HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 19.45 IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD, HALSTEAD.

PRESENT:

Cllr. Terry Brooker, Chairman of Council Cllr Christine Halliday Vice Chairman

Cllr. Jeff Baldwin Cllr. Barry Gardiner Cllr. Karen Grosvenor Cllr. Roger Sales

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, 6 parishioners, District Councillor Williamson

The meeting convened at 19.47

1 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr. Draper who was on holiday. Members present signed the attendance register,

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

2.1 DISPENSATIONS

Nil

- 3 RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11 January 2016 were approved and Signed as a True Record.
- 3.1 RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19 January 2016 were approved and Signed as a True Record.

4 FINANCE

4.1 RESOLVED: That the Accounts as itemised be paid, proposed by Cllr Halliday, seconded by Cllr. Draper, carried unanimously

CQ849 Priory Print & stationery	£164.35
CQ 851 HM Revenue & Customs	£476.51
CQ852 Viridor Waste management	£ 43.35
CQ853 Liberty Washroom Services	£ 198.00

CQ354 Clerk's expenses incurred while carrying out her duties:

Internet allowance £ 17.66

Mileage: 1 x Bank @ 11, 2 call outs @ 3 =

17 miles ± 7.65 ± 25.31

DD EDF Parish Room £ 25.00

DD EDF Pavilion $\underline{£}$ 25.00 $\underline{£}$ 50.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS AS AT 8 February 2016 £ 553.00

CQ855 Plus salary payment Mrs King Scott, Clerk

Cheques were signed at the close of business by Cllr. Halliday and Cllr. Sales

4.2 RECEIPTS AS AT 8 February 2016

BACS	Ms James (Pavilion)	Inv 79	£	224.00
V1262	Pratts Bottom AD (Pavilion	n Inv 87/88	£	28.00
V1263	Kent Pony Club (Pavilion)	Inv 82	£	21.00
BACS	Pam Button (Parish Room)	Inv 91	£	21.00

BACS Halstead Players (Pavilion) Inv 86 £ 14.00
BACS Ms Jones (Parish Room) Inv 83 £ 56.00
BACS Ms James (Pavilion) Inv 76 £189.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS AS AT 3 February 2016 £ 553.00 - Noted

4.3 RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 January 2016 were approved and Signed as a True Record

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr. Williamson advised that there seems to be problems with lorries parking on the footway in London Road and a caravan also being parked in the layby at the top of Polhill.

He had nothing to report on Fort Halstead.

6. CLERK'S REPORT

6.1 Policing

PCSO Amy Hardy will prepare a report monthly if possible. She hopes to attend the Parish Council meetings every third month depending on the shift pattern. She advised that there has been an incident of eggs being thrown at homes in Meadway but no one is aware who may have done this.

- 6.2 <u>The proposed exhibition commemorating the Battle of the Somme</u> will be a low key event possibly with an exhibition in the Village Hall.
- 6.3 <u>Celebration of HM The Queen's 90 birthday</u>. Beacons to be lit on 21 April. Mrs Peel stores the beacon. Council indicated that they might be able to support an event including the beacon. The WI will be approached to ask if they could supply hot drinks and light food at the same time as the beacon lighting on the Recreation Ground
- 6.4 <u>Electoral Review of Kent</u>

Halstead has no changes, still remain in Sevenoaks Rural North as do Knockholt and Badgers Mount.

- 6.5 <u>Lower Thames crossing route consultation</u> ends on 24 March 2016. This effects A2/M2 Gravesend and Tilbury. <u>www.lower-thames-crossing.co.uk</u>
- 6.6. <u>Mobile library consultation</u> to find ways of making the service more efficient; closes 4 March. (consult.ti/mobilelibaries/joingroup)
- 6.7 <u>Network rail looking into soil pilling at Knockholt Station</u> and the weight limit on the footbridge which crosses from London Road to the A21. Network rail informs Council that there is no problem with the soil.
- 6.8 KALC East facing slips no actual plans; still only a concept; ascertaining whether there is any economic benefit.
- 6.9 <u>SDC Spring Forum on Housing and Health</u>- the way forward Friday 1811am 1pm in District Council offices.
- 6.10 KALC Chairman's Conference on Friday 26 February, East Malling.
- 6.11 <u>KALC Planning Conference</u> Monday 7 March, Lenham Community Centre
- 7 PLANNING COMMITTEE
- 7.1 RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25 January 2016 were approved and Signed as a True Record
- 7.2 Planning Applications

SE15/03536/MMA 8, The Meadows, TN14 7HD

Installation of two ground floor flank windows - to be discussed

Granted

Nil

Refused

SE/A5/03179/FULWOODLANDS FARM, OTFORD LANE, TN14 7EF

Demolition and clearance of existing agricultural buildings and replacement with a new barn, hay barn and straw barn plus the erection of stables for the personal use and provision of shingle driveway - **Noted**

8 AMENITIES AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

8.1 RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Amenities & Highways Committee meeting held on Monday 25 January were approved and Signed as a True Record

8.2 Yellow lines

Cllrs. Brooker and Baldwin and the Clerk met with County Cllr Parry and a representative of SDC to discuss the above. It was agreed that the yellow linage will be as originally agreed and will be installed round the corners at the cross roads by the statutory length, lines also at the bus stop. Council approved this.

83 Gritting of main roads

A letter had been received from Julien Cook, Kent Highways officer advising that Halstead Roads are not recognised as 'primary routes'. Clerk will write and ask for the definition of this and remind him that the R5 buses have to travel through Knockholt and then into Halstead to complete its route. The school bus also comes into Halstead to collect and return the school children who go out of the village.

8.4 Recreation Ground/Pavilion car park

The Committee recommended that a large sign should be erected advising that the car park is for the use of people using the facilities and not for overnight parking. The Committee also recommended that the parking area to the rear of properties in Clarks Lane be promoted for parking. It was suggested that the Clerk write to Sevenoaks District Council, owners of this land, asking for the car park to be restored to the original condition.

8.5 Allotments

It was agreed that a meeting will be called of allotment holders to discuss the forming of an Allotments Association. Date to be agreed. It was noted that Tenancy agreements must be renewed on 1 April. *Agenda items March meeting*

8.6 Flagpole

Sevenoaks District Council confirms that Council will have to take over as owner of Southdean Green and the two smaller grass areas at Parkside and Southdean plus the 'roundel at Parkside for consent be given to put in a flag pole. Concern was expressed that many of the wooden bollards around the periphery of Southdean Green need replacing. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to SDC advising that if the bollards are not replaced by SDC Council will not be able to take on the land. It was noted that two quotations had been received for cutting Southdene Green.

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9 INFORMATION

9.1 Light Pollution Chelsfield Lakes Driving Range

The Parish Council sympathies with the gentleman who contacted Cllr. Gardiner CPI representative, but as he had already made contact with London Borough of Bromley where the driving range is located, there is nothing else Council could do. It was noted that no one in Halstead had mentioned the lights.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: MONDAY 14 MARCH IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD AT 19.45

The meeting closed at 21.15