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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2007 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

### Present:

Cllr. T. Broadhurst  
Cllr. R. Martin- Chairman  
Cllr. J. Sanger

Cllr. J. Malzer  
Cllr. R. Radford

### In Attendance:

Dist. Cllr. Williamson, Mr M. Stevens & 1 member of the public

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. N. Apps, Cllr. E. Crafter, Cllr. A. Hildrew and Cllr. B. Page in the absence of the clerk for personal reasons the meeting was minuted by Cllr. Martin

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

There were none.

#### 3. Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September were approved and signed as a true record.

#### 4. Clerks Report:

- a) Mark Leader of West Kent Housing was disappointed that the council did not wish to support the consideration of the proposed site for affordable housing at this time. The Association will go forward to the next level.
- b) The hedge of the field bordering Main Road /Shelleys Lane has been trimmed by Highways and the owner has been issued with an enforcement notice to cut it.
- c) Register of Interests – the Clerk awaiting advice as to whether a new register has to be completed or not.
- d) Committees were asked to consider budgets for 2008/9 to go to the finance committee in November.

#### 5. Correspondence: to be noted

- a) KAPC Parish News
- b) Kent Police- Sevenoaks District: Neighbourhood Management Launch
- c) Details of the Youth Opportunities Fund
- d) An invitation to the SDC Civic service
- e) Booklet re Tackling Climate Change
- f) Town & Parish Standard

#### 6. RFO's Report:

- 6.1 Notification of payments made since the last meeting:  
100355 Sencio Mowing £328.62
- 6.2 **Resolved:** the accounts as itemised be paid:

100356	SDC	Emptying of dog bins	£ 52.88
100357	SDC	Election costs (May)	£ 71.78
100358	Mrs D. Jones	Expenses	<u>£ 28.89</u>
Total			<u>£482 17</u>

6.3. The Knockholt Christmas Goodwill Fund

In response to the letter received requesting support it was

**Resolved:** £150 will be given to the Goodwill Fund from the S137 budget.

7. **Committee Reports:**

7.1 Amenities:

The minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> September were received and approved. The quotation, £185, from Mr Harrington was accepted however it was noted this was only for the trench digging and not the entire project works. So works for completion would be subject to the final total sum being approved. The terms and conditions for use of the Recreation Ground and The Pound will be reviewed at the November meeting.

7.2 Planning & Transportation:

The minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> September were received and approved. Cllr Martin spoke about the TFL proposals and the response made by the Council. He will attend the conference on ‘The Future of Transport in Sevenoaks District’ on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Cllrs Martin, Radford and Broadhurst would like to attend the SDC Space Study Consultation and Tree Legislation workshop.

7.3. Publicity & Media:

The Council was reminded that articles are needed for the November newsletter. He also asked for information about any web developers.

7.4. Sports & Leisure:

A letter has been received from Cluttons suggesting ‘the council could advise what annual agreement would be feasible’ for the rent of the land adjacent to the football pitch. District Cllr Williamson advised the Council of some possible clauses within the lease agreement for the Recreation Ground that may be of interest. Cllr Broadhurst will liaise with District Cllr Williamson and report to the November meeting.

There had been a request from users of the Recreation Ground for the hedge to be cut back behind the play goalposts as balls were being punctured. Cllrs Radford and Broadhurst will liaise.

8. **Police:**

2 crimes in September were reported – 1 theft from a dwelling and one of criminal damage.

9. **PCSO:**

There was discussion about the powers of the PCSO, including the new ones for on the spot fines added recently. It was considered that the powers were disappointing.

Since nearly half of the councillors were unable to attend the meeting it was decided that a decision on the motion ‘This council agrees to continue to contribute to the funding of a PCSO for Knockholt & Halstead’ should be postponed to the next full meeting. The intentions of Halstead Parish Council also needed to be taken into account. The Clerk will ascertain these from Halstead. The Clerk will be asked to get an extension of time.

10. **Road works in Main Road**

It was agreed to put this item on the next agenda.

11. **Power cuts in the village**

A letter had been received from Mr Harrison complaining about the recent spate of power cuts at the Cudham end of the village. The situation was noted.

12. **Suggestions for Grant Application**

None were, as yet, forthcoming.

13. **Speedwatch**

The request from Halstead re the sharing of the SID for Speedwatch was considered. A decision was deferred to the next meeting so that the cost and operating implications can be considered. Cllr Malzer will look at these.

14. **Fort Halstead working group**

It was agreed that a sum of £250 in the first instance could be pledged should any necessary expenses be incurred by the group – each parish involved has been asked to do this.

There was concern that letters to Michael Fallon M.P. and Hines might duplicate what is being done by the District Council.

15. **Information Items**

Road works

Advice from KCC re Dunbrik

Query as to whether any the parish has any serving members of the armed forces in areas of combat.

**Date Of Next Meeting:** Monday, November 5th at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Centre

The meeting closed at 22:16