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Minutes of Halling Parish Council held on 13th January 2016 at the Community Centre

Present: Chair George Wenham (Upper Ward) GW; Vice-Chair Mark Joy (North Ward) MJ
Chris Herbert (Lower Ward) CH; Les Hitchcock (Lower Ward) LH;
Kelly Talbot (Lower Ward) KT; Andy Simpson (Lower Ward) AS; Trevor Reynolds (Upper
Ward) TR and Michael Chattington (North Ward) MC

Bill Swan – Clerk (WS) and 27 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Mark Joy and Matt Fearn – reasons accepted.

2. **Disclosure of any other Business**

WS – 1 item

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary and Prejudicial Interests** - none

4. **Adjourn meeting for Parishioners' Questions**

Among the points raised were the following:

Parking overnight in the Jubilee Hall car park. Brick pillar on Station Approach.

Lack of information on the Fire Station. Assurance that all Fire Station Committees will be open. Why can't a decision on the Fire Station be made earlier than March 2016. The state of Essex and Vicarage Roads. Dumping at Halling Train Station.

Lack of dog mess bins. Petition re Fire Station.

5. **Reconvene meeting and approve minutes of 11th November 2015 meeting.**

It was proposed by LH, seconded by CH, that the minutes of this meeting be adopted and all agreed apart from TR who was not present. It was proposed by TR, seconded by LH, that the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting on 2nd December 2015 be adopted. All agreed. The minutes of the Fire Station Committee on 16th December 2015 and the Finance Committee on 6th December were held over for approval until further meetings of those Committees.

6. **Matters arising from the minutes** - none

7. **Bob Morton's resignation.**

GW reported that Bob Morton has submitted his resignation from the Parish Council. He thanked Bob for the time and effort he has put in over the last 2 years and wanted HPC to write formally thanking Bob. Filling Bob's position on the Fire Station was held over to the next meeting but TR volunteered to take on Bob's role on the KCRP until May 2016.

8. **Proposal by the Chairman to have a site meeting on the Marsh to look at the future use of the March in 2016 and to report on footpaths.**

It was proposed by GW, seconded by LH, that Councillors meet on the marsh at 10 am on Saturday 16th January to look at the state of the marsh. recommendation that cattle be kept off the south side of the common. This would keep the tradition of grazing on the marsh. The money HPC spends on the protection and upkeep on the marsh outweighs the grazing income from grazing.

The RS201 detour path is now open.

The first necessary steps have been taken regarding the permissive path from Whittings Farm

9 Planning

Elmhaven Marina – an appeal has been made about the previous decision.

10. Halling Fire Station

KT said that the Committee were thinking about letting people know their ideas by a leaflet drop and an online posting. She said that the 31st March deadline was agreed by the whole Council.

10. Lower Recreation Ground

The Chair and Vice-Chair having agreed, under standing orders, to her speaking, Maria Cook said that Tesco are supporting green space areas from the 5p bag tax and that HPC should apply for a grant for projects like the play areas.

11. Items 11, 12a, 12b and 12c.

As the proposer was not present, these could not be discussed.

**13 Proposal by Trevor Reynolds to add new Standing Order 15(a) (v111)
“Councillors who are not members of a committee attend the committee and speak., but they are permitted to vote”**

This was seconded by CH and agreed by all.

14. Proposal by Trevor Reynolds to ask the Clerk to amend Standing Order 1(m) concerning the public recording of meetings to reflect the latest legislation.

The protocol is to be looked at and HPC should send any comments to the Clerk for a decision by the full Council.

15. Proposal by the Chairman to refurbish the swings and the replace the shelter in the lower rec.

Maria Cook said that the £2,000 from the Police Commissioner’s fund is not enough for a new shelter but it could be refurbished with the money. The play area is more important than the shelter at the present so any HPC money should be spent on this. It would be best to hold any decisions over until quotes are received and HPC knows how much money is available.

