

HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Parish Council meeting held on Monday September 5th 2022 at –
The Community Centre, Lower Halling, commencing at 7.30pm

086/22 Chairman's welcome and recording of those present.

Present Cllr G Wenham Chairman. Cllr Mrs S Chamberlain.
Cllr L Hitchcock Vice – Chairman. Cllr G Chalker.
Cllr C Buckwell

In Attendance Clerk Mr C Fribbins. Assistant Clerk Mr N Fursdon.
4 members of the public.

087/22 Apologies for absence.

Received from Cllr R Thorne (Medway Meeting) Cllr G Batts (Work Commitments)
Cllr B Ali (In France) Cllr Mrs L Ali (In France)

The matter of absences was debated by Cllrs present, the apologies were agreed as valid.

088/22 Declaration of any Pecuniary and / or Prejudicial Interests – None were declared.

089/22 Adjourn for Public Questions (*up to 15 minutes for the public*).

A member of the public said he felt that the Parish Council needs recognition for organising such a good Village Fayre at the weekend, the feedback on Social Media was very good as well. All the other members of the public present agreed.

The Clerk pointed out that it was organised by the Events Committee which does also include non – Cllrs, one of those people is a person in the audience.

090/22 To Approve Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on July 4th 2022.

The Draft Minutes, had been sent to all Cllrs, and had also been published in draft form on the web. Cllr G Chalker proposed that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 4th were a correct record. Cllr Mrs S Chamberlain seconded the proposal. **All Agreed.**

091/22 Clerk's Report - Verbal

The Clerk mentioned that some expenses that Cllrs apply for must be in more detail. The matter was debated in depth. One Cllr asked if there was a guide for these expenses. The Clerk said a sample claim will be distributed.

092/22 Events Committee – To Receive Minutes of meetings and update on Summer Fayre/Jubilee

The Parish Council received and noted the Minutes.
There is now a need for another meeting to look at forthcoming events.
The Summer Fayre had been an extremely successful event,
The Helter Skelter had proved extremely popular, but there had been 4 reports of children getting burns from the slide, and in the end the Chairman decided to close the ride.
Further events would include the Christmas event.
The Chairman said that the Christmas Tree is already ordered.
There is budgetary provision remaining for the events committee in the accounts.

093/22 Estates and Environment Committee – Report of meeting held August 22nd 2022.

At the first meeting Cllr G Chalker was voted as Chairman (vice chair position still vacant).

Footpaths on the Marsh were discussed.

Halling Station which is presently 'on offer' was also discussed.

Also the Lower Recreation Ground and the AONB land were discussed.

094/22 To consider grant for Halling Church Christmas Concert

Rev. Roger Knight has indicated that the total cost likely to be similar to their Jubilee event, but recognised that the Jubilee was a special event.

The amount the Church is suggesting is £600.

Cllrs debated the matter in great depth.

Cllr C Buckwell proposed that the Church be offered £300 (50%)

Cllr Mrs S Chamberlain seconded the motion. **All Agreed.**

To consider requests from Halling Historical Society.

Halling Historical Society is launching a project, 'Halling Historic Buildings Plaque Project'.

HHC has received information on the projects, which the Cllrs had copies of at the meeting, the plaques will range from between £500 and £1,000 each, they are also seeking other funding.

Cllr Buckwell mentioned if it could be a 'capital fund' matter, also he thought that the Medway Planning Department should be involved. The Clerk said he would research the matter.

Noticeboard replacement at Baptist Church.

The Clerk mentioned that the wooden noticeboard was beginning to wear out and suggested renewing with a new noticeboard, like the other ones in the village.

All agreed. The Clerk would look into the matter.

Placement of benches at Bishops Palace (Medway Land).

The Clerk said that Medway Council will have to be approached on this matter.

Replacement of benches at The Street, Upper Halling.

The Cllrs discussed the matter.

095/22 Halling Marsh (PC Land) –

The Chairman explained that the land owned by Mr Owen, could possibly going up for sale, the piece of land is approx. 6 acres. The land adjoins land owned by the Parish Council on the Marsh. However there is concern as to who may purchase it and for what purpose. The Chairman recommended looking into the matter.

The Clerk has carried out an initial investigation, and the Parish Council can buy the ground if there is an identified purpose, within the powers of the parish council, and the cost is commensurate with the benefit to the council. Cllr Buckwell mentioned that it could be funded from our 'capital receipts'. Cllr Buckwell said that the Parish Council must make sure they can see all the deeds for the land.

096/22 Finance: Note Payments made under delegated powers of the Chair/Clerk and to seek approval of any additional payments as necessary.

The Clerk explained the documents, which are attached to these Minutes. **Reports Noted.**

097/22 AGAR – External Audit Report

The Clerk said that the AGAR – external audit report has been received, all Cllrs had a copy of the report and went through the report. Some issues identified that will be corrected in the 2022/23 AGAR. He will be posting the report on the Parish Council noticeboard on Thursday.

Cllr Buckwell said that this shows how well the Parish Council is now operating, a thank you to our Clerk Chris Fribbins and our Assistant Clerk Nigel Fursdon. **All Agreed**

098/22 Note financial reports as circulated. – This was covered in the 096/22 agenda item.

099/22 Exclusion of Press and Public for consideration of personal matters - not required as no business.

100/22 End of Meeting – Chairman thanked everyone for attending, meeting closed at 8.37pm

Appendix 1

INCOME & EXPENDITURE – JULY 2022

July 1 st	Halling Community Centre (Office Rent)	£ 290.00	SO
	MHS Homes (Garage rent)	£ 46.77	DD
July 4 th	North Halling engineering (See-Saw repair)	£ 120.00	DPC
	Just Bin Bags	£ 38.14	DPC
July 7 th	G Ballard (Notice boards cleaning)	£ 50.00	DPC
July 21 st	Transfer to Deposit Account	£100,000.00	Transfer
July 28 th	Petaholics	£ 180.00	DPC
	KALC Annual Subscription	£ 1,300.06	DPC
	NPE Services (Pat Test)	£ 102.50	DPC
	Staff Costs (3 employees)	£ 1,353.75	DPC
	Deposit Bank Interest	£ 10.66	Paid in
	Total Payments	£ 3,481.21	
	Total Paid In	£ 12.49	

INCOME & EXPENDITURE – AUGUST 2022

August 1 st	Halling Community Centre (Office Rent)	£ 290.00	SO
	MHS Homes (Garage rent)	£ 46.77	DD
August 8 th	TCW (Fun Day Banners)	£ 144.00	DPC
	Hire and Funfair Ltd	£ 5,400.00	DPC
	Total Property (Baptist Wall)	£ 255.00	DPC
August 18 th	G Ballard (Notice Board clean)	£ 50.00	DPC
	Chris Fribbins (Fasthosts Setup)	£ 234.89	DPC
	Bil Ali (various expenses re food for events)	£ 68.72	DPC
August 22 nd	Total Property (Baptist Wall)	£ 55.00	DPC
August 25 th	Enterama AV (Halling Fayre)	£ 340.00	DPC
	Staff Costs August (3 employees)	£ 817.17	DPC
August 26 th	Savage Skills (Halling Fayre)	£ 1,500.00	DPC
	Total Payments	£8,842.94	
	Total Paid In		