

## **ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE FENN BELL INN, ST MARY HOO ON TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER at 7.15 pm**

**PRESENT**                    Cllr Bill Budd                    Chair  
                                  Cllr Paul Hassell                Vice Chair  
                                  Cllr Terry Ballard

#### **Item**

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**APOLOGIES**                Mrs Roxana Brammer        Clerk  
                                  Cllr Mrs Pat Kelly

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**                None

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**MINUTES**                    The minutes of the September 29<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting were not available due to the Clerk being in hospital.

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**PLANNING**                    The Chairman referred to a planning application MC/15/3706 for 'The Birches' recently brought to his attention by a Parishioner. It was agreed that no comment could be made until the details were obtained and any concerns considered.

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**FINANCE**                    In the Clerks absence there were no cheques to sign or any detailed financial report. After discussion it was agreed that

the Chairmen would contact the Clerk with regard to payments for Volker Highways, Grass Roots, HMRC and The Fenn Bell. This item was to be carried forward to the next meeting.

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**GRANT APPLICATIONS**                      None

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**MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTY**

**a) Pond**                      Cllr Hassell reported that the installation of an overflow pipe to drain excess water to the ditch across Hall Road had been completed satisfactorily. Cutting of the grass would be carried out on contract by Turfsoil from April. Clearing of the footpath moss by Turfsoil is thought to have been commissioned and will be checked.

Douglas Packman had attended the area on 30<sup>th</sup> September to take part in a tree planting ceremony in honour of the fallen of The Battle of Britain and of Bomber Command during World War II. It was stated that this was a hugely successful event. The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Medway and two Ward Cllrs had attended along with Parish Cllrs and many parishioners.

A wreath laying ceremony was also held on 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday. Douglas had attended again to honour his fellow servicemen and to remember with gratitude those who have given their lives in all conflicts.

**b) Other**                      5000 Daffodil bulbs have been planted by ‘Grass Roots’ at the end of Fenn Street by the Roundabout entrance.

Strimming and further bulb planting along with the positioning of bird boxes will be carried out in January when (if) the weather improves

The provision of hard standing and siting of a storage container at the rear of Fenn House Farm will also be subject to weather conditions as deliveries will be made by heavy vehicles on un made roads and turf surfaces

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**RURAL LIAISON** Cllr Budd reported that the meeting was cancelled due to the main presentation being unable to go ahead as planned.

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**POLICE LIAISON** Cllr Hassell reported on the liaison committee meeting earlier this month. The Police had concentrated on the reduction of anti social behaviour caused by cars and motor cycles at Peninsula Way and Stoke Road and the off road use of vehicles.

Coaches owned by Clarkes had again been observed speeding on rural roads and this was to be further discussed and monitored.

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## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Cllr Budd would try to pen a précis of the Kent Messenger article on the tree planting for The Battle of Britain and send to the Web Master in due course.

It was agreed that Village Voices Magazine remains a good way of bringing information and advertising to the Parish.

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**CONSULTATION** No documents received.

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**CORRESPONDENCE** None

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**REPORTS**                      None received

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**AOB**                              It was noted that the Zoo Licence applied for by The Fenn Bell was likely to be granted in the near future. This would allow the small animals and birds involved to be enjoyed by patrons of the premises.

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**MEETINGS**                      The next meetings were scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> January, 29<sup>th</sup> March and 24<sup>th</sup> May – all at the Fenn Bell

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8-40 pm