

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 6th September 2004 at 7:00 pm
in the Function Room of the Fenn Bell Inn St Mary
Hoo

Attendance

Those present were as follows:-

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

Also in Attendance

Mrs C Ordway

1. **Apologies for non-attendance**

Were received on behalf of Medway Councillor C Buckwell and Parish Councillors M E Budd and Mrs C Johnston.

2. **Code of Conduct+**

Councillor R J Beckey disclosed a Prejudicial Interest in a Planning Application on his property but it was agreed not to consider the Application tonight as at least three Councillors were required to be in attendance in order to form a Quorum.

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th June 2004, and which had been distributed previously, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

The Clerk reported that there were no matters arising.

5. **Planning Applications and Associated Matters**

The Clerk reported that:

- a. Fenn Croft. Medway Council has given its Approval to this Application subject to Conditions. Members present expressed their disapproval of Medway Council's actions but agreed to take no action.
- b. Bellwood Court. Application for a Single Storey link attached Annexe. Received.
- c. 1 Rose Cottages. Application for a Double Garage and Workshop. No action be subject to the query concerning access to the Garage.
- d. The Sedges, 5 Forge Cottages. Application for a single storey Extension to Side and Rear with roof lights. Agreed to defer consideration until the next Meeting.
- e. Land between Hoo St Werburgh and Kingsnorth. Proposal to excavate sand and gravel over ten years with eventual reinstatement. Although it did not directly concern the Parish, the Chair undertook to attend a Meeting called by the Developer, Lafarge Aggregates, at the Red Cross Hall, St Werburgh Hoo on the 16th September 2004.

1. To receive Reports from Parish Council Representatives serving on Committees

St Mary Hoo and Allhallows Parish Plan 2004 Joint Group.
Councillor Beckey and the Chair updated Members on the present position and referred to a Public Meeting due to be held on the 18th October 2004. The main areas and the questions to be put to residents were still to be decided.

2. Finance

a. Schedule of Accounts for Payment - Approval was given as follows:-

i)	Mrs M D Stanney	On a/c Chairman's Allowance @ £204 pa	£34.00
ii)	E C Woodards	On a/c Travelling and Clerks Expenses	
		<i>July/August 2004</i>	<i>£25.00</i>
		<i>Photo copies</i>	<i>£4.60</i>
		<i>Stationery</i>	<i>£10.56</i>
		<i>Postage</i>	<i>£6.62</i>
		<i>Telephone</i>	<i>£5.00</i>
			£51.78
iii)	J W Nettleton	Hire of Function Room on 6 th September	£14.00

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iv) Allhallows Parish Council

£84.74

Village Life Magazine October – March 2004

b. Winged Fellowship Trust – Application for Funds –
Refused.

1. Draft Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees

After due consideration it was agreed that no observations need be made either on the Code of Conduct or the Review of Political Restrictions.

2. Annual Report Medway Local Transport Plan

Received. No comments.

3. Unauthorised Encampments - Gypsies

Information regarding their management and the powers available to the Police and Local Authorities was received.

4. Kent Fire and Rescue Service

The Plan for the year 2004/2005 was received.

5. Public Inquiry – Re-opening of Biffa Landfill Site

The Chair reported that Medway Councillor Chris Buckwell had notified her that the Public Inquiry would be held at the Civic Centre on Monday 15th November 2004. Names were required of those persons willing to speak and to represent St Mary Hoo at the Inquiry. It was suggested that, subject to their agreement, Mrs C Ordway; Mrs B Gower; Terry Springhall and Parish Councillor M E Budd with R J Beckey as first reserve, be invited to speak and, if possible, liaise with Medway Councillor Buckwell beforehand.

6. Local Strategic Partnership Meeting to be held on 5th November 2004

Notice of this Meeting to consider Fuel Poverty and Renewable Energy Sources was received.

7. Proposed Regional Planning Changes to Tourism and Energy

Details of the overall changes were received.

8. Rural Youth Conference to be held on the 25th September 2004

Notice of the Meeting was received.

9. Council Tax Benefit Outreach Surgeries

It was agreed that there were no suitable sites in St Mary Hoo.

10. Licensing Act 2003 – Draft Medway Council Statement of Licensing Policy

Received. No comments.

11. Regeneration – At what Environmental Cost?

Notice of a Meeting to be held at Sheppey College on the 28th October to consider Issues associated with the Thames Gateway was received.

12. Police Special Constabulary – Recruitment Campaign

Notice of this campaign was received.

13. Conference about Young People living in Rural Areas

Notice of this Conference to be held at Buckmore Park on the 25th September 2004 received.

14. Kent and Medway Structure Plan – Examination in Public

Details of the Examination were received.

15. Proposed Next Parish Council Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 10th November 2004.

Signed:.....

Chairman of the Parish Council

Dated:.....

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