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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> 2008 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

### Present:

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

### In Attendance:

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

### 1. Declaration Of Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Nishwan Shaboo made his declaration of acceptance as a co-opted member of the council.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. N. Apps, A. Hildrew and J. Malzer

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

There were none

### 4. Minutes:

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday May 12th, be approved and signed as a true record.

### 5. Clerks Report:

- a) There will be a police surgery in the foyer of the village hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June between 12 – 1 p.m.
- b) Allotments – the council has a duty to try to find land for allotments. SDC has no responsibility for these.
- c) A letter has been received from the Evergreens asking for permission to plant a flowering tree on The Pound in memory of Frank & Betty Belsham. This will be considered at the July meeting.
- d) No response has been received from the letter about Highway matters sent to Richard Parry and to the Highways department – an acknowledgement has been received from the latter. A letter from Highways informed that Sue Ireland is our Community Liaison Officer following the restructuring of the department and an e-mail re the spreadsheet apologised for lack of action because of the restructuring.

### 6. Correspondence:

- a) KALC Parish news and information about information days including two for new councillors.

### 7. RFO's Report:

#### 7.1 **Resolved:** the accounts as itemised be paid:

000415	Sencio	Mowing	£338.49
000416	Scribe	Annual Licence	£195.00
000417	Halstead P.C.	Clerk's Travel Expenses (£20.08) & printing of FH leaflets (£20)	£ 60.08
000418	CJA Consulting	Website	£114.56
000419	EDF	Lamp repair	£ 25.22
000420	Mister Print	Newsletter	<u>£155.00</u>
	Total		<u>£888.35</u>

7.2. Monies received:  
Mrs Kirkham                      Hire of The Pound                      £60.00

8.        **Committee Reports:**

8.1                                      Amenities:

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> be accepted and signed as a true record.

The quote from Mr Shackleton for the cutting of the hedge at The Pound and on the Recreation Ground bordering Main Road has been accepted, A quote from Sencio for the rest of the hedges on the Recreation Ground will be chased up. The council had no objection to the Marching band practising on the Recreation Ground as long as the football club had none. The terms for the use of Ivy Lane on carnival day were agreed.

8.2                                      Finance

It was not possible to hold the meeting prior to the main council meeting.

8.3.                                      Planning & Transportation:

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> be accepted and signed as a true record. A briefing paper from the meeting about housing and the LDF will be circulated. Bromley has sent a consultation re its LDF – this will be discussed by the committee.

8.3.                                      Publicity & Media:

Councillors were thanked for their contributions to the newsletter and asked for ones for the next one!!!

8.4.                                      Sports & Leisure:

There has been no meeting since the last council meeting.

9.                                      **Police:**

There was a meeting re the new proposal for our PCSO to cover the ward –which includes Badgers Mount. As a result the police have agreed to return to the status quo so that Nick Barker will cover only Knockholt and Halstead. As we contribute to his salary he is ‘ring-fenced’ apart from operational reasons. It was suggested that quarterly meetings should be held with Halstead Council and our PCSO.

**Resolved:** The Council should sign a new contract to this effect.0

10.                                      **Fort Halstead Working Group**

There was nothing new to report from the last meeting – the next will be on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

11.                                      **Telephone Box**

BT is proposing to remove the telephone box from The Pound. After discussion it was

**Resolved:** The Clerk should write to ask that the box is not removed. Reasons for this are that it would be available for emergencies; The Pound is the pick up/set down point for school buses; mobile phone reception is poor in the village.

12.                                      **Report from SDC dog warden**

Unfortunately this was not available in time or the meeting.

13.                                      **Information Items**

Allotments

Risk Assessment, asset register

Review of terms of reference for committees.

**Date Of Next Meeting:** Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Centre