Parish Council

Dated.....