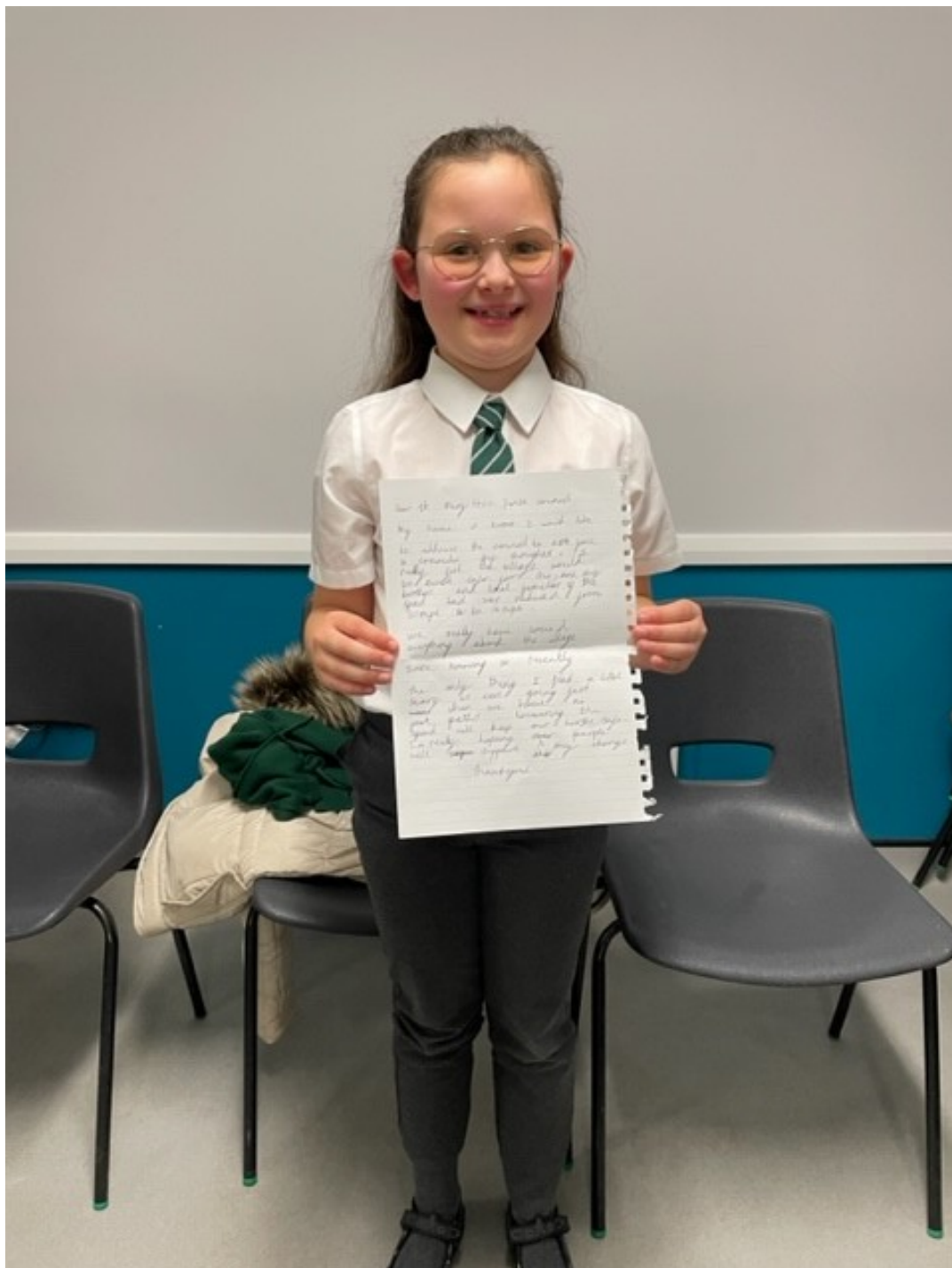


A PLEA FROM A YOUNG RESIDENT IN ST MARY HOO (page 3)



NOTICE is hereby given that the **Annual Parish Council Meeting** will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 16 May and the **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held at 8:00 pm.

Both meetings will take place in The Green Room of the Recreation Hall at The Street, High Halstow (room on left as you stand in car park).

The invitation goes out to residents to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in particular where cheese, charcuterie and wine will be served after legal proceedings. It would be good to see as many residents as possible attending to meet socially and understand what the Parish Council does for the village.

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS OFFICER

We are delighted to report that after advertising for a Footpaths Officer in the previous edition of our Newsletter, that we had an application from Alex Clarabut who was delighted to take on the role.



We wish her luck in her challenge to take on the footpaths which certainly does need someone to walk them to ensure that they are clear for the public to use.

The role is unpaid. Thank you Alex.

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AURORA HALLBUTT'S PLEA FOR 15 PMH SPEED LIMIT THROUGH THE VILLAGE

Councillors and public alike were overwhelmed and heartened at hearing Aurora Hallbut's plea to the Parish Council to consider implementing a 15 mph speed limit through the village.

It took great courage and spirit to consider asking for help and standing up in front of the Parish Council was truly a daunting task for a 9 year old. Aurora did this with ease and came across outstandingly. Her plea was:

"Dear St Mary Hoo Parish Council

My name is Aurora. I would like to address the Council to ask you to consider my thoughts. I really feel the village would be much safer, for me, and my brothers and local families if the speed limit was reduced from 30 mph to 15 mph

We really have loved everything about the village since moving in recently.

