

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at 7:10 pm**  
**in the Function Room of the Fenn Bell Inn St Mary Hoo**

**Attendance**

Those present were as follows:-

Mrs. M D Stanney (Chair)                      Mrs C Johnson                      Mr R J Beckey  
Mr E C Woodards Clerk/RFO

**Also in Attendance**

No-one else in attendance

1. **Apologies for Non-Attendance**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Mr M E Budd and Mr H S Khatkar..

2. **Code of Conduct – Parish Councils Model Code of Conduct Order 2001- LGA 2000**

No Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests were made for the current Meeting.

3. **Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2005, and which had been distributed previously, were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes with the exception of Items appearing elsewhere**

I) **Maintenance of Environmental Area at Fenn**

The Clerk and The Chair reported that Clearance of the Area had been completed by Baker & Sons (Tree Surgeons) at a total cost of £352.50 including VAT of £52.50. Invoice certified and sent to Medway Council for direct payment. Balance of Grant Aid held by Medway Council for the current Financial Year now reduced to £3402.43.

II) **Freedom of Information Act 2000-Internet Web Site for the Publication of Parish Council Matters**

The Clerk reported that the web site was again fully operational after delays. Suggestions were received for possible further insertions for the Clerk to consider.

III) **Joint Meeting of Clerks and Medway Council Staff**

The Clerk reported that the next Meeting was due to be held at St Helens House, Cliffe, when he would attend if at all possible.

IV) **Highway Maintenance – Hall Road – The Street – Moat Farm Road**

The Chair reported that the above work had been completed satisfactorily.

5. **Planning Applications and Associated Matters**

The Clerk and Chair reported on the following:

- a) Enforcement Action: Fenn Croft, Newlands Farm Road. Still no comment from Medway concerning the use of the Holiday Accommodation. It was agreed that no further action be taken at present.
- b) S.E. Plan – Public Consultation by the S.E. England Regional Assembly. Public Consultation to be completed on 09.12.05. Draft Plan to be finalised by 01.03.06. Final Plan to be completed by H.M. Government by Spring 2008.
- c) Application: New Orchard Barn, Malmaynes Hall Road, Upper Stoke. Continued use of land for the siting of 4 Residential Caravans and the construction of a new Amenity Block. The Chair reported that the Clerk had submitted an objection to this Application due to its proximity to St Mary Hoo and the planning principles involved. This action was approved.

**6. To receive Reports from Parish Council Representatives serving on Committees**

No Reports were submitted.

**7. Finance**

a) **Schedule of Accounts for Payment – Approval was given as follows:-**

i) Mrs M D Stanney	On a/c Chairman's Allowance @ £250 pa October and November 2005		£41.66
ii) E C Woodards	On a/c Travelling and Clerks Expenses October and November 2005	25.00	
	Photo copies	-	
	Stationery	25.63	
	Postages	3.29	
	Telephone	5.00	
iii) Susan Button	Hire of Function Room on 09/11/05		£58.92 £14.00

b) **Internal Audit Quotation**

It was agreed to defer action until further investigations had been made.

c) **Requests for Financial Assistance**

It was agreed to refuse requests from the Sussex Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group and The Winged Fellowship Trust due to lack of any likely local benefit direct or indirect.

d) **Preview of certain Estimate Figures to be included for the Financial Year 2006/2007**

Following the Report of the Clerk and the Chair it was agreed to continue the same level of expense estimated for 2006/7 as for the year 2005/6 for the following items of expenditure:-

Villagers Life – Allhallows Parish Council	£100.00
British Red Cross Society – Hoo Medical Loan Centre	£100.00
Victims Support Kent Ltd.	£ 50.00
Allhallows Guide Company	£ 50.00

**8. Rural Liaison Project for Grant Aid from Medway Council**

Following the Report of the Chair it was agreed that the next Project be the Branch Cutting of the Trees around the Village Pond on the Village Greenpiece VG205 and the Chair was authorised to make the necessary arrangements.

**9. Voluntary First Registration of Title by the Land Registry of Land owned by the Parish Council at Fenn and the Village Greenpiece**

The Clerk reported upon a subsidised offer by the Land Registry to register both parcels of land at a cost of £60 and on the various benefits and additional safeguards that this would give even where part of the land is already registered with the Commons Registration Authority. The Clerk was authorised to proceed.

**10. RSPB – Proposed Walking Guide through St Mary Hoo**

The proposed Scheme details and Plan were produced and approval was given subject to a more detailed examination by the Chair.

**11. Police/Parish Quarterly Meeting Tuesday 15.11.05 at 7.p.m. at the Red Cross Hall, Hoo**

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs C Johnson attend if possible. The Chair reported on the possible use of Speed Cameras by a group of Parishes with one Parish making the initial purchase

**12. New Health and Social Care Facilities – L.I.F.T. Consultation Draft Document**  
Received.

**13. Medway Evening Workshop – Local Development 16.11.05 at 7.p.m. Red Cross Hall, Hoo**  
Chair to attend.

**14. Next Meeting**

A date in January 2006, to be decided

Signed: .....

Chairman of the Parish Council

Dated

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