

HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday April 4th 2022 at The Community Centre, Lower Halling, commencing at 7.30pm

029/22 Chairman's welcome and recording of those present.

The Chairman, welcomed Cllrs and members of the public to the meeting.

Present	Cllr G Wenham Chairman.	Cllr C Buckwell.
	Cllr L Hitchcock Vice – Chairman.	Cllr Mrs S Chamberlain.
		Cllr Mrs L Ali.
		Cllr B Ali.
		Cllr G Batts.

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0 members of the public.

030/22 Apologies for absence.

Cllr G Chalker. (Unwell)

Cllr R Thorne. (Medway Council Meeting)

Apologies was found to be valid and accepted.

031/22 Declaration of any Pecuniary and/or Prejudicial Interests – None were declared.

032/22 Consideration of Funding for Platinum Jubilee Events

The Clerk explained that under the Parish Council's Financial Regulations any payment over £750 will require Full Parish Council approval. Permission is requested to authorise **any** payments that arise through the Platinum Jubilee Committee, **within the allocated budget** (and subject to the circulation to all Parish Councillors for comment and consideration of the Chair/Clerk).

The Clerk said that a Budget ceiling will have to be agreed by the Full Parish Council.

It was noted that Cllr Thorne had resigned from the Platinum Jubilee Committee.

Cllr B Ali said that the stage, sound system will be the most expensive, also hiring a generator, or could a cable be run to the Baptist Church, with their agreement of course.

The Chairman said that there would be a health and safety problem if the cable was run to the Baptist Church, so there would have to be a generator.

Cllr B Ali continued that the plan was to have 3 bands, **?**, Top Gun and Bad Pandas.

(Cllrs B Ali and Mrs L Ali said they would declared an interest with the band Bad Pandas, as they are related with a member of the band)

Cllrs accepted the declaration.

It was Proposed that a Budget ceiling of £12,000 be set and subject to the circulation to all Parish Councillors for comment and consideration of the Chair/Clerk that Payments over £750 be paid.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Chamberlain.

Seconded by Cllr L Hitchcock.

Unanimously agreed by all Cllrs present.

Orchestral Concert in Halling Parish Church

The Clerk spoke to the Cllrs about the email from the Vicar he had forwarded to them.

A request for help funding a twelve piece orchestra to hold a concert in the Halling Parish Church on Saturday June 4th as part of the village Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The concert is to be a ticket only event, the tickets will be free, but required to ensure no overcrowding, limit will be 200.

The cost will be £1,000 +.

The request if Halling Parish Council could grant £1,000 to ensure the event can be completely free.

It was Proposed that the £1,000 be paid.

Proposed by Cllr L Hitchcock. Seconded by Cllr G Batts.

Unanimously agreed by all Cllrs present.

033/22 Halling Association

Approval of the Parish Council is requested to take over the administration of the fund from Medway Council and establish a Halling Association Committee to oversee the administration and consideration of grant requests. The Committee will also invite non-councillor representatives from Tarmac, Cemex, Halling Primary School, Kent Area of Outstanding Beauty, Medway Council, Kent Police, and Redrow (membership to be reviewed at initial meeting). Terms of reference will be drawn up and circulated. The balance of the fund will be transferred from Medway Council and held in an Ear Marked Reserve within the parish accounts for that purpose only.

The Parish Council Financial Regulations will still apply to that Committee.

Cllrs debated the matter in depth.

It was proposed to agree in principal

Proposed by Cllr L Hitchcock. Seconded by Cllr G Batts. Unanimously agreed by all Cllrs present.

The Clerk said he will inform all the other parties

034/22 Annual Report (AGAR)

Preparations – Initial/Draft reports will be circulated. An Internal Auditor has been approached and will carry out the audit at the end of May 2022, after which the AGAR will need to be approved by the Parish Council and advertised, which must be for a 30-working day period including the first 10 working days of July. (Deadline for submission to external auditor 1/7/22).

The Clerk said all parts have been resolved.

Cllrs noted the matter

035/22 Village Hall/Community Centre Revenue Support Grant

Cllr L Hitchcock declared an interest due to his connection to Halling Community Centre, he remained at the meeting but took no part in the debate nor vote

There is provision in the 2022/23 budget for a grant to the two Halling Community Halls. It is suggested that if the Parish Council agree this, it would be subject to a signed agreement between the Parish Council and the Hall covering how that money can be used (a draft agreement will be circulated to councillors). Approval for this is sought.

It was proposed to agree in principal

Proposed by Cllr G Batts. Seconded by Cllr Mrs S Chamberlain.

Unanimously agreed by all Cllrs present.

In addition a sum of £1,166 is held by the Parish Council granted by Tesco for the provision of disabled toilets at the Jubilee Hall. This work has now been done, so authority is sought to make the payment to the Jubilee Hall Committee.

It was proposed to agree to make the payment.

Proposed by Cllr G Batts. Seconded by Cllr C Buckwell. Unanimously agreed by all Cllrs present.

036/22 End of Meeting