

HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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HALLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday January 7th 2020 in the Community Centre, Lower Halling starting at 7.30pm

001/20 Present

Cllr G Wenham (Chairman)

Cllr G Chalker

Cllr T Dolby (Vice – Chairman)

Cllr Mrs S Chamberlain

Cllr C Buckwell

Mr N Fursdon (Acting Clerk/Proper Officer)

20+ members of the public.

002/20 Apologies for absence – Cllr R Thorne, Cllr D Marshall.

003/20 Disclosure of any Pecuniary and / or Prejudicial interests. –

Cllr C Buckwell – Item 011/20, Planning due to being on the Medway Planning Committee.

004/20 Adjourn meeting for Public Questions – No longer than 30 minutes

- A person mentioned that a lorry had gone over the grass at the roundabout.
 - Cllr Dolby said that it had been reported.
- A person asked why the Precept was not being agreed tonight, as it has to be in. She also mentioned that she was a Parish Clerk at another Village. She was asked where, but declined to say which Parish or whether in was in Medway.
 - The Chairman said that the Parish Council will be holding a Finance Meeting later in January.
- A person expressed concern that a meeting had not taken place with the Football Team. The coach said that they had tried. There may be a meeting tonight after this meeting.
 - Cllr Mrs S Chamberlain said that they had tried.
 - The Chairman said he had tried 3 times on Saturday.
 - The Chairman said that they will have the meeting after this meeting tonight.
- A person spoke about the bad condition of footpath RS201. She had reported the matter to various people, but no response. She mentioned (again) that she was a Parish Clerk at another Village.
 - Cllr Dolby commented that the footpath RS201 is still owned by Redrow.
 - The Parish Council will (again) contact Redrow on the matter.
- A person asked if there to be a Parish Council / Resident meeting.
- Member of the WI asked why there was no Parish Councillors, except for Cllr Marshall who is a parent, at the WI event at Christmas.
- A person read out a list of items that in their opinion the Chairman had done wrong.

Meeting re-convened

005/20 Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on December 2nd 2019

Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on December 16th 2019

Cllr Chalker proposed and Cllr Mrs Chamberlain seconded that the Minutes were correct, all Cllrs agreed.

006/20 Matters arising from Minutes not on the Agenda – Provision of Life buoys on the foreshore of the Marsh

Cllr Buckwell said he had looked into the request for Lifebuoys for the foreshore of the Marsh. The foreshore on the Wouldham side is owned by the Port of Sheerness, and the Medway River Authority own the foreshore on the Halling side. Legally down to owners of the foreshore.

The Chairman mentioned putting money forward for Lifebuoys actually on the Marsh

Cllr Mrs Chamberlain proposed providing Lifebuoys and Cllr Chalker seconded, all agreed.

007/20 Chairman's Announcement

The Halling Minors Football Club has arranged to have the Defibrillator fitted at the Jubilee Hall. An Ex Councillor had applied for the Tesco Bags for Life for a grant, which is now on – going. It has been suggested that a third could be obtained for the North part of Halling, possibly having it at the Club, as there are no public building at St Andrews.

008/20 Footpaths Report

Cllr Dolby said that there was not much to report, footpath 320 is being kept open and warning signs are in place at the badly damaged culvert.

009/20 Marsh Report

The Chairman advised that anyone walking the Marsh, to take extra care, as the Marsh is still very wet after the recent flooding.

010/20 Payments and Receipts – November 2019

The Payment and Receipts for November 2019 is appendix 1 of these Minutes.

011/20 Planning

MC/19/2906 – Full planning permission for conversion of an existing detached Property to a pair of Semi – Detached properties, Rochester Road.

The Acting Clerk explained that this was the same application as at the last meeting, but the application had been mistakenly submitted as a Retrospective application.

The Parish Cllrs decided that the original should stand due to overdevelopment, more traffic movements.

MC/19/3158 – Outline planning permission for redevelopment of a commercial site in Formby Road.

The Acting Clerk said that he was unable to access the plans on the Medway Planning site, as it would appear that the plans have been removed. Therefore the application could not be considered.

(Post meeting the Acting Clerk found that the application had been withdrawn by the applicant.)

012/20 Report on items raised by the Public that have been passed onto the relevant authority.

- Various Highways issues had been reported to Medway Highways
- Flood problem in Upper Halling, where the new road height is too high.
- The graffiti on the footbridge, which is still owned by Redrow, who have said they want Medway Council to adopt, so are in no hurry to paint the graffiti out.

013/20 To discuss VE Day 75th celebrations May 8th to May 10th 2020 and start forming a working party.

- The WI representative said they were still willing to be involved.
- Some people at the meeting gave the Acting Clerk their contact details
- Also people were asked to email the Acting Clerk if they were interested.
- The Acting Clerk to contact various village organisations to see if they wish to be involved.

014/20 Defibrillator Update – This item was covered at item 007/20

015/20 Any other business – There were none.

016/20 Date of next meeting – February 3rd 2020 in the Jubilee Hall, Upper Halling.

017/20 Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Appendix 1 - Payments and Receipts – November 2019

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE – NOVEMBER 2019

November 1 st	You First Partners (Printer contact)	£	737.66	DPC
	Staff wages October 2019 (person 2)	£	338.64	DPC
	Halling Community Centre (Office rent)	£	275.00	D/D
	MHS Homes (Garage rent)	£	50.00	D/D
November 8 th	SASHDODDCOM – Office Computer problem	£	60.00	DPC
November 12 th	M Fielder –White (Internal Auditor Invoice 1)	£	120.00	DPC
	M Fielder –White (Internal Auditor Invoice 2)	£	220.00	DPC
	Acting Clerk/Proper Officer (DBS Check)	£	23.00	DPC
	KPS (office supplies)	£	59.74	DPC
	KALC (Dynamic Cllr training for Cllr Marshall)	£	60.00	DPC
November 16 th	R B Consultants (VAT 126 reclaim training for Clerk)	£	85.25	Cheque
November 28 th	R Schroeder (Christmas Tree for Village)	£	399.99	DPC
November 29 th	Payment for advert in Halling View (cheque)	£	80.00	Cheque
	Medway Council (Donation re Cllr Fearn for Christmas tree)	£	400.00	BACS
	Staff wages (SMP) November 2019 (person 1)	£	637.20	DPC
	Staff wages November 2019 (person 2)	£	338.64	DPC
	Staff wages Final (person 3)	£	114.94	DPC
	Nat West Interest Paid on Business Reserve A/C	£	4.86	Interest
	Total Payments	£	3,520.06	
	Total Paid in	£	484.86	