

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:04
p.m. on Tuesday 9th March 2004 in the Function
Room of the Fenn Bell Inn, St. Mary Hoo.**

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Attendance Those present were as follows:- Mrs. M.D. Stanney (Chair); M E Budd (Vice-Chair); R J Beckey; Mrs C Johnston and The Clerk/RFO E.C. Woodards.

Mrs C Ordway of the Landfill Action Committee and Mr T J Springhall a resident were also in attendance.

Apologies for non-attendance was received on behalf of Mrs B Gower of The Landfill Action Committee and Councillor H S Khatkar.

Code of Conduct. No personal or prejudicial interests were declared. The Clerk reported that Membership of the Freemasons or of any Political Party Councillors Association now required formal Registration

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 19th January 2004

These Minutes, copies of which had been previously distributed to Members subject to the words "1, Rose Cottages" being inserted within Planning Application No 4 , were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising from the Minutes

1. **Planning - Biffa Landfill Site Shakespeare Farm** Appeal by Biffa against the Refusal by Medway Council to allow further infilling of the Site to an amended Pre-restoration Profile.

The Chair reported on the Public Enquiry which would be required and on past problems which had only been eased by MEDWAY COUNCIL issuing a Notice of Refusal and deposits ceasing on the Site. A resident , Mr T J Springhall was invited to speak. He spoke vehemently against Biffa's continuing proposals to extend the timetable for deposits and referred in detail to the ongoing problems faced by residents over the past 16 years. They both referred to the great improvement in the quality of life since Medway Council had discontinued allowing further deposits. It was unanimously agreed that strong, local objections continue to be made by the Parish Council, Residents, Organisations and local people.

2. **Developing a Parish Plan** Councillor Beckey reported on the current position and on the Meetings to be arranged.

Planning Applications and Associated Matters Then Clerk reported that:

1. Fenn Farm, Fenn Street. Medway Council have now issued a notice of Refusal to convert into a residential bungalow.
2. Iden Cottage and Fenn Croft Newlands Farm Road. Letters of Objection sent but no response from Medway Council.

Finance

1. **Medway Rural Liaison Committee**

- a. Grant Aid received of £665 from Medway Council for Environmental Area.
- b. Grant Aid still available of £1892.43 for 2003/2004 with a further £1240 to be added for 2004/2005 making a total of £3132.43 for the two years.
- c. Approval given to the transfer of £400 from the Community Account into the Business Account.

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

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| a. Mrs M D Stanney On a/c Chairmans Allowance 2003/2004 | £30.00 |
| • E C Woodards On a/c Travelling and Clerks Expenses 2003/2004 | £63.33 |
| c) J. W. Nettleton Hire of Function Room on 9 th March 2004 | £14.00 |

3. **VAT to be recovered from 01/04/02 -31/03/04** Approval given to recover VAT

4. **District Audit for the Year 2003/2004** The Clerk reported that the District Audit would require all Forms and Returns relating to 2003/2004 by the 1st June 2004.

Medway Council – Medway Voluntary Sector Rural Issues Meeting on 11.03.04

Details passed to Councillor Mrs C Johnston.

Medway Council – Revised Community Plan for Medway Meetings due on 14.05.04. 03.09.04. and 05.11.04.

S. E. England Regional Assembly Proposed Alterations to the Regional Minerals Strategy and the Regional Waste Management Strategy. Comments to be in by 24.05.04.

Passed to Councillor Budd.

Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Passed to Councillor Beckey.

Annual Parish Council and Annual Parish Assembly It was agreed that the next Meetings be held at 7.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. respectively on Wednesday 5th May 2004.

Signed:.....

Chairman of the Parish Council

Dated:.....