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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD 2007 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mrs. D.B. Jones – Clerk
Mr M. Stevens & Mr J. Crick

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. N. Apps & Cllr. E. Crafter

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda

There were none.

3. Minutes:

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

4. Clerks Report:

- a) Phone call from EDF – they have been inspecting all their masts and have discovered that the one by the recreation ground needs to have 10 m. removed from the top. They are asking permission to access it from the land adjacent to the Bowls Club. They will put metal plates down to protect the ground and will take photographs and video so that any damage can be made good.
- b) Highways Survey. Any faults
- c) Policing Kent Survey – this will be copied to all members for their comments.
- d) There will be training about the new Model Code – two sessions each 2 hours
Wednesday 23rd January 9.30 – 11.30 Council Offices, Argyle Road
Wednesday 27th February 2.00 – 4.00 Council Offices, Argyle Road
- e) The council was asked to reconsider its decision not to allow parking on the land adjacent to the Bowls Club for members of the club on the evening of their Christmas party. It confirmed its decision not to allow it because of the condition of the planning approval which states there shall be no vehicular access except for maintenance.

5. Correspondence:

- a) Letter from Gill Ellis re new PCSO
- b) Kent Fire Brigade Report & questionnaire
- c) Kent Downs AONB Streetscape design Handbook
- d) Local Council review
- e) Community Planning partnership Annual Progress Report

6. RFO's Report:

- 6.1 Notification of payments made since the last meeting:
100367 Viking Direct Paper etc. £ 35.77
- 6.2 **Resolved:** the accounts as itemised be paid:

100368	Mr J. Crick Work on paths in Recreation Ground	£ 160.00
100369	Sencio Mowing	£ 328.62
100370	AJM Trees Ltd Work at Park Corner	£1321.87
100371	Mrs D. Jones Expenses	£ 177.80
100379	CPRE Annual Subscription	£ 27.00
Section 137 payments agreed		
100372	Sevenoaks CAB	£ 150.00
100373	St Katharine's Primary School	£ 100.00
100374	BCTV	£ 100.00
100375	Hospice in the Weald	£ 150.00
100376	St. Katharine's Church	£ 250.00
100377	Kenward Trust	£ 150.00
100378	Harris Hospice Care	£ 150.00
100380	Victim Support	<u>£ 100.00</u>
Total		<u>£3021.06</u>

6.3.	Monies received:	
	Football Club Licence	£ 565.40
	Mrs Kirkham Hire of The Pound	£ 30.00
	Repayment EDF	<u>£ 1.00</u>
	Total	<u>£ 596.40</u>

6.4 The minutes of the Finance committee meeting of the 19th November were accepted.

The draft budget was discussed and its acceptance proposed:

Resolved: the proposed budget for 2008/9 be accepted

7. **Committee Reports:**

7.1 **Amenities:**

The minutes of the meeting of 21st November were accepted. The quotations for work on the trees in the Recreation Ground at on The Pound were discussed and it was

Resolved: Bartlett's quotation for work on the Recreation Ground be accepted and that of AJM Tress Ltd for the work on The Pound

Resolved: Sencio's quotation for the mowing contract for 2008/9 be accepted

Resolved: Mr Bui's offer to be the village tree warden be accepted.

7.2 **Planning & Transportation:**

The minutes of the meetings of 7th November and 21st November were accepted. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to SDC on the subject of the need for Block plans.

Atkins have acknowledged receipt of the Council's response to its proposals for bus stops in the village. They are still consulting with other bodies and will be in contact at a later date.

7.3. **Publicity & Media:**

The minutes of the meeting of the 19th November were accepted.

7.4. **Sports & Leisure:**

There has so far been no contact from SDC with regard to Open Spaces. It was agreed that a questionnaire regarding allotments should go out with the next newsletter.

8. **Police:**

There were two criminal events last month a burglary and an attempted entry. Itinerant tree loppers and gardeners are around again. Mr Stevens reported on the Community Management launch – this is well summarised in the current edition of 'Shape'.

9. **Fort Halstead:**

Cllr Martin reported on the November meeting and there was some discussion of the meetings with Simon O'Donnell of Hines. The working group will meet on the 15th December. Simon O'Donnell will attend the January meeting of the group to report back on questions raised during his meeting with the councils.

10. **Information Items**

Fire Service cuts

Waste disposal

Date Of Next Meeting: Monday, January 7th 2008 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Centre