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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008 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 M. Stevens, Mr J. Crick, Dist. Cllr. J. Grint & 1 member of the public

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. N. Apps and Cllr. J. Sanger

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

There were none.

#### 3. Minutes:

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

#### 4. Clerks Report:

- a. The letter to Highways about the pot holes in Harrow Road resulted in a phone call from Jez Massey who told the Clerk that this was a matter for the spreadsheet. She pointed out the number of times they had been noted there. The potholes are to be jet patched in the near future – there is a rolling programme throughout the area. Jet patching is said to give a more satisfactory, smoother finish!!
- b. Michael Fallon has been asked to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> April - it seems that he will be able to come.
- c. Mr Lambillion of Rushmore Hill has sent information re the flooding on Rushmore Hill. Highways have discovered the reason for it and are dealing with it.

#### 5. Correspondence: - to be noted

- a. Action with Communities in Rural Kent – Village of the Year Competition and Rural Community Retailer of 2008 competition
- b. Letter from Cluttons
- c. Kent Highways Permit scheme – for road works
- d. Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Action Plan 2008-11
- e. Letter from KCC re the Love Food, Hate Waste campaign
- f. E- mails from two parishioners re the Village shop

#### 6. RFO's Report:

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

100387	Mister Print	Newsletter	£ 155.00
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##### 6.2 **Resolved:** the accounts as itemised be paid:

100388	SDC	Emptying of dog bins	£ 52.88
100389	Kent Police	PCSO	£4,999.14

100390	Mr R. Martin	Travel Expenses - Pipkin Seminar	£ 35.15
100391	Sencio	Mowing	£ 328.62
100392	Mrs D. Jones	Expenses (inc. overtime Fort Halstead WG)	<u>£ 185.10</u>
	Total		<u>£5,755.89</u>

- 6.3. Monies received:  
Cricket Club – Licence Fee £ 400.00

7. **Committee Reports:**

7.1 **Amenities:**

The Open Spaces & Facilities Document from SDC has several omissions this will be discussed at the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> February. The goal posts in the recreation Ground had been taken out of the sockets again. Cllr Malzer will put them back if possible. He asked if any decision had been reached about the posts on part of the verge of Rushmore Hill – the Clerk will enquire about this. Cllr Radford commented on the fact that the verges of the lanes were being eroded and mud deposited on the road by motorists who were not prepared to give way. An article will go into the newsletter about this. Some of the branches cut from trees in the Recreation Ground have not been cleared – the Clerk will contact the contractor about this. Cllr Radford will do the inspection of the Recreation Ground this month and Cllr, Page will do March. A rota will be drawn up for the rest of the year.

7.2 **Finance**

The minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January were accepted. Following this it was unanimously **Resolved:** A higher interest account should be opened with Birmingham & Midshires for a proportion of the Council's money.

7.3. **Planning & Transportation:**

The report by Cllr. Martin on the Pipkin seminar had been circulated and was discussed briefly. No response has yet been received from Atkins re the bus proposals. A query about the issue, in April, of bus passes for all pensioners was raised – this will be looked into.

7.4. **Publicity & Media:**

Articles are needed for the next newsletter.

7.5. **Sports & Leisure:**

No meeting has been held – there will be one on the 12<sup>th</sup> February to discuss SDC's Open Spaces document.

8. **Police:**

There were 6 criminal incidents in January including two instances of criminal damage to property and two of vehicle interference – attempted theft of, or from, a motor vehicle. PCSO Glasspool has advised us that the latter is on the increase at the moment. There have also been reports of Romanians selling fake gold jewellery door to door. The proposed agreement for use of the SID by Halstead Parish Council was approved unanimously.

9. **War memorial:**

A meeting was held between Cllr. Page and Cllr. Broadhurst in his capacity as Chairman of the St Katharine's Fabric committee and a report produced. It has been agreed that such a meeting will be held annually and the memorial will be inspected again next year. Budget provision will be made for maintenance in 2009. The church will continue to maintain the paving and grass around the memorial.

10. **Waste disposal**

No information has yet been forthcoming from KCC despite phone calls and e-mails to them. The help of our Dist .councillors will be sought.

11. **Fort Halstead Working group**

Cllr. Martin reported on the last meeting of the group which was attended by Simon O'Donnell of Hines. He told the group that Hines will organise workshops on site at Fort Halstead for those in the neighbouring parishes. They wish to solicit ideas for the site. The working group had a short discussion following Mr O'Donnell's contribution and decided to put together a newsheet relating to the site to go out with each parish's newsletter. A representative of Kent Downs AONB also attended the meeting and made some interesting observations. It was observed that the time for a public discussion with parishioners would be when an application is received.

12. **Model Code**

The Clerk reported briefly on the workshop on the New Model Code which she had attended and found very informative.

13. **Information Items for inclusion on the next agenda**

New Councillor

Christmas Lights on the Pound

Items for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting – speaker from Highways?

Hedge Cutting

The meeting was declared closed at 9.25 p.m.

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