

HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE 2010 AT 19.00 IN THE PARISH ROOM, CHURCH ROAD.

PRESENT: Cllr. Jeff Baldwin -Chairman
Cllr. David Taylor - Chairman of Council
Cllr. Barrie Blundell
Cllr. Terry Brooker
Cllr. Karen Grosvenor

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, Mr Mark Hughes Treasurer of the Cricket Club

The meeting convened at 19.10

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Grosvenor proposed Cllr. Baldwin, seconded by Cllr. Blundell, there were no other nominations, carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Baldwin was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year

2 APOLOGIES - Nil.

Committee members signed the attendance register

3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was agreed there was no requirement for a Vice Chairman at this time.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Baldwin declared a Personal Interest in item 5 Cricket Club, his son is a member. Cllr. Brooker declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in item 5 Cricket Club, he is a member

5. CRICKET CLUB GRASS CUTTING

Cllr. Brooker stated that he supported newly devised system or grass cutting disposal.

He then left the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hughes for attending the meeting. Mr Hughes outlined the system that had been introduced for dealing with the grass cuttings. It was agreed that this will be monitored. It was agreed that large piles of grass would not be permitted around the ground.

Mr Hughes stated that the netting in place in the hedging between the Recreation Ground and Kent Acre needs replacing. The Clerk will write to Mrs Stigger to inform her that this work will be carried. Council will arrange for the hedge to be cut.

Cllr. Brooker rejoined the meeting. Mr Hughes left the meeting

6. UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The Clerk has reminded Mr Malcolm Appleby that he has not as yet responded to Council's last letter.

Cllr. Baldwin and the Clerk's have met with Michael Sammut KHS engineer. He has agreed to supply traffic statistics, data for SIDs and to arrange for cables to be laid in Station Road to record traffic speeds and volume. He will also liaise with Mr Appleby.

7. SPEEDWATCH

There is another new co-ordinator. Speedwatch sessions will be re-started.

8. ALLOTMENTS

Before the end of June, Sevenoaks District Council intend to send letters to occupiers of 1-12 Beldam Haw advising that the land formerly used as garden extensions will shortly be transferred to the Parish Council and this land must be vacated.

Subsequent to this, Council will write to the residents who currently work the land and have been paying annual rental to advise that they may remain but only under Parish Council's terms and conditions..

Cllr. Taylor had produced a drawing of the site indicating the area and a provisional number of allotments for discussion purposes. There are no accurate measurements of the land available.

Please note: this is only a discussion document, has not been agreed and is not for general distribution.

Discussion took place on security aspects; car parking; repair of hedges; installation of gates; location of wells; installation of water; stripping of the plots; pathways.

It was **Resolved** that a meeting with this as the sole agenda item will be held as soon as possible.

9. DOG FOULING/FLY-TIPPING - POSTERS

Dog fouling: Cllr Grosvenor produced some posters for discussion. It was **Resolved** that posters that shock would be the most effective with minimal wording. The new poster should also be used in the newsletter.

Fly-tipping: The installation of CCTV was mentioned.

The meeting closed at 20.40