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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH 2008 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

Present:

Cllr. N. Apps
Cllr. J. Malzer
Cllr. B. Page - Chairman
Cllr. N. Shaboo

Cllr. T. Broadhurst
Cllr. R. Martin
Cllr. R. Radford

In Attendance:

Mrs. D.B. Jones – Clerk
Mr M. Stevens & 3 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. E. Crafter and Cllr. A. Hildrew

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda

There were none.

3. Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 7th July were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Clerks Report:

Two complaints have been received re speeding. The first from a parishioner in Harrow Road and the second from a parishioner in Main Road, which was made direct to Inspector Gill Ellis. The clerk received an email from James Ball two weeks ago to say that he had been put in permanent charge of Speedwatch in West Kent. Our information had been that he had received a new posting last March! He was in contact again today re the complaint from Main Road, which has been passed to him to deal with. He has to report to Gill Ellis next week. A letter from SDC today said that the LDF consultations on the core strategy due to start in September will not now do so until December and will go on until February.

5. RFO's Report:

5.1 Resolved: the accounts as itemised be paid:

100427	CJA Consulting	Renewal of domain name	£ 35.25
100428	Sencio	Mowing	£338.49
100429	Scribe 2000Ltd	Licence (Planning)	<u>£ 95.00</u>
	Total		<u>£368.74</u>

5.2. Monies received:

Mrs Kirkham Hire of The Pound £60.00

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Amenities:

The minutes of the meeting of 28th July were agreed and signed as a true record. The pipe and catchment system will be applied free. Cllr. Radford will liaise with the contractor who quoted for the digging of the trench. A

small amount of pea shingle or fine rubble would be needed to cover the pipe .It was suggested that Brasted Lane should be added to the list of lanes not to be included on Sat –navs.

A letter from EDF has informed the council that the telecommunications mast at the Recreation Ground will have to be removed towards the end of the year. No decision has yet been made as to whether or not it will be replaced. Access via the council's land has been requested. The Open Spaces document prepared by SDC has been raised as a result of consultation with the parishes – a CD was sent out to allow checking – two sites identified by the council had not been included. This has now been rectified.

A letter has been received from another parishioner re the dog fouling comments in the last newsletter. This had been circulated The Clerk will reply to the effect that the subject of dogs on the recreation Ground has been discussed many times and the same conclusion reached that the no dogs policy be retained.

6.2 Finance

No meeting has yet been held.

6.3. Planning & Transportation:

The minutes of the meeting of 15th July were agreed and signed as a true record

6.4. Publicity & Media:

Those who have submitted articles for the newsletter were thanked any others arte needed as soon as possible. Negotiations are continuing with two web hosters – a meting with the second one will be arranged so that a proposal hopefully will be made next month.

6.5. Sports & Leisure:

The minutes of the meeting of 28th July were agreed and signed as a true record. It was decided that it would be expedient to try to find land for allotments before considering whether or not to lease the land adjacent to the football pitch. A golfer on the recreation Ground has damaged the cricket square. Youngsters put back the goal posts following their removal for carnival – a letter of thanks will be sent to them.

7. **Police:**

There were 3 criminal events in July – 2 burglaries, one of a dwelling, one a non- dwelling and a theft.

Cllr. Martin reported on the meeting held with two councillors from Halstead, Sergeant Crozier and PCSO Barker. Clarification was sought as to whether PCSO Barker should still be patrolling Badgers Mount – Sgt. Crozier said that our PCSO is dedicated to Halstead and Knockholt only. However, it was agreed that until we have confirmation of this the new contract will not be signed. Future meetings will be held every six weeks. Our Village policemen Nigel Rowe will attend quarterly.

8. **Fort Halstead Working Group:**

At the meeting of July 10th it was agreed that all the information gathered should be collated – it is to be sent to the Clerks by 12th August. This will from a 'living' document. It was considered likely that an outline application at the least would be submitted despite present market forces.

9. **Allotments:**

There has been no response to an appeal for land. Enquiries will be made of two land owners before the next meeting

10. **Information Items**

Allotments

Phone box

North Downs footpath

Date Of Next Meeting: Monday, September 1st 2008 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Centre

The meeting was closed at 9.10p.m.