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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> 2008 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

### Present:

Cllr. N. Apps	Cllr. T. Broadhurst
Cllr. E. Crafter	Cllr. A. Hildrew
Cllr. J. Malzer	Cllr. R. Martin
Cllr. B. Page - Chairman	Cllr. R. Radford

### In Attendance:

Mrs. D.B. Jones – Clerk  
Mr J. Crick, Dist Councillor Grint & 3 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> March were approved and signed as a true record.

#### 4. Clerks Report:

- a) The clerk had written to PCSO Glasspool to thank him for his work in the parish and had received a letter from him in which he thanked the council for its support.
- b) The gas work signs have at last been removed from Main Road!
- c) The clerk had received an e-mail re concerns about the speed of traffic in Old London Road after the power lines came down outside the Harrow when residents were trying to warn of the danger.
- d) The next Police surgery will be on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2.10 in with mobile police station, parked at The Pound.
- e) The Highways Department has said that the bollards on Rushmore Hill will not be removed. The clerk will ascertain whether a letter will be sent to owners to warn of their potential liability.

#### 5. Correspondence:

- a) Fieldwork CPRE
- b) KCC letter re Proposed Changes to the Planning Application Process
- c) Letter from Atkins
- d) Invitation to Rural Policing Conference
- e) Working together for a healthier Kent

#### 6. RFO's Report:

##### 6.1 Notification of payments made since the last meeting:

100397 Bartletts	Tree work in Recreation Ground	£	94.00
100398 KVCC	Quarterly hire of the Hall	£	54.00
100399 SDC	Emptying of dog bins	£	52.88

##### 6.2 **Resolved:** the accounts as itemised be paid:

100401 Sencio	Mowing	£	328.62
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100402 KALC	Annual Subscription	£ 444.81
100403 Mister Print	Newsletter & insert	£ 165.00
100404 CJA Consulting	Web maintenance	£ 114.56
100405 Mrs. D. Jones	Expenses	£ 8.89
100406 Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance	£1,105.34
100407 Action with Rural Communities in Kent	Annual Subscription	<u>£ 35.00</u>
Total		<u>£2,4031.00</u>

6.3. Monies received:  
Mrs Kirkham Hire of The Pound £30.00

7. **Committee Reports:**

7.1 Amenities:

The minutes of the meeting of April 1<sup>st</sup> were accepted as a true record. Cllr. Malzer has repaired the ground between the goal posts on the Recreation Ground. Cllr Radford knows two possible contractors who might do the concreting under the basket ball hoop. The Amenities committee will look at the condition of the fence inside the hedge adjoining Main Road. There have been complaints about cars parked on the footway in Main Road and in Waylands Close. The Clerk will ask our PCSO to look into this.

7.2 Finance

The end of year figures, previously distributed, were approved. The council has kept within budget again.

7.3. Planning & Transportation:

The minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> March were accepted as a true record.

Pupils in Year 6 at St Katharine's have been doing a project about speeding on Main Road. Cllr page and the Clerk have told them about Speedwatch and they have seen the SID in action with Cllr. Malzer..

7.3. Publicity & Media:

The next newsletter is due to go out in May – articles needed as soon as possible. Dist Cllr. Grint will write to introduce himself and PSCO Nick Barker will also be asked to do so.

7.4. Sports & Leisure:

The minutes of the meeting of 1st March were accepted as a true record. The correspondence with the cricket club was discussed at some length and there was unanimous support for cricket in Knockholt The question of proper changing facilities was raised and it was pointed out that the council's permission to build changing facilities will expire in December, The intentions of KVCC with regard to the possibility of building a new hall need to be known.

**Resolved:** the sports committee's recommendation that the licence fee for the use of the cricket pitch for 2008-9 be set at £400 was agreed unanimously.

8. **Police:**

No crime report had been received but there is known to have been attempted theft from 2 cars in Main Road and a van was stolen from The Pound. There were two lots of flytipping – one in Blueberry Lane, the other in Randles Lane. There will be a Speedwatch this week. It was agreed that up to £50 could be spent on 2 way radios to be used in conjunction with the SID.

9. **Fort Halstead Working Group:**

The group meets on Thursday of this week. It is hoped that a leaflet for distribution in the parishes involved will be approved.

10. **New Councillor:**

SDC has informed the Clerk that no election will be needed to fill the vacancy on the Council. This means that there can be a co-option. Résumés will be distributed before the next meeting.

11. **Annual Parish Meeting:**

The Annual parish meeting will now be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Michael Fallon will be asked if he can attend on this date. It is hoped that a senior officer of the Highways department will attend. Councillors were asked to inform the Chairman of any items they wish to be included in his report.

12. **Update on dog incident:**

No prosecution can be brought regarding the incident discussed last month as it has not been possible for those injured to identify the dogs in question. However, a previous occurrence is resulting in a case being brought.

13. **Information Items**

Co-option of a new councillor

A report from the council's representative on KVCC.

**Date Of Next Meeting:** Monday, May 12th at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Centre