

# HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9 JUNE 2017 AT 19.45 in THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD, HALSTEAD.

### PRESENT:

Cllr Christine Halliday, vice Chairman, in the chair.  
Cllr. Jeff Baldwin  
**Cllr.** Phil Draper  
Cllr. Karen Grosvenor  
Cllr. Roger Sales

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk, 18 parishioners. The meeting convened at 19.45

### 1 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Terry Brooker – Chairman who was on holiday and Cllr. Barry Gardiner who had a family commitment

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

### 2.1 DISPENSATIONS

**Nil**

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**RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Annual meeting of Halstead Parish Council held on Monday 8 May 2017 were Approved and Signed as a True Record.**

**RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 30 May 2017 were Approved and Signed as a True Record**

### 4 FINANCE

4.1 **Resolved:** that the accounts as itemised be paid. Proposed by Cllr. Sales and seconded by Cllr .Grosvenor carried **unanimously**

#### PAYMENTS AS AT 9 June 2017

CHQ4045 Cleaners	£242.00	
CHQ4048 Castle Water	£237.70	
CHQ4048 British Gas	£309.83	
CHQ04052 BT	£152.48	
CHQ0405 Inland Revenue	£436.64	
CH04057Q Clerks Expenses Internet allowance	£17.66	
	Travel	£10
	Stationary	8.99
	Stamps	<u>£7.80</u>
	Total	£44.45
CHQ0405 Kent Men of Trees	£10.00	
CHQ04056 Cascade	£118.93	
CH04052 Cllr. Brooker	£ 25.00	
EDF Parish Room	£23.00	Total £1600.03

**The cheques were signed at the close of business by Cllrs Baldwin and Sales**

**4.2 RECEIPTS AS AT 9 JUNE - NIL**

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Grint was present but did not have anything specific to report, but mentioned the noise being made by the work force backing on to London Road.

The ownership of the bus shelter in Old London Road was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Badgers Mount Clerk to discuss this.

**6 CLERK'S REPORT**

**6.1** Second letter from St Margaret's Church requesting funding. The request was for help towards the repair of the ancient flint wall.

After much discussion Cllr. Sales, Chairman of the Finance Committee, proposed that a section 137 payment in the sum of £500 should be made, seconded by Cllr Draper and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED that a 137 payment in the sum of £500 should be made to St Margaret's Church, proposed by Cllr. Sales, seconded by Cllr. Draper and carried unanimously. Cheque to be drawn at the July meeting**

**6.2** It was noted that the Free Family Fun Day will be on the Recreation Ground on Monday 31 July 10am – 2pm.

**7 PLANNING**

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2017 were Approved and Signed as a True Record

**7.12 APPLICATIONS  
NIL**

**8 AMENITIES AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

**8.1 BUS PROBLEMS (402)**

It was noted that one of the conditions when considering any future development of Fort Halstead, was the retention of the 402 bus as this would service people living there.

It was noted that there was to be an open meeting in Knockholt to discuss the future of the bus. Notice with details will be posted in Halstead

New bus timetables have been published which include the newly introduced bus. The Bus currently runs every hour.

**8.2 ALLOTMENTS**

All plots taken at this time.

Complaints received from several plot holders that the fittings on the water stand-pipe are incompatible with their hoses. Cllr. Brooker will be asked to visit the site and look at these.

**8.3 SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE**

Cllr Baldwin requested that and the Chief Constable of Kent be approached about this problem. It was also requested that the static 'camera' be positioned in the village. Clerk will look into this.

The Clerk has spoken to our PCSO on this matter.

**8.4** It was noted that the grass verges in Old London Road are very overgrown as is the roundabout at PolHill.

It was noted that KCC has reduced its services. Ownership of the roundabout to be looked into.

**8.4 STYLE ON MR STEVENS LAND.**

A response has been received from KCC rights of way officer Nicky Biddall stating there are no problems with the styles which are historically authorised. She also advises that criminal damage has been undertaken which is compounding the problem.

Ms Biddall will not be able to meet with Council.

**9 INFORMATION:**

**Nil**

**10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:**

**MONDAY 10 July 2017**

**The meeting closed at 20.00**

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