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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, JULY 7TH 2008 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

Present:

Cllr. N. Apps	Cllr. T. Broadhurst
Cllr. E. Crafter	Cllr. A. Hildrew
Cllr. R. Martin	Cllr. B. Page - Chairman
Cllr. R. Radford	Cllr. N. Shaboo

In Attendance:

Mrs. D.B. Jones – Clerk
Mr M. Stevens & 2 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. J. Malzer

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda

There were none

3. Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th June, were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Clerks Report:

- a) A date is needed for a meeting with Halstead P.C representatives and our PCSO and police.
- b) A parishioner has drawn to the Council's attention several matters involving road signs and trees – these will be dealt with.
- c) Police surgeries will be held on 15th July at 4 p.m. and on 21st August at 10a.m.
- d) The Youth Bus will hopefully be coming on August 14th
- e) A Parish Council representative for the Standards Board Committee for SDC is needed – information will be included in the distribution envelope if any would like to apply.

5. Correspondence noted:

- a) Local Council review
- b) Clerk & Councils Direct
- c) Letter from SDC re Appointment of a Parish/ Town Council Representative for the Local Standards Board Committee
- d) Letter from SDC re introduction of charging for pre-application planning advice

6. RFO's Report:

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

100421	Viking Direct	Copy paper, ink cartridges	£ 52.65
100422	SDC	Emptying dog bins	£ 56.52
100423	Sencio	Mowing	£ 338.49
100433	R. Shackleton	Hedge cutting	£ 540.50
100434	KVTST	Annual contribution	£ 750.00
100435	Mrs D. Jones	Expenses	<u>£ 16.60</u>
Total			<u>£1,754.76</u>

6.2 Monies received:
Mrs Kirkham Hire of The Pound £30.00

6.3. Quarterly Report:
This was accepted by the Council.

7 **Committee Reports:**

7.1 **Amenities:**

Cllr Radford has been in touch with the verges officer of CPRE. The fact that there are dormice in the wood adjacent to Randles Lane might be a way of protecting the verge. She has contacted the Wild Life Trust with a view to their looking at the situation. It was suggested that an article in the next newsletter should ask parishioners to look at verges to see what wildlife might be there. Cllr Radford will contact Mr White re the pipe for the run off to Letts Green

7.2 **Finance**

There has been no meeting this month.

7.3. **Planning & Transportation:**

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd June were accepted and signed as a true record..

7.3. **Publicity & Media:**

A letter has been received following the article with regard to dog fouling in the last news letter. A reply will be sent thanking the correspondent for her views and comments. Articles are now needed for the next news letter.

7.4. **Sports & Leisure:**

A meeting is to be arranged shortly.

8. **Police:**

Two criminal incidents were reported in June- a burglary and a case of criminal damage.

9. **Fort Halstead Working Group**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th July.

10. **Asset Register, Risk Assessment and Standing Orders**

All the above documents were reviewed. The Amenities committee will discuss whether or not there should be a warning about 'bathing/paddling' in the Letts green pond.

11. **Report from Dog Warden**

Police and stray dogs.

From April 6th 2008, the police has given up responsibility for stray dogs. This means that they will not accept them into police stations or have any involvement in trying to reunite a dog with its owner.

The police still have to take details of someone reporting a lost or a found dog and still have to deal with Dangerous Dogs and dog bite incidents.

From now, if a dog is found, the finder should call Sevenoaks District Council which will arrange for its collection service to come to collect the dog.

Dog Fouling

Under the *Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996*, dog owners are required to clean up after their pets have fouled. The offence is failure to remove/ pick up the faeces under the Act and the District Council can issue a fixed penalty ticket (£50.00) or prosecute for this offence. A person found guilty of such an offence is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the sum of £1,000. With sufficient evidence Sevenoaks District Council will not hesitate to prosecute for this offence.

Reluctance to clear up after dogs have fouled is understandable given the nature of the task but there are many different types of easy to use “poop-scoop” on the market. A small plastic bag will work just as well. There are several reasons why dogs should not be allowed to foul in public places:-

- Diseases can be passed on to people, particularly young children who are at risk from toxocara canis, an infection which can cause blindness;
- Diseases can be passed from dog to dog;
- Direct contact with dog faeces, for example whilst playing sport, or getting faeces on to clothing or walking it into homes is extremely unpleasant

12. **Meeting with KVCC**

A meeting was held with KVCC. The sports committee was concerned that the Council’s permission for changing rooms will lapse in November this year and had asked about the progress of plans to rebuild the Village Centre. A draft plan has now been drawn up by KVCC and negotiations are taking place with interested parties.

13. **Information Items**

Allotments

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