

HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF HALLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

September 3rd 2019 in the Community Centre Hall starting at 7.30pm

220/19 Present

Cllr G Wenham (Chairman)
Cllr T Dolby (Vice – Chairman)

Cllr G Chalker
Cllr Mrs S Chamberlain
Cllr Mrs M Dillon
Cllr D Marshall
Cllr C Buckwell
Cllr P Hudson

Mr N Fursdon (Asst Clerk)

16 members of the public

221/19 Apologies for absence – Cllrs R Thorne, Cllr Ms C Ebanks.

222/19 Disclosure of any Pecuniary and / Prejudicial Interests. – There were none declared.

223/19 Approve Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on August 12th 2019

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on August 12th 2019 were found to be correct.
Proposed Cllr T Dolby, seconded Cllr C Buckwell and agreed by all other Cllrs present,

224/19 Matters arising from Minutes not on the Agenda – There were none.

225/19 Residents Open Section

 – No longer than 30 minutes.

- A resident mentioned about some graffiti that is on the footbridge that crosses the A228. The Chairman said he was not sure who owns that bridge, the Asst Clerk will investigate.
- A resident mentioned that parts of the footpaths in Vicarage Close were in disrepair. The Chairman said that was down to Medway, the Asst Clerk will report the matter.
- A resident mentioned that there was a ‘life buoy’ missing from down by the river Medway. The Chairman said that was down to the river authority, the Asst Clerk will report.
- A resident asked if there was any indication about any development of ‘The Mount’. The Chairman said he would refer that question to the local Medway Councillor.
- A resident asked if the new goal posts on the Upper Halling recreation ground have been installed correctly, in his opinion and also some of the other residents present felt that they were not, and were actually a health and safety issue.
The Chairman read out some correspondence he had received from the company that manufactured and installed the goal post. The company had been down and attended a site visit, where they inspected the goal posts, which have been installed correctly. They commented that they had never come across this problem before. The company felt that the health and safety issue was minimal risk.
Various residents were not in agreement with the company’s response.
One resident suggested a couple of solutions for the goal posts.
The Chairman said there had been a consultation on the Upper Halling recreation ground.
The resident who runs the Halling Minors under 8 football club said he had not been consulted at all, and he runs the team completely voluntary. Now he find that the team cannot play there anymore.
The Chairman said that the resident had been offered a contract to sign over the years, but has never signed one, also the team had been offered the pitch at Lower Halling, behind the old fire station, which would be a better pitch as it is level, but he had refused.
The resident said that there was no parking at the Lower Halling Recreation ground.
Cllrs and residents agreed that a site visit should be called at the Upper Halling recreation ground.
- A resident asked if a Defibrillator was being considered for Upper Halling. The Chairman said that this matter was being looked into.

- A resident said that she had not been to a Parish Council meeting for quite a while and there are quite a few new Parish Councillors, and she does not know who is who. She suggested that the Parish Council introduce themselves.
The Parish Council Councillors introduced themselves, so did the Asst Clerk.
The resident also suggested that the Parish Councillors had name boards.
- A resident said that there were various areas of the village where double yellow lines should be put. The Chairman said to the person that if the resident writes to the Asst Clerk with details of the areas then the Asst Clerk can report to the appropriate authority.

226/19 Confirmation of Portfolio Holders – This was referred to the next meeting.

227/19 Estates Report

Cllr Mrs M Dillon reported that recreation grounds have been kept clear and tidy, there had been some minor attacks of graffiti, these had been done in chalk and easily removed. All play equipment was in good order.

228/19 Footpath Report

Cllr T Dolby reported that footpath RS220 is now completely cleared. The footpaths on the Marsh have been cleared. However the footpath at Upper Halling still needs to be done and Medway need to be contacted to get the footpath from Halemere to the village, along the river cut.

229/19 Marsh Report

The Chairman said that as mentioned the footpaths have been cut, and there are now steps that have been built to aid the walker.

A Cllr suggested having a map showing what HPC is responsible for, what Medway Council are responsible for and what the Environment Agency are responsible for.

230/19 Events – To discuss Firework Display – It was decided that this had better be left this year.

231/19 Any of business

- Cllr D Marshall mentioned that the WI had requested funding for their Christmas event which is organised for the whole of the village community. An Extraordinary meeting was requested.
- A Cllr commented that there were concerns about the possibility of a pharmacy being built in Peter village. The Halling surgery is aiming to extend the waiting room.
- A Cllr mentioned the need to get the Parish Council website updated.
The Asst Clerk said he would attend to the matter.

232/19 Date of next meeting – October 7th in the Jubilee Hall, Upper Halling at 7.30pm

233/19 Section 100A (4)

To resolve that pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from the following items because it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted that members of the public are not present during these items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act **A Vote will be taken**

All Parish Councillors present voted to exclude the public and press to item 15 of the Agenda.

224/19 Personnel Matters

The Parish Cllrs debated a personnel matter.

225/19 Close of meeting – The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.