

St Mary Hoo is a village and civil parish in Kent

## Parish Councillor vacancy



**We have a couple of residents who may be interested but this is a final shout out to anyone who may not have heard of the vacancy. Please contact [Clerk@St MaryHoo-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@StMaryHoo-pc.gov.uk)**

**St Mary Hoo Parish Council**

# **NOTICE**

**is herebygiven that a Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 17 March 2026 In the Green Room of High Halstow Recreation Hall High Halstow**

**Press and public are welcome to attend**

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# ST MARY HOO OFFERS FREE CPR TRAINING

In the time it takes for emergency services to arrive, you could be the difference between life and death with your emergency skills.



**TUESDAY**  
**10 MARCH 2026**



**START AT:**  
**7:00 PM**

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# Vacancy

A parish councillor is an elected representative who serves on a parish council, which is the lowest tier of local government in England. Parish councillors work to represent the interests of their local community and help make decisions on local issues and services.

Key responsibilities include:

- Representing the views of residents on local matters.
- Helping to manage community assets such as parks, village halls, and cemeteries.
- Reviewing and commenting on local planning applications.
- Setting the parish precept (the local portion of council tax).
- Supporting community projects and events.
- Working with other councils and organisations to improve local services.

Qualities of a good parish councillor:

- A genuine interest in the community.
- Good communication and teamwork skills.
- Willingness to listen and engage with residents.
- Commitment to attend meetings and participate actively.

Parish councillors are usually volunteers, though they play a vital role in shaping the character and wellbeing of their local area. Please contact [Clerk@StMaryHoo-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@StMaryHoo-pc.gov.uk) to express your interest.

## Replacement of poles around pond



The Mortley Group have also been tasked with replacing the existing posts around the pond. There have been a few lorries crashing into the posts and members are hoping that these new posts will stop that.



**Southern Water road works now delayed until Easter.**

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Parish Council Meeting  
held in Green Room of the High Halstow Recreation Hall,  
on Tuesday 10 February 2026 at 7.00 pm

## Precis MINUTES

Present: Cllr Nick Craddy            Chairman  
          Cllr Richard Turner        Vice Chairman  
          Cllr Paul Khatkar  
          Cllr Femi Alakija  
          Linda Atkinson            Clerk

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The Chairman opened the meeting on time and thanked everyone for attendance.

### 1            Apologies for absence<sup>1</sup>

No apologies received, all members present.

### 2            Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest.

### 3            Public Session<sup>2</sup>

- Roundabout petition
- Posts for village pond
- Pot holes in the village a disgrace and dangerous
- UKPN replacement of old poles in field query
- Resident car had been hit by a vehicle and damaged
- Local Government Reorganisation query.

### 4            Councillors' matters

Members confirmed no issues had been brought to their attention. Chair confirmed that Planning issue for 300 new homes in in Allhallows.

<sup>1</sup> Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12.

<sup>2</sup> **Public Session:** At all meetings of the council, the Chairman may at his/her discretion, and at a convenient time in the transaction of business, allow any members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted. Such sessions form part of the Council meeting in law and shall be duly minuted. The Code of Conduct, which was adopted by the Council on 10 November 2020, shall apply to members of the council in respect of the entire meeting.

Members of public shall have no more than 3 minutes to speak.

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5	To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2026
	Approved
6	Council's land and properties
6.1	Report on Nature Reserve – new fence in place
6.2	Report on Pond – Pond Warden – all well
7	Area Committee Reports
	No meetings.
8	Finance
	Approval of payments made on behalf of the Parish. - approved
9	Roads and Transport
	Update on roadworks at Fenn Bell Development.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Residents unhappy with Street Lighting installation – light pollution.</li><li>• New road in progress for Zoo car park.</li><li>• Drains are in working order</li><li>• Electrical elections done – existing power supply had been used</li><li>• Telecoms are ready for new homes</li></ul>
10	Planning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No applications or appeals</li><li>• Successful application for free defibrillator – to go on resident's wall</li><li>• Application for track through field to alleviate traffic through village and around pond was discussed.</li></ul>
11	Date of next meeting
	10 March 2026 was confirmed – but has since changed to 17 March due to councillor work commitments.
12	Meeting closed 19:36

A complete version of the Minutes of this meeting  
can be found on the parish website

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