

# HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday May 3rd 2022 at The Community Centre, Lower Halling, commencing at 8.15pm

This meeting took place after the Annual Parish Council meeting which ended at 8.03pm.

## **048/22 Chairman's welcome and recording of those present.**

Cllr G Wenham – Chairman  
Cllr L Hitchcock – Vice-Chairman

Cllr Mrs S Chamberlain  
Cllr G Chalker  
Cllr B Ali  
Cllr G Batts  
Cllr C Buckwell  
Cllr R Thorne

In Attendance – Parish Clerk / Proper Officer / RFO – C Fribbins  
Asst Clerk – N Fursdon  
5 members of the public.

## **049/22 Apologies for absence.**

Cllr Mrs L Ali (unwell) – Apology was found to be valid and accepted.

## **050/22 Declaration of any Pecuniary and / or Prejudicial Interests.** There were none.

## **051/22 Adjournment for Public Questions/Statements (up to 15 minutes for the public at the discretion of the Chair as not part of the actual meeting).**

### **Meeting was adjourned at 8.20pm**

*Person 1 Mentioned the dangerous condition of a fence along Pilgrim Road, this has been reported to Medway Council a while ago.*

Cllr Thorne said he would chase Medway Council Highways on the matter.

*Person 1 Also mentioned that the junction where Pilgrim Road meets The Street, is becoming very Overgrown, this is also where the entrance drive to Court Farm is, which is why the area is becoming quite dangerous.*

Cllr Thorne said he will contact Medway Council Highways on the matter.

*Person 2 Said that all members of the Parish Council contact info should be freely available.*

The Clerk explained the rules.

The Chairman mentioned that there are 2 vacancies.

*Person 2 Said that the Parish Council needs to be organising matters much earlier, they asked if the Christmas Tree has been purchased yet. Next year's Summer Fete needs organising now.*

The Chairman spoke on the matter.

*Person 2 Also said that in their opinion the matter of the Parish Council cutting the residents question time to 15mins was wrong.*

The Clerk explained that residents Questions was an adjournment of the meeting and not actually a right. The time can be extended at the Chairman's discretion.

*Person 3 Asked how they could volunteer.* The Clerk asked the person to see him after the meeting.

### **Meeting was re-convened at 8.40pm**

**052/22 To Approve the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on March 7th 2022.**

Cllr L Hitchcock proposed that the Minutes were a correct record

Cllr B Ali seconded the Proposal.

The Proposal was unanimously agreed by all Cllrs present.

**053/22 Matters arising from the meeting on 7th March not on the Agenda.**

(016/22) The Clerk said that the Parish Council can now Co-Opt

**054/22 To Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on April 4th 2022.**

The asst Clerk pointed out that there was a ? at 032/22.

Cllr B Ali confirmed that 'Real Deal' should be inserted.

Cllr L Hitchcock proposed that pending the amendment the Minutes were a correct record.

Cllr B Ali seconded the Proposal.

The Proposal was unanimously agreed by all Cllrs present.

**055/22 Matters arising from the extraordinary meeting on 4th April not on the Agenda.**

(033/22) The Clerk said that Medway Council are in agreement with the Parish Council taking over the administration of the Halling Association.

**056/22 Clerk's Report**

**Including Lower Recreation Ground overhanging trees, broken see-saw, 'orphaned' land on east side of Halling Bypass, Certain Correspondence Received, Footpath issues on Halling Marsh.**

- **Lower Recreation Ground overhanging trees.**

The Clerk and Vice – Chairman had looked into the matter, and the trees are not actually on the Parish Council ground.

- **Broken see-saw.**

The Clerk and Vice – Chairman had looked into the matter, the see saw is in a safe place away from the playground.

- **'Orphaned' land on east side of Halling Bypass.**

The Clerk had been looking into the small 'orphaned' parcel of land to the East side of the Halling Bypass. This parcel of land was at one time part of the Lower Halling Recreation ground. When KCC compulsory purchased the strip of land for the Halling Bypass, for some reason they did not purchase this small parcel of land, which is completely inaccessible.

The matter was noted.

- **Footpath issues on Halling Marsh.**

The Clerk along with members of the Estates Committee had been looking into the various issues on the footpaths of Halling Marsh.

Cllr Buckwell offered to look at the Deeds, to ensure they have been updated.

The Clerk thanked Cllr Buckwell for the offer.

- **Certain Correspondence Received**

The Clerk said that all correspondence had been forwarded to all Cllrs.

Cllr Chalker said that the Parish Council website will need to be reviewed, so the Parish

Council can get the .gov.uk which will also enable the Parish Council to get .gov.uk email.

The Clerk said that will be followed up.

**057/22 To receive minutes of the Events Committee (confidential contractual items would need to be discussed in private if required) and note/discuss progress of Platinum Jubilee Preparations.**

The Events Committee had been very active and their Minutes were noted.

The Chairman of the Committee, Cllr B Ali gave a report.

There had been numerous problems getting important aspects together to hold an event on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Aspects of the stage and sound systems are causing major issues and 2 of the bands are now not available. All these problems are all beyond the control of the Events Committee.

Cllr B Ali said it is with regret that the Events Committee recommends that the Event be postponed to the end of August.

There had been a request from a group of residents to use the Lower Halling recreation ground to hold a Platinum Jubilee Picnic on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>. A person concerned with the request was present and was given time to speak on the matter.

Cllr R Thorne proposed that the recommendation of the Events Committee be accepted, that the group of residents request to use the Lower Halling recreation ground be permitted.

Cllr L Hitchcock seconded the Proposal. The Proposal was unanimously agreed by all Cllrs present.

Cllr R Thorne proposed an amendment to the above proposal – That the Events Committee is actively involved with all the forthcoming events.

Cllr L Hitchcock seconded the Proposal. The Proposal was unanimously agreed by all Cllrs present.

The Clerk pointed out that as the Picnic event on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> is not being organised by the Parish Council, the group would have provide their own Public Liability Insurance.

**058/22 Finance: Note Payments made under delegated powers of the Chair/Clerk and to seek approval of any additional payments as necessary.**

**HALLING PARISH COUNCIL INCOME & EXPENDITURE – APRIL 2022**

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Halling Community Centre (Office Rent)	£	290.00	SO
	MHS Homes (Garage rent)	£	46.83	DD
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tesco Grant transferred to Jubilee Hall	£	1,166.00	DPC
	Your First Partnership (Printer)	£	79.20	DPC
	Halling Community Centre	£	19.00	DPC
	Four Jays	£	474.00	DPC
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Medway Council	£	3,884.19	Paid in
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Costs	£	842.04	DPC
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Interest	£	9.02	Paid in
	<b>Total payments</b>	£	<b>2,917.07</b>	
	<b>Total paid in</b>	£	<b>3,884.19</b>	

**059/23 Note financial reports as circulated.**

The financial reports were noted

**060/22 End of Meeting**

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm