

HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 19.45 IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD, HALSTEAD.

PRESENT: Cllr Christine Halliday Vice Chairman in the Chair
Cllr. Jeff Baldwin
Cllr. Philip Draper
Cllr. Barry Gardiner
Cllr. Karen Grosvenor
Cllr. Roger Sales

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, 9 parishioners, District Councillors John Grint; one visitor

The meeting convened at 19.45

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Brooker who was on holiday. Members signed the attendance register

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

Items other than those already declared in Councillors' Register of Interests
Nil

2.1 DISPENSATIONS

A letter had been received from Cllr Gardiner requesting a dispensation so that he could take part in budget discussions and preparation of the Precept. It was agreed that the Clerk should provide this in her capacity as Proper Officer of Council

3 RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10 August 2015 were approved and Signed as a True Record.

4 FINANCE

4.1 RESOLVED: That the Accounts as itemised be paid.

Proposed by Cllr. Baldwin, seconded by Cllr. Draper and carried unanimously

CQ787	BT		£127.00
CQ788	British Gas - Pavilion	£158.83	
CQ788	British Gas-Parish Room	£166.88	£325.71
CQ789	SDC Standards training		£150.00
CQ790	Playsafety Ltd (ROSPA)		£ 85.20
CQ791	Viridor waste collection		£ 72.25
CQ792	Homemaids cleaners		£544.50
CQ793	Petty Cash		£ 25.00
CQ794	Tree Inspection OTS		£ 36.00
CQ795	<u>Clerk's expenses incurred while carrying out her duties:</u>		
	Internet allowance	£ 17.66	
	Mileage: 2 x Bank @ 11; 2 SDC @ 11 = 44	£ 19.80	
	Quarterly Office Allowance	£ 40.00	
	Quarterly Computer Allowance	£ 30.00	
	1&1 Internet Ltd website	£ 62.86	£170.32
	EDF Parish Room	£ 25.00	
DD	EDF Pavilion	<u>£ 25.00</u>	<u>£ 50.00</u>

TOTAL PAYMENTS AS AT 14 September 2015 **£ 1585.98**

CQ796 salary payment Mrs King Scott, Clerk

The cheques were signed at the close of business by Cllr. Barry Gardiner and Cllr. Roger Sales.

4.2 RECEIPTS AS AT 14 September 2015

V1208	Pratts Bottom A.D (Pavilion) Inv59	£140.00
V1209	Mrs Naylor (Pavilion) Inv 59	63.00
V1210	Pratts Bottom A.D (Pavilion) Inv57	14.00
V1211	Cricket Club licence 50% Inv 58L	£450.00
V1209	Miss Bryer (Parish Room) Inv24	£ 84.00
BACS	Ruth Jones, (Parish Room),Inv 11	21.00
BACS	Mrs Button (Parish Room) Inv 45	21.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS AS AT 14 SEPTEMBER 2015 £ 793.00 Noted

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

District Cllr. Grint spoke under agenda number 7.5

6. CLERK'S REPORT

6.1 Policing. No crimes have been reported. The Clerk will contact our PCSO as parishioners are aware that there has been crime in the village. The Mobile Police Station will be at Polhill Garden Centre on: 7 & 21 October; 4 & 28 November and 2 December 12pm – 1pm.

Kent Police have a new Control strategy: Child-abuse; Human trafficking; Serious violence & Sexual offences; Gangs; Organised crime; Counter terrorism & Domestic extremism.

6.2 Yellow Lines. Cllr. Baldwin had spoken to County Cllr. Parry who states that he is still having problems with Kent Highways over funding.

6.3 Badgers Mount Residents Association.

The BMRA secretary has written to advise that the funds will be held in the bank until such time as something happens on the old MOD site. This will be reviewed annually at the AGM but BMRA do not intend to refund the Section 137 payment made by Council.

It was proposed from the Chair and agreed by the members that there would not be any further correspondence with BMRA.

6.4 Village Clear Up

Date agreed for this was Saturday 10 October, 9,30am at the Pavilion. Majority of the members could make this date.

6.5 Netball Club

The work required to be done by Thames Water on the Recreation Ground near the court has still not been carried out. Hence, the netball club has only played five games due to this proposed work and the netball court had not been power-washed and lines remarked. It was agreed that the licence would be waved for year 2015-2016. The new season starts on 1 March and the court will be power-washed and relined prior to this date.

6.6 The freighter service will be in Halstead on Saturday 26 September.

6.7 Newsletter

This should be ready for distribution in early October. The Chairman must check the content prior to printing. Cllr. Baldwin asked if a request could be put in asking for Speed Watch volunteers.

7 PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 13 August 2015 were approved and Signed as a True Record.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 2 September 2015 were approved and Signed as a True Record.

