

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 6.30 p.m. on
Wednesday 12th March 2003 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; J W Nettleton and The Clerk/RFO E C Woodards. Medway Councillor C Buckwell also attended. Apologies for non-attendance due to employment or other Meetings, were received from M E Budd, Medway Councillor P Filmer and from Mrs B Gower and Mrs C Ordway of the Landfill Action Committee.

Resignations of Parish Councillors in advance of forthcoming Elections Councillors D F and M L Sinclair submitted a letter giving their resignation from the Parish Council at the end of the present Meeting due to age and illhealth. The Chairman and Members paid tribute to their very loyal and faithful service for the past 14 and 12 years respectively. Councillor J W Nettleton also tendered his resignation and stated that he would not consent to nomination for the forthcoming elections on the 1st May 2003 due to his dissatisfaction with the role played by the Parish Council in Parish affairs.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 22nd January 2003 Minutes, copies of which had been previously distributed to Members, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Footpath Complaint It was reported that action was still awaited on Footpaths RS23 and RS24.

District Audit Report and Comment on Accounts for 2001/2002

The Clerk reported that the External Auditor's Report classed the Accounts as acceptable but contained a reference to the lack of an Internal Auditor. An invoice for £58.75 had been received for the work carried out and payment was approved.

The Clerk reported that he had been unable to liaise with the prospective Internal Auditors due to personal circumstances.

Financial Regulations The Clerk reported that he had as yet, been unable to prepare Regulations based on the Model Code.

Elections on 1st May 2003 The Clerk reported on the latest information regarding the forthcoming Elections and distributed forms to Members requesting Nomination Papers from Medway which had to be returned to Medway by noon on the 1st April 2003.

Members Allowances Regulations The Clerk reported that the existing arrangement would continue until the 1st September by which time Medway would require the Parish Council's requirements.

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Publication Scheme The Clerk reported that the Information Commissioners had accepted the Model Scheme submitted on behalf of the Parish Council.

Planning and Associated Items The Clerk reported as follows:-

1. Holiday Accommodation at Fenn Croft. Enforcement Officer has been called in regarding existing holiday accommodation. Letter sent by the Parish Council objecting, as agreed, to the new application for further holiday development.
2. Application by AM Plant Hire for the erection of a Workshop at Fenn Industrial Estate. No action taken.

