

HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF HALLING PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

August 12th in the Jubilee Hall starting at 7.30pm

200/19 Present

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

Cllr G Chalker
Cllr Mrs S Chamberlain
Cllr C Buckwell
Cllr P Hudson
Cllr Mrs M Dillon
Cllr Ms C Ebanks

Mr N Fursdon (Asst Clerk)

3 members of the public.

The Chairman introduced Mr N Fursdon the new Asst Parish Clerk, the Chairman also announced that Mr J Manning had resigned from the Parish Council.

201/19 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Thorne and Marshall.

202/19 Disclosure of any over business – There were none.

203/19 Disclosure of any Pecuniary and / Prejudicial Interests.

Cllrs Wenham and Dolby – Item 14 Setting up a Personnel Working Group.

204/19 Approve Minutes of July 1st Parish Council meeting and July 16th Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting.

Both Minutes were found correct subject to amendments of miss spelt surname, for Cllr M Dillon.

205/19 Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda – There were none.

206/19 Request regarding football training on Upper Halling Recreation Ground

The Chairman explained that the Upper Halling recreation ground is not a proper ground for league football. It is only really meant for the young of the village to have a kick around. To have league games there, the ground would have to be registered as a football ground. The ground is not large enough for a pitch.

The ground would also need to be insured as a football pitch.

Cllr Wenham proposed and Cllr Dolby seconded that 'No organised league football is allowed on the Upper Halling Recreation Ground'. All Cllrs present were in agreement.

207/19 Halling Minors FC use of the Upper Halling Recreation Ground

This matter is fully covered at item 6.

208/19 Upper Halling Recreation Ground Goal Posts

The Chairman said that concerns had been raised about the safety of the new football goal posts, due to the uneven ground, some of the bases are not quite level.

The Chairman had a site meeting with the company that manufacture them, and they confirm –

- The football goal posts are fitted correctly.
- There is no way to resolve the issue.
- The risk of injury is minimal.

The Company also stated that they have never come across this problem before.

The Chairman said that the Upper Halling Recreation Ground is well used.

A Cllr asked if the Parish Council owned the Upper Halling Recreation Ground.

The Chairman replied saying that the Parish Council owns both the recreation grounds at Upper Hall and Lower Halling, and that both were protected from any development.
It was asked if a list of what ground the Parish Council owns could be published.

209/19 Halling View Email List

This matter was not discussed as Cllr J Manning had placed it on the Agenda, and he has since resigned.

210/19 Using Social Media

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211/19 Review of Medway Council Cleaning Contract

Cllr Buckwell pointed out that there was no need for an actual review, it was just a notice stating that Medway Council have changed their cleaning provider from Viola to another provider.
The matter was noted.

212/19 Events

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213/19 Community Pay Back

The Chairman said that the Parish Council have used Community Pay Back before –

- The cost used to be £300 per year.
- They come once a fortnight.
- They can only do certain work.
- Need to enquire what work they are allowed to do.
- Then check around the village to see what work needs doing
- Needs to be discussed again at a later date.

214/10 Personnel Working Group

A debate took place about setting up a Personnel Committee.
It was agreed to set one up.

- Would not be a regular meeting Committee.
- Would only meet as and when required.
- It was agreed that an odd number would be best, and a membership of three was agreed.
- Matters discussed at any meeting MUST remain confidential.
- It was agreed that Cllrs Mrs Dillon, Hudson and Chalker be the membership of the Committee.

215/19 Next Parish Council Meeting Date

The date of the next Parish Council was confirmed as September 3rd 2019

216/19 Section 100A (4) Exclude members of the public for the remainder of the Meeting.

A vote to exclude the public was taken and unanimously agreed.

Members of the public left the Meeting at 8.10pm

Before they left a member of the public said that he wished to say something and was surprised there was no public section.

The Chairman said that was because the meeting was an extraordinary meeting, not a normal meeting

The member of the public said that the Parish Council should arrange a meeting with the residents who live adjoining the recreation grounds.

217/19 Personnel Matters

The Chairman said that item 17 was being held behind closed doors, to discuss employment issues.

218/19 Any other business – There were none.

219/19 Close of meeting – The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm