

HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2010 AT 19.30 IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD, HALSTEAD

PRESENT: Cllr. Taylor, Chairman of Council
Cllr. Brooker
Cllr. Jeff Baldwin
Cllr. Tony Bent
Cllr. Barrie Blundell
Cllr. Karen Grosvenor
Cllr. Christine Halliday

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, 4 parishioners

The meeting convened at 19.30

The Chairman advised the meeting that unfortunately Mr Trevor Skelton, Action with Communities in Rural Kent will not be attending the meeting due to the adverse weather conditions. The presentation on Community Led Parish Plans will be given at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 8 February commencing at 19.30.

- 1 **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllrs. Christine Halliday who had family commitments and District Cllr. John Grint. Councillors signed the Attendance Register.
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS** ..
Cllr. Blundell declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in item 8.2 Planning decisions, he lives opposite the development.
- 3.1 **RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Council held on Monday 14 December 2009 were Approved and Signed as a True Record**
- 4 **FINANCE**
- 4.1 **RESOLVED: That the Accounts as itemised be paid**
Proposed by **Cllr. Brooker, seconded by Cllr. Blundell**, carried unanimously
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| CQ926 | Thames Water: Parish Room | £ 26.65 | |
| | Thames Water: Pavilion | <u>£ 35.09</u> | £ 61.74 |
| CQ927 | Citizens Advice Bureau - S137 payment | | £ 100.00 |
| CQ928 | Victim Support - S137 payment | | £ 50.00 |
| CQ929 | CROP (Citizens Rights for Older People)- S137 payment | | £ 50.00 |
| CQ930 | SDC Dog Waste Disposal | | £ 77.74 |
| CQ931 | Priory Print & Stationery | | £ 16.10 |
| CQ932 | <u>Clerk's expenses incurred while carrying out her duties:</u> | | |
| | Internet, monthly allowance | £ 16.66 | |
| | Postage | £ 18.72 | |
| | Mileage: 3 x Bank @11 = 33 | <u>£ 13.20</u> | £ 48.58 |
| CQ933 | Chairman's allowance: councillors' refreshments | | £ 20.00 |
| DD | EDF Pavilion | £ 29.00 | |
| DD | EDF Parish Room | <u>£ 19.00</u> | <u>£ 48.00</u> |
| | Salary payments: | | |
| CQ934 | Mrs King Scott, Clerk | | |
| CQ935 | Miss Turner, cleaner | | |
| | TOTAL PAYMENTS as at 11 January 2010 | | £1466.34 |
- The cheques were signed at the close of business by **Cllrs. Baldwin and Blundell**
- 4.2 **Receipts:**
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| V964 | Mrs Baldwin, Parish Room (Inv 44) | £ 109.38 |
| V965 | Senior Football Club, 50% Licence Fee (Inv 56L) | £ 225.00 |
| V966 | Mr Taylor, Parish Room (Inv 57) | £ 25.00 |
| SO | The Kent Pub/Rose & Crown - sponsorship flower beds | <u>£ 25.00</u> |
| | TOTAL RECEIPTS as at 11 January 2010 | £ 384.38 |
- 4.3 The Clerk circulated the quarterly accounts for October - December 2009 - **noted**
- 5 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**
No Report

6 CLERK'S REPORT

6.1 Police incident report for December: 5 crimes.

1 x burglary other than dwelling Sevenoaks Road; 2 x thefts from motor vehicles London Road (car number plates); 1 x theft of motor vehicle London Road; 1 x theft of bicycle Knockholt Road.

6.2 KCC Members Grant for bollard lights.

The offer has been accepted and funds will be received shortly: work will need to be carried out within this financial year.

6.3 The draft Sevenoaks District Council Community Action Plan has been circulated. Comments to Clerk by 18 January.

6.4 LDCEX for Watercrofts Wood

Information has been received from Vicky Swift, SDC Planning Officer in response to questions asked by Council concerning the use of site. Ms Swift has advised that:

- a. Burials are permitted all over the site and there will not be any restrictions in relation to proximity of tree roots.
- b. Owners will be able to seek permission to remove any trees with TPOs and plant replacements elsewhere on site.
- c. There is no extra protection for ancient woodland. In time there may be introduction of new legislation to protect ancient woodlands but this will not be planning legislation.
- d. The Appeal decision gave permission for a cemetery which infers only burials.

This response caused considerable concern within the Council. It was **Resolved** that this matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Planning Committee. Clerk will circulate documentation relating to TPOs on the site prior to this meeting.

7 FORT HALSTEAD

Ms Chris Lay, Area Children's Officer, KCC has been invited to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the affects on Halstead Community School of the proposed development. Cllr. Bent proposed that County Cllr. Richard Parry be invited to this meeting.

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on Thursday 21 January.

