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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, 3rd MARCH 2008 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

Present:

Cllr. N. Apps	Cllr. T. Broadhurst
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
Dist Cllr Grint, Mr M. Stevens, Mr J. Crick & 17 members of the public

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda

There were none.

3. Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 4th February 2008 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Clerks Report:

- a) Jet patching has been done on Harrow Road – surface much improved.
- b) Michael Fallon has accepted the invitation to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting
- c) The branches left on the Recreation Ground have been removed. The contractor met with the tennis club. More work will be done on the cherry tree to prevent it overhanging the tennis court and causing problems with the surface. This will be at a cost of £80.

5. Correspondence:

- a) Parish News KALC
- b) Letter from KCC re withdrawal of Submitted Development Plan Documents
- c) Agenda and minutes of Sevenoaks Area Committee of KALC
- d) Letter from Kent police re PSCO Glasspool's new post
- e) Nomination forms for the TryAngle Awards for young people
- f) Precepts for District
- g) KVCC AGM – Cllr Broadhurst will attend as council representative.

6. RFO's Report:

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

100393	KVCC	Hire of Hall Jul.-Dec. & Annual Rent of Parish Room	£340.00
100394	Sencio Community Leisure	Mowing	£328.62
100395	Halstead Parish Council	Expenses FHWG	£ 74.80
100396	Mrs D. Jones	Expenses	£ 39.95
		(£25.30 overtime FHWG)	

Total £783.47

It was agreed that expected invoices from KVCC and to the Police could be paid before the end of the financial year.

7. **Committee Reports:**

7.1 **Finance:**

Birmingham & Midshires does not have a Community Account. There are, in fact, very few such accounts available. It was therefore proposed and unanimously

Resolved: a Community Deposit Account will be opened with Alliance and Leicester with the signatories being the members of the Finance committee.

7.2 **Amenities:**

The minutes of the combined Amenities/Sports committees of 12th February were received and accepted. The response to the Open Spaces consultation had been sent to SDC. No problems have been reported with the Recreation Ground and the Children's playground. Councillors will inspect on a rota basis now agreed. EDF have done a lot of tree work on Main Road and have left the chippings on the verges. A note in the newsletter will ask householders to spread these as necessary.

7.3. **Planning & Transportation:**

The minutes of the meeting of 12th February were received and accepted. No response was made to the Kent Permit Consultation Document. The Morrison's signs are still up! SDC will have the appropriate forms for the new countrywide bus passes.

7.4. **Publicity & Media**

Articles are still needed for the newsletter.

7.5 **Sports & Leisure:**

See amenities above.

8. **Police:**

5 criminal incidents were reported last month including the break in at the village shop. There have been reports of theft of fuel from vehicles in Sevenoaks. Councillors asked that a letter of thanks be sent to PCSO Glasspool for his valuable work in the village. PCSO Barker will replace him until a permanent appointment is made. Unfortunately he will be on leave from the 7th – 28th March. A meeting will be arranged with Halstead Parish Council to which our PCSO and Sgt. Crozier will be invited.

9. **Waste Disposal:**

Information finally received from KCC makes it clear that volunteers cannot collect fly tipped waste. The presence of any such waste must be reported to SDC.

10. **Fort Halstead Working Group:**

A newsletter will be prepared by each of the participating councils for its parish about the facts as they are at the moment. The Chairman and the Clerk have been invited to a meeting at SDC to discuss the present situation.

11. **New Councillor**

Cllr. Jane Sanger has resigned from the Council for personal reasons. A co-opted councillor will, therefore, be needed. The Chairman expressed the council's thanks to Cllr Sanger for her time on the council. The vacancy will be advertised.

12. **Christmas Lights on The Pound**

Cllr Malzer had costed the price of putting Christmas lights on one of the trees on The Pound. The matter has been referred to the amenities committee for a recommendation.. It will report next month.

13. **Annual Parish Meeting**

Councillors were asked to think of a subject for Michael Fallon to speak about.

14. **Hedge Cutting**

Cllr. Broadhurst has written to Cluttons about the poor cutting of hedges by the Chevening Estate.

15. **Information Items**

Update on the situation regarding the attack on walkers by rottweillers.

The meeting was closed at 9.05 p.m.

Date Of Next Meeting: Monday, April 7th at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Centre