

DRAFT**Minutes of the meeting of Halling Parish Council held on 12th September 2016 at the Jubilee Hall**

Present: Chairman: Chris Herbert (Lower Ward) CH ; George Wenham (Upper Ward) GW;
 Andy Simpson (Lower Ward) AS; Richard Thorne (Lower Ward) RT;
 Trevor Reynolds (Upper Ward) TR; Kelly Talbot (Lower Ward) KT and Les Hitchcock (Lower Ward) LH.

9 Members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** : Matt Fearn and Michael Leverington
2. **Disclosure of any other business** - none
3. **Declaration of any Pecuniary and/or Prejudicial interests** None

4. **Public Questions**

The following points were raised by the public:

Sign in Browndens Road; Dog mess on Plough path; parking by commercial vehicles in St. Andrews Park; tidying of Cemetery; exposure of sub station by taking away trees and shrubs; contacts on website; swimming in Blue Lake causing parking and litter problems; speeding in High Street; slabs by the Grooms; resurfacing of The Street; .

5. **Reconvene meeting and minutes of Parish Council meetings**

CH said the decision on the Minutes of 12th July 2016 should be deferred to a later meeting.

Agreed. CH proposed that the minutes of the 22nd July be accepted. This was seconded by LH and all agreed.

6. **Matters arising from the last minutes**

AS – item 6 – could this be on future Agendas?

CH – item 13 – HPC voted £1,000 for this event and have come within budget by about £50. He proposed that HPC sends a voucher for 50 euros to the person in Belgium who found the balloon. TR seconded and all agreed.

7. **Marsh and Footpaths**

GW reported that a gate on the north side footpaths has had to be re-hung because it had been removed by someone using tools. The water is still flowing from the sink hole because of the surface water drain being blocked and it is hoped that Southern Water will rectify this and also dig out the natural drainage ditch which has gradually been filled in over time by heavy vehicles being driven over it. Andrew Lingham has erected a new gate on the south side entrance to the marsh so it looks as if cattle will be grazing shortly.

8. **Report on Lower and Upper Recreation Grounds by George Wenham**

Upper Rec. Not looking at all bad but there are still issues with overhanging branches. He will contact Kevyn Wightman for advice on this.

Lower rec. – the new play equipment is being well used and a lot of people have commented on the improvement it has made. The two safety inspectors visit both recs. on a weekly basis and

everything is in hand. Ben Cook is at the moment unable to continue in the role of looking after the recs but Lorraine Murphy has now taken this over and is doing a good job.

9. **Land at top of Stake Lane**

CH said that HPC needs to establish the ownership of the land before any move to maintain it with the help of a grant from Halling Association is made.

10. **Report on Planning Applications received since the July 2016 meeting** – Richard Thorne

MC/16/3007 – change of use at Fire Station to place of worship

MC/16/3013 – 2 houses on site of Baptist Chapel

The Parish Council did not discuss the above two applications in view of its interest in the sale of the Fire Station.

MC/16/3138 – 48 Rochester Road – conversion of garage to living space.

MC/16/3512 – 11D High Street – loft conversion.

MC/16/3548 – St Andrews Park – change of location of footbridge

MC/16/3644 – ST Andrews Park - new building conditions

The Parish Council had no observations to make on these four applications.

11. **Update on Fire Station** – see under previous item

12. **Report by Chairman on Grand Opening of QEII playground.**

CH referred to the report on Halling View and he thanked Maria Cook for all her hard work on this project. It was a very successful day in view of the short time in which to arrange it.

Other phases will be forthcoming in the future to complete the work on playgrounds in the Village.

13. **Proposal by George Wenham to invite Maria Cook to take up a co-opted non-voting post for HPC Recreation Equipment facilitator similar to the position held by Barry Barnes for footpaths.**

Maria Cook confirmed that she is prepared to act in this capacity.

14. **Football in Upper Recreation Ground.**

HPC wishes to encourage the use of the Upper Rec by youngsters but not adults. The Clerk is to contact Halling Minors FC re their agreement to use the Upper Rec.

ITEM 15 RECEIPTS none

ITEM 16 PAYMENTS

Tom Bailey	27-Jun-16	97.50		97.50	29-Jun-16	Work on Upper rec	E
Clive Stanley	30-Jun-16	65.00		65.00	11-Jul-16	Web fees for June 2106	G
J Barnes	10-Jul-16	13.51		13.51	13-Jul-16	Reimbursement for harness	E
MHS Homes	01-Jul-16	34.30	6.86	41.16	01-Jul-16	Garage rent	E
Halling Community Centre	01-Jul-16	250.00		250.00	01-Jul-16	Office rent	G
Total Property	12-Jul-16	380.00		380.00	13-Jul-16	Tree clearance in Upper Rec	E
Rubicon Industries Ltd	20-Jul-16	300.00	60.00	360.00	20-Jul-16	Youth Club Skate Day	H
Barry Barnes	18-Jul-16	10.98		10.98	20-Jul-16	Strimmer	E

KALC	19-Jul-16	120.00	24.00	144.00	22-Jul-16	2 x attendees Councillors Conference	G
L Murphy	11-Jul-16	18.00		18.00	22-Jul-16	lower rec clearing	E
Tom Bailey	29-Jul-16	83.47		83.47	05-Aug-16	Work on UR and purchase of rake	E
You First Partnership Ltd	26-Jul-16	554.24	110.85	665.09	05-Aug-16	Service Agreement and prints	G
Southern Electric	27-Jul-16	5.42	1.09	6.51	05-Aug-16	Electricity for Fire Station	F
Clive Stanley	31-Jul-16	32.50		32.50	05-Aug-16	Web fees for July 2016	G
Total Property	26-Jul-16	535.00		535.00	05-Aug-16	Recs, marsh and JH car park	E
Lorraine Murphy	05-Aug-16	45.00		45.00	08-Aug-16	Work on Lower rec	E
Jubilee Hall Management Ctee	07-Aug-16	12.00		12.00	08-Aug-16	Hire of Jubilee Hall 22/07/16	G
Medway Council	01-Jul-16	509.00		509.00	08-Aug-16	Rates bill for July 2016	G
Total Property	14-Aug-16	325.00		325.00	15-Aug-16	Work on rec and Marsh	E
MHS Homes	01-Aug-16	34.30	6.86	41.16	01-Aug-16	Garage rent	E
Halling Community Centre	01-Aug-16	250.00		250.00	01-Aug-16	Office rent	G
Lorraine Murphy	12-Aug-16	27.00		27.00	15-Aug-16	Work on Lower rec	E
Zurich Municipal	12-Aug-16	207.49		207.49	17-Aug-16	Premium for new equipment	E
Medway Council	19-Aug-16	509.00		509.00	19-Aug-16	Rates bill for August 2016	F
Lorraine Murphy	19-Aug-16	18.00		18.00	22-Aug-16	Work on Lower Rec	E
Tom Bailey	24-Aug-16	91.00		91.00	24-Aug-16	Work on Upper Rec	E
Southern Electric	18-Aug-16	5.41	1.08	6.49	24-Aug-16	Supply in Fire Station	F
Barry Barnes	18-Aug-16	10.17		10.17	24-Aug-16	Strimmer head	E
Clive Stanley	31-Aug-16	45.50		45.50	31-Aug-16	Web fees for August 2016	G
Lorraine Murphy	26-Aug-16	21.60		21.60	31-Aug-16	Work on lower rec	E
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It was proposed by TR, seconded by LH that the above payments be ratified. All agreed.
TR proposed that the payments to the Contractors for the new play equipment be paid now provided that they are within the budget set. This was seconded by CH and all agreed

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm