

**Minutes of Halling Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at the Community Centre**

Present: Mark Joy (MJ) Chris Herbert (CH) Les Hitchcock (LH)  
 Richard Thorne (RT) Sam Walsh (SW) Hayley Winter (HW)  
 Norman Godding (NG)  
 Bill Swan (Clerk WS), 9 members of the public + PSCO Hunter.

1. Apologies  
 DP and TR
2. Minutes of the last meeting  
 Proposed by LH, seconded by RT that the minutes were a true record of the February meeting. All agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.
3. Matters Arising  
 LH – item 7(d) – the hole in the fence has been reported to Lafarge.
4. Notification of Any Other Business  
 NG – 2 items; HW – 1 item; RT – 1 item; WS – 3 items.
5. Leave of absence  
 DP has requested a leave of absence of 2 months from HPC duties and TR has given his apologies for this and the next 2 meetings.. CH asked why 2 senior Members of the Parish Council are taking leave of absence at the same time. It was proposed by TR, seconded by HW, that a leave of absence be granted to DP. The vote was 6 for with 1 (CH) against.
6. Vacancies  
 MJ confirmed that there are 2 vacancies on Lower Ward which HPC can fill by co- option. Residents have been invited to apply by 17<sup>th</sup> March. He said that SRW had already volunteered to do any interviews with him but he felt there should be a third person on the panel. CH was invited by RT to do this and he accepted provided that it would fit in with his work commitments. All agreed.
7. Reports by Committee Portfolio Holders
  - a) Estates  
 LH reported on the broken fence in the Lower Rec. only 2 quotes were forthcoming and Total Property were given the job as they were considerably lower than the other quote. LH proposed that this be ratified, seconded by NG. All agreed. The report on the play areas has been received, the main points of concern being some of the safety surfaces. The QE 11 plaques have been erected in both recs. Quotations are still awaited for the treatment of the trees in both recs. LH
  - b) Footpaths  
 SRW said that the RS 320 is currently being cleared and is walkable. Total Property is to put in the stile and steps required at the north end. The other stiles are to be erected by Medway Council. A vote of thanks to Barry Barnes, Muff Parker and John Coleman for their sterling efforts on the clearing of the path was moved by MJ and they were given an enthusiastic ovation. LH

c) Planning and Development

NG said that one new application had been received: MC/13/0481 for a single storey side extension at 2 Station Approach. It was proposed by NG, seconded by RT that HPC raise no objection to this. All agreed.

d) Community – no report

8. Bishops Palace

As part of his Agenda item no 18, PCSO Alan Hunter said that he would like to see the tunnel blocked off to stop anti social behaviour. CH said that Medway Council should be asked to remove the swing as this was part of HPC policy.

WS

9. Halling Fire Station

MJ said he had had a phone call from the Medway Messenger following a meeting of Medway Council's planning committee saying that £100,000 of section 106 money has been allocated to HPC for the purchase of the old fire station. No confirmation of this has been received from Medway Council.

10. Jubilee Hall

MJ said that he has met with Chris Beaney recently and the committee is looking to get stronger but lighter doors for the storage area and are still waiting for another quote for a new electric boiler.

11. Halling Association – no report

12. Community Centre

MJ reported on the meeting held with representatives of HPC and the Community Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> March concerning their request for a rent increase. No agreement was reached but negotiations are ongoing with HPC determined to get the best deal for residents.

13. Lafarge – no report

14. Redrow – no report

15. Youth Club

LH said that a skate day has been arranged for the 20<sup>th</sup> April run by Rubicon. This is due to the funding help from Streetcops and Halling Association.

16. White Pit – no report

17. Halling Primary School

MJ said that he had spoken to Mrs Donnelly about sending a letter to parents about speeding. CH said that there would be a problem with policing Howlsmere Close should more parking restrictions be put in force. It was decided to ask Phil Moore when he meets HPC next.

WS

18. Policing

PCSO Alan Hunter reported on parking issues in Kent Road and other areas of the Village. Youths congregating at rail station – BTP have had a presence here recently. MJ said he had met with Inspector Matson recently – among the things discussed were parking, speeding in the village, parking on pavements and cars going through the bollards in Ferry Road.

20. Receipts & Payments

<u>Item 19</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Budget Head</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
	UK Power	Wayleave for Marsh	MARSH	34.16		
		Total for month		<u>34.16</u>		
<u>Item 20</u>	<u>Payments</u>	-	-	<u>Net</u>	<u>Vat</u>	<u>Gross</u>
12/02/2013	Tom Bailey	Work on Upper Rec.	EST	39.00		39.00
28/02/2013	Ben Cook	Lower Rec. and White Pit	EST	45.00		45.00
28/02/2013	Total Property	Emergency work on LR fence	EST	68.00		68.00
01/03/2013	Clive Stanley	Web fees for Feb 2013	G/A	38.50		38.50
01/03/2013	Tom Bailey	Work on Upper Rec.	EST	19.50		19.50
07/03/2013	Total Property	Erecting plaques in both recs.	EST	245.00		245.00
08/03/2013	Tom Bailey	Work on Upper Rec.	EST	19.50		19.50
08/03/2013	Craigdene Ltd	Inspection of play equipment	EST	150.00	30.00	180.00
13/03/2013	BT	Phone and broadband	G/A	144.87	28.97	173.64
		Total for month		769.37	58.97	828.14

It was proposed by CH, seconded by LH, that the above payments be ratified. All agreed except for RT who abstained.

21. A.O.B

NG said that the seat on the riverside walk had been broken for some time now. This is Medway Council's and the Clerk will report it to them. Also the hedge at the top of Low Meadow needs cutting back. Medway Council will be informed.

HW said that she has been appointed as Chair of FW13 committee and it has been decided to hold it on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> and the actual Funday on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

RT drew Members attention to the development at Lodge Hill being held up by nightingales. Also is the Talent competition at Cuxton an official PC function as it included Halling in the notices. It is thought that this was down to the social club.

WS reminded Members of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at the C/C. He said that he had already invited Inspector Matson.

As it is recommended that cheques should only be signed by members, there is a need for 2 more signatories. Agreed that HW and SRW be added to the mandate. Clerk to arrange.

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Parishioners' Questions:

Bishops Palace

Street lights in Vicarage Road

Flooding in Pilgrims Road

Change of name at the Grooms

Old fire station