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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, 2nd OCTOBER 2006 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

Present:

Cllr. J Crick
Cllr. J. Malzer
Cllr. R. Radford

Cllr R. Hart
Cllr. R. Martin - - Chairman

In Attendance:

Mrs. D.B. Jones – Clerk
Mr M. Stevens & 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. E. Crafter, A. Hildrew, B. Page and J. Sanger

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

None were declared.

3. **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 11th September 2006 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **Clerks Report:**

- a. Another member of the Stubbs family has now taken over with regard to a memorial bench. Further information is awaited.
- b. An accident involving an R5 bus in Main Road occurred just beyond the 30 mph limit – Mr Knight would like us to take up the question of extending the 30mph speed limit again with the Highways department.
- c. Pack for funding for Parish Plan applied for.
- d. An informal meeting with Jenny Bradbury from Action with Communities in Rural Kent and representatives of KVCC, of the council and the Clerk has been held. Jenny is an expert on Village Halls and was able to advise on how the possible redevelopment of the village centre might be managed. The charity status of the KVCC means that the parish council cannot lead the redevelopment but she was able to give information about the ways in which the council can be of assistance. Members of the KVCC will meet to consider the next step and there will be more news at the November meeting.
- e. A possible date for Chairman's Christmas drinks – December 11th

5. **Correspondence:**

- a. KAPC News - to be circulated
- b. Oast to Coast - “

6. **RFO's Report:**

6.1 The following cheque payments were approved:

100283	Audit Commission	£ 293.75
100284	Bourne Amenity Ltd –work on football pitch	£2,287.73
100266	Action with Communities in Rural Kent	£ 16.26
100287	SLCC Conference	£ 40.00
100288	SDC Emptying of dog bins	<u>£ 35.25</u>
Total		<u>£2,672.99</u>

6.2 Monies received:
Mrs Kirkham Hire of the Pound (Sep.) £30

6.3 Committees were reminded that budget requests for 2007/8 should be made by the next meeting.

7. **Committee Reports:**

7.1 **Amenities:**

The spring animals should be installed by Wicksteed shortly and repairs made to the swings and surfacing. The fence of the children's playground has been damaged again – Cllr Crick has managed to deal with the problem. The brushcutter will need to be serviced at the end of the season. Cllr Crick has had a meeting with the new footpath officer and they have put in a new footpath post at Washneys. Daffodil bulbs have been bought for Letts Green. When the notice board is erected there it was suggested that a board for observations by visitors might also be placed there. There is graffiti in the bus stop and the Knockholt signs at the top of Star Hill and the end of Halstead Lane have been defaced these will be dealt with. No reply has yet been received about when the lampposts were last painted. EDF have offered a two year contract for unmetered supply of electricity at 9p a unit – SDC cannot give a quotation till February 2007.

Resolved: the contract with EDF be accepted.

7.2 **Planning & Transportation:**

The minutes of the meetings of 8th August & 14th September were accepted.

7.3. **Publicity & Media:**

The next newsletter is due in November – contributions were requested by the end of October.

7.4. **Sports & Leisure**

The junior football club has signed its new five year lease.

8. **Police:**

Three recorded crimes were reported for September - criminal damage, theft from a motor vehicle and an attempted burglary. It was reported that police attended quickly when called out with regard to three suspicious looking youths. A query was raised as to who should be informed of the identity of key holders for burglar alarms.

9. **Information Items**

Redevelopment of the Village Centre

Date Of Next Meeting: Monday, 6th November 2006 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Centre

The meeting was closed at 21.02