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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, 2nd APRIL 2007 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

Present:

Cllr. E. Crafter
Cllr R. Hart
Cllr. J. Malzer
Cllr. B. Page - Chairman
Cllr. J. Sanger

Cllr. J Crick
Cllr. A. Hildrew
Cllr. R. Martin
Cllr. R. Radford

In Attendance:

Mrs. D.B. Jones – Clerk
2 members of the public

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M. Stevens

2. **Declarations of interest on items on the agenda**

There were none.

3. **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 5th March 2007 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **Clerks Report:**

- a) The date of the next Knockholt carnival will be July 5th 2008 and there will be a Party in the Park on 21st July this year. The Clerk will write to give permission for the Recreation Ground to be used for these events with the usual provisos.
- b) The meeting with the consultant employed by Hines to seek views on the proposed development at Fort Halstead was attended by the Clerks of Halstead, Badgers Mount and Knockholt and Dist. Cllr. Williamson. The concerns re infrastructure, schools, wild life etc were put to her. There will hopefully, in the future, be a meeting with all the councils involved and Hines.
- c) There will be road works in Main Road to replace the gas main beginning around April 23rd for 5 weeks. There will be traffic lights during that time.
- d) The parking of cars by the edge triangle at the bottom of Old London Road is causing problems – it will be monitored by the Highways department.
- e) Chief Inspector Gill Ellis will be coming to the Annual Parish Meeting and will speak about policing in West Kent.
- f) The Clerk will attend a training day on May 16th

5. **Correspondence:**

- a) Partial Review of draft SE Plan: Apportionment of Primary Aggregates
- b) EDF – letter re Electricity charges
- c) CPRE Fieldwork
- d) KAPC Parish news

6. **RFO's Report:**

6.1 The following accounts were proposed for payment:

100317	EDF Energy	Lamp repairs	£ 45.06
100318	SDC	Emptying of dog bins	£ 35.25
100319	Action with Rural Communities	Annual Subscription	£ 35.00
100320	KAPC	Annual Subscription	£ 421.23
100321	CJA Consulting	Website Maintenance	£ 458.25
100322	Zurich Municipal	Insurance	£1038.64
100323	Mrs D. Jones	Expenses	<u>£ 9.89</u>
Total			£2043.32

Resolved: the accounts as itemised be paid:

6.2. Monies received:

Mrs Kirkham Hire of The Pound 31/3/07 £30.00

6.3. The end of year figures had been circulated previously and were accepted. It was explained that the 0.66% increase in the precept shown on the Council Tax bill, even though it had not been increased from last year, was the result of there being 4 less Band 'D' properties in the village. The calculation is based on the number of Band 'D' properties in each parish!

7. **Committee Reports:**

7.1 **Amenities:**

The fallen tree at Letts Green which needed dealing with has been cut down. The noticeboard should arrive at any time. Some material is ready to go into it. Cllr. Crick asked that the fence repair kit be added to the Asset register.

Stiles have been replaced by kissing gates along our stretch of the North Downs Way –this has led to a query about disabled access – the Clerk is seeking information about this. Cllr Radford drew attention to the fact that hedges were being cut after March - she will write an article for the next newsletter.

There was a problem at the Dunbrik depot when fly tipped rubbish was taken by a volunteer for disposal. The Waste Management Department is sending the Clerk information as to how this should be managed. A decision as to whether to allow volunteers to collect fly tipped goods will be made after this is received.

7.2 **Planning & Transportation:**

The minutes of the meeting of 12th March were received and accepted. A parishioner has drawn the Council's attention to confusion in signage on the Orpington part of the R5 route – the Clerk will write to Metro about this. A letter from the Highways department asked for the council's views. The Clerk will respond.

7.3. **Publicity & Media:**

Newsletter articles are needed by the 16 April. It was suggested that chairman of committee might like to give a round up of activities of the past year.

7.4. **Sports & Leisure:**

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Hart for his chairmanship of the Sports and Leisure committee

8. **Police:**

There was a distraction burglary at the Village shop. Arrests were made by our community police officer Jon Wilkinson and PCSO Dennis Glasspool.

There have been burglaries in Badgers Mount and a stabbing and bag snatches in Halstead.

Speedwatch has two new recruits.

9 **Clerk's Contract**

It was agreed that nationally revised conditions for Clerks' contracts should be accepted.

10. **Review of Risk Assessment Document and Asset Register**

The springers are now insured in case of theft. The Register was approved. The fence repair kit will be added to Asset register. The 'Danger' sign will be put in the board at Letts Green.

11. **Information Items**

There were none.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Crick for all his hard work over the eight years that he has been a councillor

Date Of Next Meeting: Monday, May 14th 2007 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Centre

The meeting was closed at 9.12 p.m.