16. Closed item

It was proposed by LH, seconded by CH, that this item be moved to the end of the meeting and the public excluded. Agreed with 2 abstentions.

ITEM 17 RECEIPTS

			<u>Budget Head</u>		
13/11/2015	Event Attractions	Refund	HFW15	360.00	360.00
25/11/2015	Poppy Collection		Section 137	689.55	689.55
09/12/2015	Total Property	Advert	HV	45.00	45.00
09/12/2015	Beaneys	Advert	HV	80.00	80.00
09/12/2015	Beaneys	Donation for Poppy Collection	Section 137	20.00	20.00
04/01/2016	UK Power Networks	Wayleave	EST	37.82	37.82
04/01/2016	National Grid	Wayleave	EST	176.46	176.46
				1408.83	1408.83

ITEM 18 PAYMENTSNeeding ratification

				<u>Net</u>	<u>Vat</u>	<u>Gross Total</u>
<u>Date</u>						
26/10/2015	Ben Cook	Work on recs.	EST	89.50		89.50
28/10/2015	Tom Bailey	Work on Upper rec	EST	90.00		90.00
30/10/2015	Ben Cook	Work on recs.	EST	55.00		55.00
04/11/2015	Southern Water	Fire Station	FS	36.25		36.25
04/11/2015	Total Property	Outside lighting and dehum hire	FS	185.00		185.00
04/11/2015	Medway Council	Lottery fee	HFW16	20.00		20.00
04/11/2015	Clive Stanley	Web fees for October 2015	G/A	42.00		42.00
11/11/2015	Ian Adams	Donation towards school poppy	Section 137	100.00		100.00
16/11/2015	SE water	Fire Station	FS	45.94		45.94
16/11/2015	Halling Community Centre	Hire of hall	G/A	24.00		24.00
20/11/2015	Ben Cook	Work on recs.	EST	75.00		75.00
27/11/2015	Poppy Appeal	Collection	Section 137	689.55		689.55
30/11/2015	Tom Bailey	Work on Upper rec	EST	71.50		71.50
30/11/2015	Total Property	JH car park and stiles	EST	275.00		275.00
02/12/2015	Clive Stanley	Web fees for November 2015	G/A	96.00		96.00
02/12/2015	Scarbutts Printers	Printing of December edition	HV	1128.00		1128.00
04/12/2015	Paula Wilkins-Smith	Delivery of HV	HV	70.00		70.00
09/12/2015	Halling Community Centre	Hire of hall	G/A	24.00		24.00
09/12/2015	Total Property	Marsh fencing repairs	EST	85.00		85.00
09/12/2015	Total Property	Dehumidifier hire	FS	60.00		60.00
09/12/2015	Poppy Appeal	Wreaths and donation	Section 137	120.00		120.00
11/12/2015	Ben Cook	Work on recs.	EST	75.00		75.00
14/12/2015	BT	Phone and broadband	G/A	168.21	33.64	201.85
16/12/2015	Ben Cook	Work on recs.	EST	55.00		55.00
30/12/2015	Tom Bailey	Work on Upper rec	EST	97.50		97.50
04/01/2016	Clive Stanley	Web fees for December 2015	G/A	66.00		66.00
				3843.45	33.64	3877.09

It was proposed by TR, seconded MC, that the above payments be ratified. All agreed.

19. Dates of forthcoming meetings of the Parish Council.

Meeting of the Parish Council at the Jubilee Hall on Tuesday 9th February 016 at 7.30 pm.

20. Any Other Business

Already dealt with during meeting.

16. Closed item – KCC legal scheme

TR said that HPC told KLS that it would be revisiting this. He is of the opinion that having now seen everything relating to this, he considers that the Parish Council should not pay KLS's invoices as they were never authorised by HPC. It was proposed by TR, seconded by CH, that a letter be sent to KLS pointing out its position.

All agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.