

HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Community Centre, High Street, Lower Halling, Rochester, Kent. ME2 1BS



MINUTES

Tuesday 25th June 2019

The Community Centre ~ 7.30pm

Attendees:

Cllr G. Wenham	Cllr R. Thorne
Cllr T. Dolby	Cllr C. Buckwell
Cllr S. Chamberlain (following co-option)	Cllr G. Chalker (following co-option)
Cllr C. Ebanks (following co-option)	Cllr D. Marshall (following co-option)
Cllr P. Hudson (following co-option)	Cllr J. Manning (following co-option)
Mrs J. Allen ~ Clerk	

Members of the public: 9

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

The Chairman, Cllr G. Wenham, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Apologies for Absences

JA155:19 None.

2. Disclosure of other business

JA156:19 None.

3. Declarations of any Pecuniary and/or Prejudicial Interests

JA157:19 None.

4. Co-option of Applicants and Allocation to Wards

JA158:19 The Chairman, Cllr G. Wenham spoke to request the members consider each co-optee in turn, shortlisted from their credentials and following the results of the one to one interview(s), that had subsequently taken place on Saturday 22nd June at the Community Centre.

Cllr R. Thorne spoke to propose Ms M. Dillion be co-opted onto the Parish Council as a member of the Lower Ward, this proposal was seconded via Cllr T. Dolby and unanimously agreed.

Cllr C. Buckwell spoke to propose Ms C. Ebanks be co-opted onto the Parish Council as a member of the Upper Ward, this proposal was seconded via Cllr C. Buckwell and unanimously agreed.

Cllr T. Dolby spoke to propose Ms S. Chamberlain be co-opted onto the Parish Council as a member of the Upper Ward, this proposal was seconded via Cllr R. Thorne and unanimously agreed.

Cllr R. Thorne spoke to propose Mr G. Chalker be co-opted onto the Parish Council as a member of the North Ward, this proposal was seconded via Cllr C. Buckwell and unanimously agreed.

Cllr C. Buckwell spoke to propose Mr D. Marshall be co-opted onto the Parish Council as a member of the Lower Ward, this proposal was seconded via Cllr T. Dolby and unanimously agreed.

Cllr R. Thorne spoke to propose Mr P. Hudson be co-opted onto the Parish Council as a member of the Lower Ward, this proposal was seconded via Cllr C. Buckwell and unanimously agreed.

Cllr T. Dolby spoke to propose Mr J. Manning be co-opted onto the Parish Council as a member of the Lower Ward, this proposal was seconded via Cllr C. Buckwell and unanimously agreed.

The new Councillors, Cllr C. Ebanks, Cllr S. Chamberlain, Cllr G. Chalker, Cllr D. Marshall, Cllr P. Hudson and Cllr J. Manning were invited to sit with the other Councillors by the Chairman and duly signed 'Declarations of Acceptance of Office' before the Proper Officer.

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Cllr R. Thorne spoke to welcome the new members onto the Council and asked each member in turn to introduce themselves to the members of the public.

It was noted that due to previous commitments Ms M. Dillion was sadly unable to attend but would duly sign the 'Declarations of Acceptance of Office' before the Clerk, prior the start of the next Parish meeting.

5. Upper Recreation Ground opening

JA159:19 The Chairman, Cllr G. Wenham, spoke to inform the members of previous discussions that had taken place to consider holding the opening of the newly refurbished Upper Recreation Ground on Friday 5th July 2019.

Concerns were raised via Cllr R. Thorne in regards to the short timescales involved to organise this event, to which the Chairman Cllr G. Wenham agreed with, expressing his own apprehensions that no budget had been set either to hold this event.

Cllr P. Hudson spoke to request the members consider postponing the opening until after the children had broken up for the school holidays to enable more children to attend, however other members cited that this could also work against them, as it was well known that many families jet straight off for holiday after the schools break up to take advantage of the 'lower cost' holidays before the peak holiday season begins in August.

A discussion ensued between the members in regards to the possible dates and budgets, where it was proposed via Cllr T. Dolby to hold this event on Saturday 20th July, starting from 11.00am with a prospective budget of £350.00, which would need to include a free ice-cream for all the children in attendance. This proposal was seconded via Cllr S. Chamberlain and unanimously agreed.

Cllr C. Buckwell also spoke to advise that following his connections as Ward Councillor for Strood South that he would personally speak to both the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor of Medway to check their availability in order to invite them to this event and to ask them if they would be willing to officially open it. Cllr C. Buckwell advised he would report back to the Clerk once he had heard back from either of the Mayors.

6. Close of meeting

JA160:19 The meeting finished at 7.48 pm.

The next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on:

Monday 1st July	7.30pm	Jubilee Hall
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