

ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 JULY 2007 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 7.00 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Bill Budd Chairman
 Cllr Bob Beckey
 Cllr Mrs Kit Johnson
 Cllr Bill Khatkar

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance Mr Clive Stanley

Item *Action point*

Minute number
 2007/8/

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

46 All present.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER

47 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2007

48 It was proposed by Cllr Beckey, seconded by Cllr Khatkar and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2007 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

49 No matters were raised

5 CASUAL VACANCY

50 Cllr Mrs Johnson said she would speak to a resident who might be interested.

6 PLANNING

51 **a Applications**

No applications had been received.

52 **b Decisions**

None notified.

c Appeals and Other Matters

53 **i A & M Plant**

Cllr Beckey reported that officers from Medway Council had made a site visit but

had looked at the Goldstar site.

54 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

7 **FINANCE**

55 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on appendix A were noted.

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

None

57 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Johnson, seconded by Cllr Khatkar and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix A be approved.

8 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

58 No applications received.

59 **MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**

59 **a Conservation Area**

The gate had been opened. It was now shut and secured.

60 **b Pond**

Cllr Budd was arranging for a report to be done on the pond and for a quotation for any work that was identified as being necessary.

10 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

61 **a Flooding at Hoppers Lane**

Cllrs Khatkar and Mrs Johnson reported that Southern Water had found a leak in the field and were redirecting the main bore.

62 **b Wooden Fingerpost**

Two residents had volunteered to make and erect a new fingerpost. It was proposed by Cllr Beckey, seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed any costs would be met by the Rural liaison grant.

11 **RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

63 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Beckey reported on the last meeting. Talks had been given by Peter Stokes of

the CAB on the rural outreach advice service, Martin Hall who was now Director of Greening Gateway Kent and Medway and Catherine Smith on the shoreline management plan and on the Chattenden/Lodge Hill new settlement. The Secretary of State for Defence had announced that the MoD would re-locate to Bicester and release land for settlement. This would now be a regular item on the Committee's agenda. There had been an update on Speedwatch. The Chairman and Cllr Alan Marsh had been ratified as the parish representatives on the Standards Committee. There would be regular police attendance, Inspector Wharfe and PC Harris would attend the next meeting on 31 July.

64 **b Rural Liaison Grant Projects**

The fingerpost had already been mentioned. Work to the pond was another possibility.

12 **KAPC/MAC**

65 **a Representatives' Report**

A meeting would be held on 18 July.

13 **BIFFA LIAISON GROUP**

66 Cllr Khatkar reported on the meeting held on 31 May. Biffa aimed to finish by July 2009.

14 **POLICE MATTERS**

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

Cllr Mrs Johnson said she had not attended the last meeting.

15 **COMMUNICATIONS**

68 **a Villagers' Life Magazine**

The Clerk reported that the Chairman and Mrs Stanney had received letters from Allhallows Parish Council. The Chairman had been working away at the time and the matter had been dealt with by herself and Mrs Stanney in his absence. The Vice Chairman had been kept fully informed. The correspondence had been circulated to members. It was proposed by Cllr Budd, seconded by Cllr Beckey and agreed to ratify the actions taken. It was suggested the Clerk produce a quarterly newsletter.

69 **b Quarterly Newsletter**

As Villagers' Life magazine would no longer be produced, it was suggested the Clerk produce a quarterly Newsletter. This could be one sheet of A4, which the Clerk could run off. If delivery people could not be found, the cost of posting second class would be £20. The Clerk would bring a draft to the next meeting.

70 **c Website**

There had been no response from the webmaster and Clive Stanley of Clive Stanley Associates had been asked to make a proposal for revamping the website.

Cllr Budd welcomed Mr Stanley and suspended the meeting to enable him to make his presentation.

Mr Stanley explained he was webmaster for several parish councils, both in Medway and elsewhere in Kent. He offered to use the existing website as a basis. He would make alternative arrangements for website hosting and bring the website up to date. He would charge £22/hour, plus disbursements.

The Chairman thanked Mr Stanley and reconvened the meeting. After discussion it was agreed to ask Mr Stanley to proceed as outlined. His contact with the Council would be the Clerk.

14 CONSULTATION

71 No documents had been received.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

72 **a Footway**

A letter had been received from a resident asking for a footway along the road from Barn Street to Fenn Corner. As this was a highways matter, the letter would be forwarded to Medway Council.

16 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

17 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

74 Monday 1 October at High Halstow Memorial Hall at 7 pm.

18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

75 No matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2007