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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, AUGUST 6TH 2007 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mrs. D.B. Jones – Clerk
Mr John Crick & 2 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. N. Apps. Mr M. Stevens sent his apologies.

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda

There were none.

3. Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, July 2nd 2007 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Clerks Report:

- a) The telephone box would not qualify for listing as it is not an early design and is not closely associated with other listed buildings.
- b) Wasps were reported in large numbers around the bus shelter – the pest control officer from Sevenoaks was unable to locate a nest.
- c) Flooding in Pound Lane has been reported to Highways as have other problems with drains.

5. Correspondence: to be noted

- a) Letter from KCC re Footpath Improvement Plan
- b) Report and Accounts for Hampton Cottages for Financial Year ended March 2007
- c) Kent Police & Kent Police Authority Plan 2007/2010

6. RFO's Report:

6.1 Notification of payments made since the last meeting:

100345	SDC	Emptying of dog bins	£ 52.88
100346	Sencio	Mowing	£328.62

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

100347	KVCC	Quarterly rent of Hall	£ 75.00
100348	Sencio	Mowing (July)	£328.62
100349	Mrs D Jones	Expenses	£ 39.39
100350	SDC	Call out charge for Wasps nest	<u>£ 23.50</u>

Total £848.01

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

6.4. The Audit has been completed and the certificate received.

7. **Committee Reports:**

7.1 **Amenities:**

The minutes of the meeting of 24th July were received and accepted. The Clerk informed the Council that work to remove the tree at Letts Green has been authorised.

A letter had been received from the Chairman of the carnival committee after it was brought to his attention that rubbish had not been cleared from the Recreation Ground after an event. It suggested that the Council should make clear the responsibilities of those using the recreation Ground for such occasions. The Amenities committee had already decided that the conditions of use should be updated – the Clerk will reply to this effect.

A request for the use of The Pound for the sale of books for a Cancer Charity was agreed – this will be on the 18th August.

7.2 **Planning & Transportation:**

The minutes of the meeting of 16th July were received and accepted..

7.3. **Publicity & Media:**

Articles are still needed for the newsletter. Some new ideas are being explored for the website.

7.4. **Sports & Leisure:**

The condition of the cricket pitch has much improved.and the weeds around the tennis courts have been dealt with. The next meeting will look at the question of changing facilities again.

8. **Police:**

Crime reported in June included two burglaries, theft and theft from a motor vehicle. In July there were two cases of theft from a motor vehicle, one of theft of a motor vehicle and one burglary.

9. **Review of Standing Orders**

After the proposal it was unanimously:

Resolved: the revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as circulated should be adopted.

10. **Vavasseurs Wood**

KVTST feels that a dog bin at the entrance to Vavasseurs Wood would help to prevent the fouling of the paths in the wood. After discussion it was decided to suggest that notices asking people to ensure any dog fouling was cleared by owners should be tried. If this is not successful the council would consider a further request from the society.

11. **Information Items**

Powers of the PCSO

New owners of the Village shop are to apply for an off-licence

The Chairman is to have an informal meeting with Mark Leader of West Kent Housing

The meeting was closed at 9.14 p.m.

Date Of Next Meeting: Monday, September 3rd 2007 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Centre

