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**Minutes of the Fire Station Committee of Halling Parish Council held on 16th
December 2015 at the Community Centre**

Present: Chair George Wenham (Upper Ward) GW; Chris Herbert (Lower Ward) CH ;
Bob Morton (Lower Ward) BM; Les Hitchcock (Lower Ward) LH; Kelly Talbot (Lower
Ward) KT; Andy Simpson (Lower Ward) AS; Michael Chattington (North Ward) MC;

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

The Chairman opened the meeting and brought item 3 forward as the Committee
needs to elect a chair.

It was proposed by MC, seconded by AS, that KT be Chair of the new
Committee. This was carried by a vote of 3 for with 2 abstentions.

KT then took the chair.

1. Apologies for absence – MJ as Vice-Chair.

2. Declaration of any Pecuniary and/or Prejudicial Interests - none

3. Election of Chairman – see above

4. Co option of additional members

KT called for volunteers and Mark Tickner of Upper Halling came forward to offer
his services which were accepted.

KT then allowed the public to ask questions.

Among the points raised were the following:

Where will HPC find funding for the play equipment?

The school was promised section 106 money from the Redrow development but they
never got any.

Why has HPC changed its mind when the sale of the Fire Station has already been
agreed.

Why has HPC turned down a bid of £175,000

When will any business plan be produced and will this be made available to the
public.

Is HPC going to arrange a consultation?

Why are the newcomers to HPC stirring it up?

HPC should have a consultation by an independent.

Are the previous studies being put on the website?

Why doesn't HPC agree the sale as both parties are present and could shake hands on it now?

KT said that residents should be consulted more widely and the FSC is going to do this.

5. Planning permission requirements.

Not discussed

6. Potential uses of fire station

FSC will be consulting on this.

7. Timescale for proposals discussed above.

KT said that the Committee has until 31st March to present its findings.

8. Date of next meeting.

None set.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.