

## ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2014 IN THE FUNCTION ROOM, THE FENN BELL, FENN STREET AT 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Bill Budd Chairman  
 Cllr Terry Ballard  
 Cllr Paul Hassell  
 Cllr Mrs Pat Kelly

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 1 member of the public

**Item** *Action point*

Minute number  
 2014/15/

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**APOLOGIES**

73 An apology for absence due to work commitments was received from Cllr Mrs Carol Heyburn and was accepted. Apologies for absence were also received from Cllr Phil Filmer and Mr Mike Windsor, Footpaths Officer.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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None.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 JULY 2014**

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It was proposed by Cllr Ballard, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 be signed as a true record.

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**MATTERS ARISING**

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No matters were raised.

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**PLANNING**

**a Applications**

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**i MC/14/2383:** Ashgrove, Ratcliffe Highway: Change of use from class use C3 dwelling to use class C2 childrens home

It was noted that this application had been withdrawn since the publication of the agenda.

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**ii MC/14/2551:** The Grange, Ratcliffe Highway: Change of use from residential care home for the elderly to family dwelling house

No objection.

79 **MC/14/2627:** The Food Machinery Company, Fenn Street: Details pursuant to condition 04 on planning permission MC/11/2893 for construction of a two storey building for use as offices (Class B1) and ancillary facilities (demolition of existing single storey building)

It was noted that this application had been decided since the publication of the agenda, but there was no information as to the nature of the decision..

80 **Out of Time**

The response to the out of time application as listed on Appendix A was ratified.

81 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on appendix A were noted.

**c Appeals and Other Matters**

82 **i Lodge Hill Development**

It was noted that the outline planning application for the Land Securities development at Lodge Hill had been approved but that it would now go to the Secretary of State.

83 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

**6 FINANCE**

84 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

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

It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed the cheques (100893 – 100894) signed since the last meeting be ratified.

86 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be approved (cheques 100895 – 100897).

**7 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

87 None.

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

88 **a Nature Reserve**

Cllr Hassell reported that he and Cllr Budd had strimmed the line of the path. The

contractor was due to come the following Saturday. He had ordered most of the materials but was still sourcing treated timber. Cllr Hassell reported that rubbish was being thrown over and there were problems with parking. He proposed that Norman Vidler be asked to level the area off and install a new fence. This was seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed.

89        **b        Pond and Green**

Cllr Hassell reported that Darren Summerfield had not wanted to borrow a pump again to drain off excess water. A quote would be obtained from C S Drainage to investigate the overflow pipe.

9                **HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

90        **a        Footpath Officer's Report**

Cllr Budd said that he had been asked by the Footpaths Officer to contact the Public Rights of Way Officer about jobs that had already been reported to him.

91        **b        Biffa Site Lay-by**

Cllr Mrs Kelly provided contact details for the owner and the Clerk was asked to write to her. Cllr Budd would provide photographs.

92        **c        Bus Stop**

Cllr Budd reported that he and Cllr Hassell had strimmed the area round the bus stop opposite the Fenn Bell Inn.

93        **d        Fenn Corner Roundabout**

The Clerk reported that Cllr Filmer had mentioned that the Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture was "on the case". Cllr Hassell said that water was running off the roundabout into Fenn House Farm.

10                **RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

94        **a        Representative's Report**

Cllr Budd reported that he and Cllr Hassell had attended the last meeting. There had been reports by the police, who had been working on nuisance motor cycles. There was a problem with legal highs, particularly with nitrous oxide. Terry Martin of KALC had given a presentation and was campaigning to get people to stand for election. Presentations had also been given by the NFU on farming on the Hoo Peninsula. The matter of the provision of ID cards for parish councillors was raised and Medway Council were not prepared to be involved.

**b        Rural Liaison Grant Projects**

- 95                i.        Path. Waiting for construction. The money had been received.
- 96                ii.       Bird Boxes. Waiting for the construction of the path.
- 97                iii.      Commemorative Tree. Cllr Hassell said that due to family commitments, he had not been able to investigate further.

**11 KALC/MAC**

**98 a Representatives' Report**

The next meeting was the following evening. Cllr Ballard said he would be unable to attend.

**12 POLICE MATTERS**

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

Cllr Hassell said the last meeting had clashed with the meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Budd said he would be attending the meeting with the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner.

**13 COMMUNICATIONS**

**100 a Magazine**

Nothing to report.

**101 b Website**

The Clerk reported that she and the Webmaster had held their annual review of the site.

**14 CONSULTATION**

102 No documents received.

**15 CORRESPONDENCE**

103 None.

**16 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS**

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

**17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**105 a Proposed Estuary Airport**

It was noted that the Airport Commission had not selected the area for a new airport.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow the member of the public to speak.

Mr Andrew Cowell introduced himself as the new tenant of the Fenn Bell Inn. The landlady would be his wife, Mrs Kelly Cowell. He outlined his plans, which were to create more restaurant space and an improved kitchen, utilising the present function room. He expected to reopen by Christmas. His aim was to create a

family pub. He had many animals and wanted to include a petting zoo. He was asked about a function room where the Council could meet in the future and said he would like to add a conservatory, which could be used.

The Chairman thanked councillors and the member of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.45 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2014