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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, 7th JANUARY 2008 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

Present:

Cllr. N. Apps	Cllr. E. Crafter
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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. T. Broadhurst

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda

There were none

3. Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, December 3rd 2007 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Clerks Report:

- a) The Clerk had not been able to find any information re fire service cuts in the Sevenoaks area, nor had Cllr. Malzer so it will not be a future agenda item.
- b) The Clerk had not yet written to KCC re the failure to provide information about the requirements for waste disposal should the council wish to clear fly tipping.
- c) A letter from Catford Cycling club re parking in the Recreation Ground on the 27th January had been received. The Clerk will inform the club that this is not possible but will suggest possible alternatives.
- d) The work to remove the top of the telecommunications mast was carried out as planned.
- e) Wednesday 9th April is the date decided for the Annual Parish Meeting and Michael Fallon will be invited to speak
- f) The Clerk asked if the Council would agree to change the date of the June meeting from the 2nd to the 9th June – this was agreed.

5. Correspondence: to be noted

- a) Appeal letter from Kent Air Ambulance
- b) Consultation document on Open Spaces Study from SDC
- c) Local Council Review
- d) Fieldwork
- e) Clerks and Councils Direct
- f) Invitation to the Lord Lieutenant's Annual service in Canterbury Cathedral

6. RFO's Report:

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

100381	Sencio	Hedge cutting	£ 893.00
100382	SLCC	Clerk's Annual subscription	£ 113.00
100383	B. Page	Clerk's Scanner & Chairman's Allowance	£ 189.99
100384	AJM Trees	Work on The Pound	£ 205.62

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| | 100385 | Bartletts | Trees in Recreation Ground | £ 493.50 |
| | 100386 | Sencio | Mowing | <u>£ 328.62</u> |
| Total | | | | <u>£2223.73</u> |
- 6.2 A letter from SDC re possible options for payment of the precept will be discussed by the Finance committee.
7. **Committee Reports:**
- 7.1 **Amenities:**
- The rota for inspection of the Recreation Ground will be drawn up. Rubbish dumped in Randles Lane was picked up and disposed of. It was noted that the banks in the lanes are being eroded by vehicles and mud is being deposited on the road.
- The Clerk will write to the Highways Department to complain about the condition of the area of Harrow Road by the Coach houses which is constantly being patched unsatisfactorily.
- 7.2 **Planning & Transportation:**
- The minutes of the meeting of December 17th were accepted.
- A report from the Orpington & District Travellers Association had been received. This informed that Oyster cards would come into use from Orpington and Knockholt stations in the near future. There have been a few minor changes to timings of trains.
- 7.3. **Publicity & Media:**
- Articles for the next newsletter would be welcome at any time.
- 7.4. **Sports & Leisure:**
- A letter from Cluttons informed the Council that it was not possible for it to buy the Recreation Ground as it is 'specified land' within the Chevening Estate.
8. **Police:**
- There were two criminal incidents last month both related to business premises. There has been some artifice burglary in Dunton Green.
- Some terms and conditions have been drawn up for the sharing of the Speed Indicator Device with Halstead Parish Council. The Clerk will let Halstead's Clerk have a copy of these. She will also get dates from P.C. James Ball for training in the use of the SID.
9. **War Memorial:**
- One of the conditions of the grant from English Heritage for the refurbishment of the war memorial was its maintenance for a period of five years. It was unanimously
- Resolved:** the suggested English Heritage E4 maintenance plan should be adopted and a yearly (minuted) meeting should be held with the Chairman of St Katharine's Fabric Committee.
10. **Fort Halstead:**
- Cllr Martin reported on the last meeting of the Working Group. Michael Fallon has been asked to ascertain how many people were employed on the site at its peak. Representatives from Halstead have met with Gilian McInnes of SDC re planning issues and will report back. The Joint Transportation Board (KCC & SDC members) has met but the minutes are not yet available. Simon O'Donnell of Hines is coming to the January meeting of the working group to give answers to questions he was asked after the presentations given in December.
11. **Information Items**
- Road works – notices and two metal plates in Main Road left by Morrisons.

Date Of Next Meeting: Monday, 4th February 2008 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Centre