

**ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2006  
IN THE FUNCTION ROOM, FENN BELL, FENN STREET AT 7.00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs Maureen Stanney Chairman  
 Cllr Bob Beckey Except item  
 Cllr Bill Budd  
 Cllr Bill Khatkar  
 Cllr Mrs Kit Johnson  
 Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

**Item** *Action point*  
*Minute number*  
 2006/7/

**1 APOLOGIES**

27 All present.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER**

28 Cllr Beckey declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 5 as being Mrs Brammer's son-in-law.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 2006**

29 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Johnson, seconded by Cllr Beckey and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2006 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

30 No matters were raised.

**5 VACANCY FOR CLERK**

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, Cllr Beckey left the room.

31 Cllr Mrs Stanney said there had been no applications for the post of Clerk following the advertisement and she had asked Mrs Roxana Brammer of R B Consultants to take the meeting. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stanney, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed that R B Consultants be invited to provide the service of the clerk. This was accepted under the following terms:

R B Consultants to charge a special fee of an hourly rate equivalent to the NALC rate LC1 benchmark, currently £8.14 /hour, with the usual increment from 1 April 2007, plus reimbursable expenses. An invoice would be rendered on a bi-monthly basis, for payment at each parish council meeting. The agreement to run until 31 March 2008, with the possibility of an annual renewal after that date.

Cllr Beckey returned to the room.

**6 PLANNING****32 a Applications**

No applications had been received.

**33 b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received. Referring to the refusal for the wall and gates at the Old Post Office, Cllr Mrs Stanney commented that the applicants had six months in which to appeal and enforcement should be notified. Cllr Khatkar said the property had been sold and was due to complete in about three weeks' time.

**c Appeals and Other Matters****34 i 3 and 4 St Mary's Cottages**

Activity at these properties should be reported to enforcement.

**35 ii Malmaynes Farm**

Cllr Mrs Stanney said she would be attending the appeal inquiry against refusal to station caravans at Malmaynes Farm.

**36 d Licensing Applications**

None.

**7 FINANCE****37 a Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Beckey and agreed the following accounts for payment be approved:

		Cheque number
Audit Commission	58.75	100599
Sue Button	14.00	100600
M Stanney (Chairman's allowance)	41.66	100601

**38 b Training & Seminars**

i KAPC Finance Day. No one wished to attend.

**8 GRANT APPLICATIONS****39 a 1st Allhallows Brownies**

Cllr Beckey declared a personal and prejudicial interest as his daughter attended the Brownie group and left the room.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed a grant of £50 be made under S19 of the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976

(cheque 100602)

Cllr Beckey returned to the room.

**9 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

**40 a School Transport**

Cllr Beckey said he understood from Cllr Filmer that there were plans to run school bus services to all secondary schools from the Peninsula by September 2007.

**41 b “Villager” Bus**

A meeting had been arranged by Catherine Smith for 2 October. Cllr Mrs Stanney would attend and Cllr Mrs Johnson said she would also attend if possible.

**42 c Rubbish**

It was reported there was rubbish in the lay-by on the A228 at Fenn Corner and that the ditch on the back lane to Hopper’s was full.

**10 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL’S LAND AND PROPERTY**

**43 a Conservation Area**

This needed tidying up and Cllr Mrs Stanney would arrange this.

**44 b Noticeboards**

The noticeboard at Fenn Corner was obscured by bushes. Cllrs Budd and Beckey would clear round it.

**11 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**45 a Representative’s Report**

Cllr Beckey reported on the last meeting. There had been a presentation by Kent Youth. The new police inspector, Robin Wharfe, had spoken about the proposed increase in the number of PCSO’s. Andy McGrath had spoken about fly-tipping and the amalgamation of the area warden and community safety warden services. By 2008 the Peninsula ward should have 2 dedicated PCSO’s and one dedicated warden. The subject of the provision of ID badges for parish councillors had been raised and this was being investigated.

**b Rural Liaison Grant Projects**

**46 i** It was suggested by Cllr Mrs Stanney that the signed minutes be bound before being placed in archive. This was agreed.

**47 ii** It was agreed some money could be spent on the conservation area.

**12 KAPC/MAC**

**48 a Representatives' Report**

Cllr Mrs Stanney said that there had been no speaker at the last meeting. Members had discussed vandalism and Speedwatch.

**13 POLICE MATTERS**

**49 a Police Liaison Committee representative's report**

Cllr Mrs Johnson said the meetings were mostly attended by Neighbourhood Watch representatives and the representative from Lower Stoke had said there were no problems, which had surprised her.

**50 b Speed Watch**

Isle of Grain Parish Council would be informed that there were no roads in the parish that qualified for Speedwatch and that therefore the Council could not participate.

**14 COMMUNICATIONS**

**51 a Villagers' Life Magazine**

The Chairman said she was pleased with the last issue.

**52 b Website**

No report.

**15 CONSULTATION**

**53 a Medway Housing & Mixed Use Development Plan and Medway Core Strategy Development**

The Chairman had read this document, which stated that new developments would not usually be allowed outside the confines of rural settlements unless identified in a parish plan, otherwise only minor development would be allowed. She commented that St Mary Hoo was the only parish not listed.

**16 CORRESPONDENCE**

**54 a National Grid – Gas Pipeline Isle of Grain to Shorne**

Noted.

**17 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS**

55 None received.

**18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**56 a Vital Villages**

Cllr Beckey said the draft plan was due to be with him in a couple of weeks.

**19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**57** The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 15 November 2006 at 7.00 pm in the Function Room of the Fenn Bell. Cllr Budd gave his apologies in advance, as he would be on holiday.

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2006