7.1 **Planning Applications**

Received

SE/15/02036/HOUSE Oakside, Otford Lane, TN14 7EG

Erection of detached outbuilding (retrospective)

7.2 Granted

Nil – noted

7.3 Refused
Nil - noted

7.4 **FORT HALSTEAD**

The outline planning application for the redevelopment at Fort Halstead was the agenda item at the SDC Development Committee meeting on Thursday 10 September. Cllr. Brooker, Chairman of Council had spoken at the meeting.

20.23 SO1d. The Chairman adjourned the meeting for District Councillor John Grint to speak.

Cllr. Grint explained to the meeting that the Ministry of Defence is one of the land holders of Fort Halstead. All four of the owners have to sign the Section 106 agreement which will govern what will happen on the land. This is a vital part of any planning consent. The MOD has declined to sign. Without all four signatures the future of the development will not be secure.

The planning officer had recommended to the committee that outline planning consent should be given to the developers with a long list of conditions which must be carried out. It was agreed by the members that another condition should be added this being that the site entrance off Star Hill should only be used by emergence vehicles; pedestrians; cyclists and commercial vehicles.

After debate, and a vote by the members of the Development Control Committee, it was resolved that outline planning permission should be given as long as the four parties signed the S106 within three months.

Cllr. Grint believes that the Development Control Committee meeting was not the place to make some of these decisions which should have been debated thoroughly.

Council believes that the percentage of affordable housing should be 40% not 20% as required by the developer.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

7.5 **WATERCROFTS WOOD**

There has been confusion over whether or not planning consent still exists on this land. This will be looked into.

7.6 **COMMUNITY PLAN**

DVDs of the findings of the CLP committee had been circulated. Cllr. Gardiner advised that Keith Harrison, Vice Chairman of the CLP committee has offered to give a presentation on the findings of the consultation. Councillors agreed they would appreciate this. Date to be arranged.

7.7 **STATION COURT**

It was noted that an enforcement notice had been served on the occupiers which would come into force on 5 October unless the residents go to appeal before that date.

8 **AMENITIES AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Amenities & Highways Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9 September 2015 were approved and Signed as a True Record.

The meeting with allotment holders will take place on Friday 9 October in the Pavilion at 7.30pm. Cllr. Sales will be in the chair.

8.1 Public Rights of Way – agree payment for replacement stile in the sum of £25.00

Cllr. Baldwin proposed, seconded by Cllr. Sales that the replacement of the stile should be paid for by the Council. Carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should pay £25 for the replacement of the site.

8.2 Tree work Recreation Ground and tree survey.

The survey had been carried out by The Original Tree Surgeons Ltd and no problems were found. It is suggested that the survey is carried out annually. A few items had been highlighted for action and quotations will be sourced for these.

A quotation was provided for clearing the vegetation behind the play-area and the netball court, plus branches off two trees. Again, two more quotations will be sourced for this work.

- 8.3 Minor works in Parish Room
Quotation received from Mr Brown: paint wall under and behind sink and replace wooden backing £105.00
Remove cork board, repaint wall £ 65; repaint wall where dart board has been removed £40; replace ridge tiles £25.
Rub down and re-stain notice board outside the Pavilion £85. Cllr. Baldwin proposed that the quotation be accepted,
seconded by Cllr. Gardiner and carried unanimously.
RESOLVED: that the quotation in the sum of £320 should be accepted.
- 8.4 Repair of bus shelter
Council agreed to make an insurance claim and resolved that the quotation from Mr Brown in the sum of £175
Should be accepted, proposed by Cllr. Baldwin, seconded by Cllr. Draper and carried unanimously.
**RESOLVED: that the quotation of £175 to repair the bus shelter by Mr Brown should be accepted and an
insurance claim should be activated.**
- 8.5 Painting ceiling visitors changing room, Pavilion
Two quotations have been received for this work; a third is outstanding. *Agenda item October Parish Council*
- 8.6 Junior Football Club – update
- 8.7 Maintenance village flowerbeds
Two quotations have been received; a third is still outstanding. *Agenda item October Parish Council meeting*
Cllr. Halliday advised that Gerald Brooks has offered to water the flower beds.
- 8.8 ROSPA Report – play area.
Only a few items had been highlighted and will be dealt with. The overall ‘risk’ is medium. - *noted*
- 8.9 Highways Parish & Town Council Seminar – 29 October. Ditton.
It was agreed that Cllr. Baldwin should attend. Cllr. Grosvenor indicated that she would also like to attend. Clerk will
make enquires.
- 8 INFORMATION**
Date for road closure in Otford Lane has changed but will still be in September
- 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**
MONDAY 12 OCTOBER IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD AT 19.45

