

**ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2014 IN HIGH HALSTOW MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 7.30 pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr Bill Budd	Chairman
	Cllr Paul Hassell	
	Cllr Mrs Carol Heyburn	
	Cllr Mrs Pat Kelly	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Mr Clive Stanley	Webmaster

<b>Item</b>		<i>Action point</i>
Minute number		
2014/15/		

**1 APOLOGIES**

106 An apology for absence due to illness was received from Cllr Terry Ballard and was accepted.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

107 None.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2014**

108 It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kelly and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

109 No matters were raised.

**5 PLANNING****110 a Applications**

None.

**111 b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on appendix A were noted.

**c Appeals and Other Matters****112 i Fenn Bell Inn**

Cllr Budd reported that he had spoken to the new landlord and that Medway Council was happy with the current works. The pub was expected to re-open before Christmas.

113 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

**6 FINANCE**

114 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

115 **b Cheques Signed Since the Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Heyburn, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kelly and agreed the cheques (100899 – 100900) signed since the last meeting be ratified.

116 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Heyburn, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kelly and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be approved (cheques 100901 – 100904).

117 **d Budget 2015/16**

The draft budget for 2015/16 was discussed. No amendments were made and it was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Heyburn and agreed the budget be adopted.

118 **e Precept 2015/16**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Heyburn, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kelly and agreed the precept for 2015/16 be £6,200.

**7 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

119 None.

**8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY**

120 **a Nature Reserve**

Cllr Hassell reported that the new path was being laid out. The next step would be to lay the membrane and then type 1 on top. When done, work to the trees was required. It was agreed to plant snowdrops and bluebells, put up bird boxes and an information board.

121 **b Pond and Green**

Cllr Hassell reported that he had spoken to CS Drainage. The pipe could not be located under water and it had been suggested the work wait until the pond level had dropped. The quotation from Complete Moling was £1,900. It was agreed the situation be monitored and if it was about to flood, a pump be used. The fire

hydrant near the Old School House needed clearing and Cllr Budd offered to arrange this.

**9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

171 **a Footpath Officer's Report**

Cllr Budd said that the Footpaths Officer was about to move and that Martin Botney had expressed interest.

172 **b Biffa Site Lay-by**

Cllr Budd had taken photographs and the area did not look as bad as had been described. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

**10 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

173 **a Representative's Report**

No meeting.

**b Rural Liaison Grant Projects**

174 i. Path. Waiting for completion. The money had been received.

175 ii. Bird Boxes. Waiting for the completion of the path.

176 iii. Commemorative Tree. Cllr Hassell apologised that due to ongoing family commitments, he had no update.

177 The Clerk reported that there had been a change of policy by Medway Council and that in future the annual allocation would be paid to the parish councils at the beginning of the year. The allocation for the current year, plus the amount rolled over had been paid.

**11 KALC/MAC**

178 **a Representatives' Report**

No meeting.

**12 POLICE MATTERS**

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

Cllr Hassell reported that a special police unit funded by the Home Office had been set up to police the power stations. The meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner had been cancelled.

**13 COMMUNICATIONS**

180 **a Magazine**

The copydate was 29<sup>th</sup> November

181 **b Website**

As the Webmaster was present, the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow him to speak.

Mr Stanley said the website was up to date with a suitable Christmas message. Cllr Budd asked about Facebook, which had been mentioned by the landlord of the Fenn Bell as a vehicle to recruit volunteers. Mr Stanley’s advice was to tread carefully, as a Facebook page could attract abuse. If the Council wished to proceed, he advocated that a councillor should launch the page and moderate it.

The Chairman thanked Mr Stanley and reconvened the meeting.

After discussion, it was agreed not to proceed with social media pages.

14 **CONSULTATION**

182 No documents received.

15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

183 None.

16 **REPORTS AND CIRCULARS**

184 The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

17 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

185 **a Cllr Filmer**

Cllr Hassell was of the opinion it was time that Cllr Filmer attended a meeting.

186 **b Identity Badges**

Cllr Budd asked for identity badges to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked councillors and the Webmaster for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2015