The only thing I find a little scary is cars going fast when we have no footpaths. Lowering the speed will keep our horses safe.

I'm really hoping the people will support my change.

Thank you."

Bill Budd, Chairman, thanked Aurora for her presentation and confirmed that this item would go on to the next Agenda for discussion to take forward.

Resume of Meeting of the Parish Council on 14 March 2023

The meeting was held in the Green room of the High Halstow Recreation Hall.

There were no apologies for absence as all four Councillors were present, Paul Hassell having resigned from the Council that morning.

There were 10 members of the public present.

Two members of the public spoke to complain about the ditches within the village that needed clearing as they were causing flooding. Once again, Cllr Summerfield confirmed that he had been in contact with Dan Atkinson at Medway Council who was looking into the issue.

A child of 9 years was present who spoke eloquently of her issue with the speed limit. The Chairman confirmed to her that her concerns would be address at the next meeting of the Council.

The Nature Reserve was in need of maintenance and our contractor would be working on this weather permitting.

A new Duck House had been purchased for the pond and Cllr Summerfield confirmed that ducks had been laying eggs and new ducklings are expected soon.

The noticeboard had been delivered to

Cllr Kelly premises. It will be placed on the outside wall of the Fenn Bell zoo along with the defibrillator that had arrived within the next couple of weeks.

Members discussed payments that had been made by the Clerk and agreed unanimously to approve same payments.

Members discussed the planning applications scheduled on the agenda. There was only one to discuss and there were not objections.

There was a discussion on the Neighbourhood Plans of neighbouring villages High Halstow and Cliffe and Cliffe Woods. The Clerk was requested to obtain a copy of High Halstow Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chairman thank everyone attending and closed the meeting at 21:00.

The next two meetings will be the **Annual Parish Council** meeting and the **Annual Parish Assembly**, is scheduled for 16 May 2023.

In 2022 wine, cheese and charcuterie was available for members and public to socialise after the legal proceedings had taken place. It was a great success and we want to build on that success.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there.

GREAT NEWS !!!

Thanks to a generous grant, facilitated by peninsula Councillor Ron Sands, St Mary Hoo Parish Council has been able to purchase a defibrillator for the Parish.

Andy, the landlord of the Fenn Bell, has kindly agreed to host and help install this on the wall of the pub.

It should appear, together with a new Parish Noticeboard within the next couple of weeks.

These new machines are easy to use as they “talk you through” the process as you are doing it and can be lie saving for someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest or arrhythmia when the heart stops pumping properly.

You will need a mobile phone to get a release code for the machine, and we will get it appropriately registered with the Defibrillator Circuit once installed, so that a 999 operator can give you an access code.

BUT

St Mary Hoo is geographically spread-out community, and time is of the essence when someone’s heart stops pumping properly not least because ambulance response times are inevitably longer than in town.

In a matter of 5 minutes, deprived of blood and oxygen, a victim’s brain starts to die and defibrillation becomes increasingly futile.

If this machine is to help as many people as possible WE ALL need to know how to try and keep someone alive while the defibrillator is brought to the patient.

WE ALL NEED TO LEARN BASIC CPR ... cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Therefore over the next few weeks, the Parish Council will be arranging

sessions with a trainer to give as many people as possible these life saving skills and to become accustomed to the defibrillator

We would encourage everyone who lives or works in the Parish to come along....you might save someone's life ... or they yours.

As soon as we have some dates these will be advertised here our through our newsletters and our website www.stmaryhoo-pc.gov.uk.

Please tell your neighbours and if by any chance we have suitably trained instructor hidden in our midst, please consider volunteering your services.

Cllr Sally Carman

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2023

On Thursday 4 May 2023, elections are being held for all Medway Council seats in all of the wards and the 11 Parish Councils.

Why become a Parish councillor?

Being a Parish councillor is all about giving back to your community by bringing your energy, passion, and hard-working attitude. You can make a real difference to the local community and wider society in many ways as a councillor. For example, you could be representing the views of local people to ensure the community gets the right services, supporting a resident with an issue, or helping to shape the community by driving new ideas.

Being a councillor is a varied and highly fulfilling role.

You don't need any experience or special qualifications, and you'll gain lots of new skills, experience, knowledge, and confidence.

www.medway.gov.uk/elections2023—choose Parish Council Nomination.

High Halstow Parish Council has submitted its draft **Neighbourhood Plan** to Medway Council. The plan covers the entire parish area of High Halstow and sets out local community aspirations over the next several years up to 2037, with policies related to land use and development.

To view the Neighbourhood Plan online please visit Medway Council's website. To view a hard copy, there will be several copies in the Village Store in High Halstow. Residents are requested politely to return the document to the Village Store once read to enable other residents to have sight of the document.

The draft plan is supported by design guidelines that are outlined in a **Design Code** to ensure development respects the area's unique heritage, landscapes and character.

The draft **Neighbourhood Plan** covers more than just traditional planning matters as it presents the community's vision for the area. Items that the community are seeking, but that cannot be delivered through planning

policy, are identified and contained in blue shaded project boxes.



These are included within the body of the report, rather than being presented in a separate chapter or appendix, because they relate to the objectives and form a clear and important part of the story.

What are the benefits to a community of developing a neighbourhood plan or Order?

Neighbourhood planning enables communities to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work and in supporting new development proposals. This is because unlike the parish, village or town plans that communities may have prepared, a neighbourhood plan forms part of the development plan and sits alongside the local plan prepared by the local planning authority. Decisions on planning applications will be made using both the local plan and the neighbourhood plan, and any other material considerations.



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