

D R A F T**Minutes of the meeting of Halling Parish Council held on 21st November 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 and Matt Fearn (Upper Ward) MF.
 Clerk Bill Swan (WS) and 6 Members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence :** Michael Leverington, Les Hitchcock and Kelly Talbot – reasons accepted

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:

Fence in Vicarage Close circle; why dates of meetings changed. Audio system at Jubilee Hall:
 Railway approach in poor condition; Station ticket machine smashed; phone box at Forge Green;
 Community Speed Watch; Speed survey in High Street; St Andrews not connected to main sewer yet;
 footpath on Redrow land near Prynys Cottage overgrown;

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

It was proposed by GW, seconded by RT that the minutes of the 11th October meeting be adopted.
 All agreed. AS proposed with GW seconding, that the minutes of the 25th October be adopted.
 All agreed.

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

Item 18 - RT said that there would be no carol service on 4th December but there will be on 22nd December at the Christmas Grotto.

7. **Co-options to fill the vacancies in Lower and Upper Wards**

It was proposed by CH, seconded by TR, that Paul Crispe be co-opted to fill the vacancy in Lower Ward. All agreed and Paul signed the declaration book and took his place.

The vacancy in Upper Ward is still unfilled.

8. **Report on Marsh and footpaths**

The footpaths officer Barry Barnes reported that he has been negotiating for 15 months to have a permissive footpath from the plough path to Whittings farm. Tarmac UK have now come up with lots of conditions eg HPC to cut hedges and maintain surfacing. This has been discussed with the PROW officer at Medway Council. Will HPC be prepared to accept any condition that Tarmac UK come up with?

CH said that HPC needs to meet with Tarmac and Medway to discuss this.

GW said that the Marsh footpath will be closed shortly to allow the drainage board to fix a broken pipe.

9. **Report on Lower and Upper recs (including football)** – George Wenham

The clearing of both recs is being carried out by Lorraine Murphy to a high standard.

He had received reports of senior football being played in the Upper Rec but has not been able to confirm this.

10 Recreation Grounds update and to approve budget to complete turfing around new equipment in Lower rec. – Chairman and Maria Cook

CH said that when the new equipment was installed in August it was decided to delay the new grass until the autumn because of the dry weather. The best quote to do this is £1423.42 and it was proposed by MF, seconded by RT that this be accepted All agreed. A quote of £150 had been received for the

11. Report on Planning Applications received since the October 2016 meeting

RT said that one has been received :

MC/16/4684 62 Rochester Road, North Halling – 4 bed house

There are 28 days for observations and RT will check on the application and report back.

12. Update on Fire Station

CH reported that there will be a section 106 agreement that application for the 2 houses by Halling Baptist Church will be linked to the change of use of the Fire Station. A decision should be made around the 16th December.

13. Halling in Bloom - Richard Thorne

RT said he has had no chance to meet up with the Kent and Medway Rail Partnership as yet but there should be no financial impact on HPC.

14. Christmas Grotto – Chairman

CH reported that weekly Working Party meetings are being held in the run up to the event. Father Christmas and his reindeer have been booked along with the Choir from Bo-Peeps, Tea Cups roundabout, Mini Ferris Wheel and Snow Globe. Doughnuts, popcorn and candy floss stalls will be in attendance. . The event is on 22nd December at the Bishops Palace between 4 and 8 pm. Details will be in Halling View which is due out on 1st December .

15. Other Christmas events update.

CH said that the tree is coming on 3rd December around 10 am and volunteers are needed to assist with the erection and decoration on the day. RT said 3 full sets of the old lights were OK but we probably need new ones and a new star.

16. Tesco bags of help.

The vote has now closed and HPC is waiting to hear from Groundwork UK at the end of November.

17 Payments

ITEM 17 PAYMENTS

01-Oct-16	Lorraine Murphy	43.20		43.20	Work on Lower & Upper recs	EST
05-Oct-16	Clive Stanley	52.00		52.00	Web fees September 2016	G/A
05-Oct-16	Jubilee Hall	12.00		12.00	Hire of hall	G/A
05-Oct-16	PKF Littlejohn	300.00	60.00	360.00	2015/16 Audit	G/A
07-Oct-16	Lorraine Murphy	54.00		54.00	Work on Lower & Upper recs	EST
12-Oct-16	Halling Minors	300.00		300.00	Transfer from Halling Association	Section 137
14-Oct-16	Lorraine Murphy	57.60		57.60	Work on Lower & Upper recs	EST
21-Oct-16	W R Swan	77.42	15.47	92.89	Phone and broadband	G/A

21-Oct-16	Lorraine Murphy	43.20		43.20	Work on Lower & Upper recs	EST
26-Oct-16	Total Property	82.50		82.50	Emergency repairs to adventure trail	EST
26-Oct-16	Tom Bailey	100.75		100.75	Work on upper rec	EST
31-Oct-16	Lorraine Murphy	43.20		43.20	Work on Lower & Upper recs	EST
31-Oct-16	Medway Council	509.00		509.00	Rates on Fire Station	FS
31-Oct-16	Southern Electric	5.87	1.18	7.05	Standing charge	FS
31-Oct-16	Open Spaces Soc	45.00		45.00	Subs renewal	G/A
		1,725.74	76.65	1,802.39		

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

18. **Any other business**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm