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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, 5th MARCH 2007 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

Present:

Cllr. J Crick	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
4 members of the public
1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr R. Hart. Mr M. Stevens also sent his apologies.

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

There were none.

3. **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, February 5th 2007 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **Clerks Report:**

- a) The traffic problems caused by Crest Coaches & road works at the top of Pound Lane on Saturday were dealt with eventually – the owner of the coaches was asked not to park on Main Road in future.
- b) The mobile Library has not come on the last three dates it was due. Borrowers have been informed – the Clerk will try to find out what the problem is.
- c) An application for a Kent Community grant has been made for a speed indicator advice.
- d) P. C. James Ball is the new contact for Speedwatch.
- e) The Lamp on path between Main Road/Bond Close is accessible only by means of mobile scaffolding tower
- f) Speed checks were carried out by the police near the school last week.
- g) Police surgeries will be held on Thursday 3rd May, Wednesday 20th June and Thursday 26th July from 12.15 to 1 p.m. on The Pound. It was suggested that the one on May 3rd which is polling day could be in the car park of the village hall.

5. **Correspondence:**

- a) Rural Community Opinion 2007
- b) Notes of Meeting on Community Police Support Officers
- c) NALC Review of the Quality Town and Parish Council - questionnaire
- d) Regional Housing Strategy Review 2007 - questionnaire
- e) Letter from West Kent Mediation
- f) Invitation from Rural Housing Trust to view affordable housing at Leigh
- g) Letter from Hospice in the Weald re Supporters Day 16th March

h) Letter from Kent Men of the Trees

6. **RFO's Report:**

6.1	Notification of payments made since the last meeting:			
	000312	KAPC	Planning day	£ 58.75
	000313	Kent Police	PCSO	£3,149.99
6.2	Resolved: the accounts as itemised be paid:			
	000314	Viking Direct	Copy Paper etc.	£ 55.95
	000315	Mrs D. Jones	T/P/P/S	£ 13.56
	000316	Mister Print	Newsletter	<u>£ 160.00</u>
	Total			<u>£3,438.25</u>
6.3.	Monies received:			
	Cricket Club (final part of licence fee)			£ 60.00

7. **Committee Reports:**

7.1 **Amenities:**

Cllr Crick has replaced the fence post in the children's playground and has repaired a broken stile on SK705. He also removed graffiti from a road sign. It has been reported that garden refuse and cuttings have been dumped in Vavasseurs Wood. It was reported that the fence adjacent to the footpath by the pig farm has blown over – the Clerk will write to the landowner. Two pot holes – on Sundridge Hill and opposite Tudor House in Rushmore Hill – were reported.

7.2 **Planning & Transportation:**

The minutes of the meeting of February 13th were accepted

7.3. **Publicity & Media:**

Cllr. Martin thanked those who had contributed to the last newsletter and the Chairman for help setting it up for printing. Articles for the next newsletter are now needed! Publicity for those councillors standing for election can be delivered at the same time if wished.

7.4. **Sports & Leisure:**

Nothing to report.

8. **Police:**

Two crimes in Knockholt were reported –aggravated taking of a vehicle and a burglary at a dwelling. Damage to unattended cars parked on the road outside Knockholt station was also reported as well as damage to a car in Old London Road Knockholt. Details of a suspect car sent by the ringmaster system were also given. A hanging bird feeder in Vavasseurs Wood has been stolen.

9. **Fort Halstead:**

The Clerk will attend an informal meeting about proposals for Fort Halstead to put concerns raised by the Council.

10. **Information Items**

Risk Assessment and Asset Register will be on next month's agenda.

Date Of Next Meeting: Monday, April 2nd 2007 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Centre