8 PLANNING COMMITTEE

8.1 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS:

Granted

SE/09/02117/FUL CAMION, OTFORD LANE

Erection of new conservatory at front of bungalow - **noted**

20.04 Cllr. Blundell left the meeting

Refused

SE.09/02471/ADV FORMER HALSTEAD PLACE SCHOOL, CHURCH ROAD

Retention of the sales and directional signs - **noted**. Council had requested the removal of many of the signs.

Withdrawn

SE/09/02048/FUL FORMER HALSTEAD PLACE SCHOOL, CHURCH ROAD

Erection of new entrance gates and railings, reinstatement of collapsed flint wall - **noted**.

Council had supported this application.

SE/09/01992/FUL FORMER HALSTEAD PLACE SCHOOL, CHURCH ROAD

Amendment to approved development. Erection of 3 additional dwelling units; minor amendments to approved layout - **noted**

Council had opposed this application.

It is understood that a new planning application will be submitted for another open market properties.

20.08 Cllr. Blundell rejoined the meeting

8.2 APPEAL DECISIONS

Dismissed

A: APP/G2245/X/09/2100906 - SE/08/01109/LDCPR OAK TREE FARM, LONDON ROAD

Replacement of existing residential caravan with a new larger mobile home

B: APP/G2245/A/09/2100482 SE/09/00030/FUL OAK TREE FARM, LONDON ROAD

Demolition of various buildings, erection of replacement dwelling - **noted**.

Council had opposed these applications.

Approved

APP/G2245/A/09/2107594 - SE/08/03136/FUL OAKLEY, OTFORD LANE

Single storey rear extension. Replacement roof incorporating three dormers to front with velux, three dormers to rear and 0.9 metre increase in height - **noted**.

Council had opposed this application.

8.3 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

SE/09/01320/FUL WIDHURST FARM, SHOREHAM LANE.

Erection of stable block comprising two stables and single fed/tack room

The Council **Resolved** to **Support** this planning application.

9 AMENITIES & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

9.1 Informal Consultation on proposed parking measures for Sevenoaks Road/London Road

All documents had been circulated to councillors. Copies of responses received from parishioners had also been circulated. After considerable, extended discussion the following response was **Resolved**:

1. The Parish Council does not support the introduction of payment parking bays:

i. free parking should be permitted from the start of the double yellow lineage denoting the 10 metres clearance on the corner of Wheatsheaf Hill, passing Knockholt Station and the travellers site towards to the end of London Road ceasing at the double yellow lines denoting the 10 metres clearance of the junction with the A21

2. The Parish Council supports the introduction of double yellow lineage as follows:

- i. in Wheatsheaf Hill;
- ii. on the corner of Wheatsheaf Hill towards Knockholt Station for the statutory 10 metres;
- iii. along London Road from Wheatsheaf Hill towards the Old Post Office (this would be in place of the proposed parking bays);
- iv. on the opposite side of London Road from the Old Post Office to Watercroft Road corresponding with the relevant section noted above;
- v. at the junction with Watercroft Road and London Road;
- vi. at the junction with Cadlocks Hill and London Road;
- vii. along London Road opposite Knockholt Station from Cadlocks Hill to the end where it meets A21;
- viii. at the junction of A21 on both sides of the road for the statutory 10 metres;
- ix. at the junction with Sevenoaks Road and London Road for the statutory 10 metres.

3. The Parish Council supports the introduction of single yellow lineage with a restriction period as follows:

- i. along Watercroft Road;
- ii. extending from the double yellow lineage in London Road towards the roundabout at Badgers Mount on both sides of the road;
- iii. Along the front of the properties in London Road between Watercroft Road and Cadlocks Hill.

4. The Parish Council supports the proposed 24 hour bus stop clearways.

5. The Parish Council requests that consideration be given to the implementation of some form of traffic control such as the reduction of traffic speed or the restriction of the width of the carriageway.

9.2 Gritting and salt bins

Several complaints had been received from parishioners about the lack of salt in the salt bins; the failure of the services to grit the roads and the pavements plus the cancellation of the bus services due the former.

After much discussion it was **Resolved** to write to Kent Highway Services and the relevant bus service providers about these matters.

The Chairman proposed that a letter be written to County Cllr. Nick Chard who has responsibility for Highways.

It was **Resolved** that the letter be written to County Cllr. Chard after receipt of responses to the above letters.

Cllr. Baldwin stated that he had been informed that the farmer who cleared the roads did not have the correct equipment. The Clerk will look into this.

9.3 Temporary Road Closure, Knockholt Road

This will be on Sundays 7 March and 14 March. The area affected is the section of road outside Cherrywood. The gullies will be cleared and the drains CCTVed in an attempt to remedy the flooding problem - **noted**

10 INFORMATION

10.1 Agenda item February: to agree a date and speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting.

10.2 Agenda item February: by request of Cllr. Brooker re-routing of buses

11 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Monday 8 February 2010

The meeting closed at 22.05