

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.06 p.m. on
Tuesday 11th November 2003 in the Function Room of the Fenn Bell
Inn St Mary Hoo

Attendance and Apologies for Non-Attendance Those present were as follows:- Parish Councillors Mrs M D Stanney (Chairman); R J Beckey; H S Khatkar; Mrs C Johnston and The Clerk/RFO E C Woodards.

Apologies for Non-Attendance were received from Parish Councillor M E Budd; The Rector of High Halstow and Medway Councillors C Buckwell; P Filmer and Mrs J Bamber.

Code of Conduct - Prejudicial Interest Mrs M D Stanney declared a Prejudicial Interest in connection with the item under Finance covering the level of Chairmans Allowance payable in 2004/2005 and, later, left the Meeting when this item was under discussion.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th September 2003 These Minutes, copies of which had been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Members Allowance - Parish Report by the Independent

Remuneration Panel of Medway Council The Clerk and Chairman referred to the Report submitted to the previous Meeting. It was then unanimously agreed that the Report which comes into force with effect from the 1st January 2004, be adopted by St Mary Hoo Parish Council and Medway Council be duly notified.

Clearance of the Village Pond The Chairman referred to discussions with Martin Hall of Medway Green Spaces and the Environmental Agency from which it appeared that Parrot Weed was a major problem. To kill it a licence was required. The Chairman stated that she would arrange for the weed to be dealt with in the Spring when it was hoped that financial assistance would be given by the Highways Agency.

Medway Council - Developing Parish Plans Parish Councillors Beckey and Mrs Johnston reported on the business undertaken at a meeting called by Medway in November 2003. Parish Councillor Beckey's offer to prepare a Parish Plan for St Mary Hoo was accepted.

Planning Applications and Associated Matters The Clerk reported on the following:-

1. Fenn Farm, Fenn Street. Application to convert workshop into Bungalow. Letter sent by Clerk objecting to this proposal.
2. Shakespeare Farm Landfill Site. Application to install 2nd electricity generator and other improvements. Agreed no comment necessary.
3. Kent Structure Plan - Mapping out the Future. Agreed no comment necessary.

Finance

1. Allhallows St Mary Hoo and Stoke Life Refund of £3.37 received from Allhallows Parish Council for part 2002/2003.
2. 1st Allhallows Guide Company It was agreed to transfer the grant aid of £50, normally given to the Scouts for the current

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2. Accounts for Payment Approval was given as follows:-

1. Mrs M D Stanney On a/c Chairmans Allowance 2003/4	£30.00
2. E C Woodards On a/c Clerks Allowance and Expenses for 2003/4 (Detailed breakdown submitted)	£52.51
3. J W Nettleton Hire of Function Room on 09.09.03	£14.00
4. Audit Commission Audit Fees for 2002/3	£58.75
5. Medway Towns Victims Support Scheme. Contribution for the Year 2003.	£35.00
6. Allhallows County Primary School Contribution Cheque drawn out of Meeting. Letter of thanks received from Allhallows County Primary School.	£100.00

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Completion of External Audit for the Year 2002/3 The Clerk reported that a Notice of Completion of Audit had been received and that the only comment made had been that "no independent audit arrangements are not in place". The appropriate notices had been affixed to the Parish Council Noticeboards.

Rural Liaison Projects for the Year 2003/4 Amount still available £1475.82. It was agreed that the Chairman should make firm arrangements for the Environmental Area to be cleared of undergrowth with a drainage trench to be laid by Contractors and that the clearance of the Village Pond Area be explored, all as projects for Grant Aid in the current Financial Year.

Medway Council - Developing Parish Plans The Clerk reported that a Meeting was being held at the Red Cross Hall at Hoo on 04.11.03 to discuss the formation of Parish Plans. Councillors R Beckey and Mrs C Johnston agreed to attend as representatives of the Parish Council.

Medway Council - Local Transport Plan 2003 - Annual Progress Report Report passed to the Chairman.

Medway Council - New Evening Bus Service to Medway Valley Park It was reported that the new Service starts on the 01.09.03. and that Notices had been affixed to Parish Council Noticeboards.

Medway Council - Talking Walking in Medway - Conference to launch Consultation on Walking 18.09.03. Notice of Conference was received.

Medway Council - On Line Access to Electronic Services It was agreed that there were no suitable sites for public access to electronic services in St Mary Hoo.

State of the Medway/Swale Estuary - Conference Invitation The invitation was received.

Cliffe Airport - Response by Chris Pond M.P. The Response was received.

Next Meeting It was agreed to hold the next Meeting at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 11th November 2003.

Signed ... M. D. Stanney
Chairman of the Parish Council
Dated ... 11.11.03