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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD 2007 IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

Present:

Cllr. N. Apps
Cllr. E. Crafter
Cllr. J. Malzer
Cllr. R. Radford

Cllr. T. Broadhurst
Cllr. A. Hildrew
Cllr. R. Martin - Chairman

In Attendance:

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. B. Page & Cllr. J. Sanger

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda

There were none

3. Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, August 6th were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Clerks Report:

- a. The Clerk contacted Dunbrik about the fact that bins on Main Road and The Pound had not been emptied – a new operative had apparently not been told about these – this has now been rectified. If the black sacks from the bins in the Recreation Ground are placed behind the SDC bin in the village hall car park they will be collected on Wednesdays when that bin is emptied.
- b. A parishioner noted from the flyer in the newsletter that the village shop is hoping to have a licence to sell alcohol – she was concerned and wanted to know how to communicate this. The application submitted was declared ‘invalid’ but will doubtless be resubmitted.
- c. A letter from Mr Slinn has been received in response to the Clerk’s reply to his concerning rubbish left at the Recreation Ground thanking the Council for realising that it was a genuine misunderstanding.
- d. The dates for Mrs Kirkham’s use of The Pound for 2008/9 have been received. Unfortunately the sale of books for Cancer Research was not very successful owing to the gas main works making it difficult to access The Pound.
- e. The Clerk has forwarded to KCC information about the progress of the Speedwatch speed indicator device. Ideas for requests for a grant for this financial year are needed – information item for next agenda
- f. Standing Orders- NALC may be suggesting new wording for the SO relating to members of the public being allowed to speak

5. Correspondence:

- a) KAPC Parish News
- b) Details of Councillors’ Information Day 22nd September

- c) Rural Opinion Survey
- d) Details of Village Design Statement

6. **RFO's Report:**

6.1	: Resolved: the accounts as itemised be paid:			
	100351	The Audit Commission	Annual audit	£334.88
	100352	Playsafety Ltd	Playground Inspection	£ 81.08
	100353	Mister Print	Mister Print	£155.00
	100354	Mrs D. Jones	Expenses	<u>£ 9.48</u>
Total				<u><u>£580.44</u></u>

6.2 Monies received:
Mrs Kirkham Hire of The Pound £30.00

7. **Committee Reports:**

7.1 **Amenities:**

The minutes of the meeting of August 23rd were accepted.

Youngster are riding bikes on the grass at Park Corner the Clerk will ask our PCSO to keep an eye on this. It was reported that a fridge has been dumped in Shelleys Lane and two bags of garden refuse have been left in New Years Lane. Two quotations for running a trench from the road to Letts Green pond are awaited. The last working party cleared the right hand side of the pond and cleared the ragwort found there. The playground items under 'Projects' in the minutes of the committee should more accurately be described as maintenance. The report on playground safety is expected at any time.

7.2 **Planning & Transportation:**

The minutes of the meetings of August 15th and 29th were accepted.

Information about use of a single pass for rail and bus is expected from the Orpington & District Travellers Association.

The Clerk was requested to ask what the outcome of TFL's inspection of the bus stops was

7.3. **Publicity & Media:**

The chairman expressed thanks to those who had contributed to the newsletter and for its delivery. Comments about content/format would be welcomed by the editor. There will be a meeting about the website later in the week.

7.4. **Sports & Leisure:**

The minutes of the meeting of August 28th were accepted. One of the goal posts in the Recreation Ground have been moved by the lads who use them to make a longer pitch. Cllr Malzer will have a word with them and ascertain where they would like it to be permanently fixed. It is unsafe in its present temporary position.

8. **Police:**

Three crimes were reported in August- a theft from a shed, a theft from a motor vehicle and theft of property. Furniture has been fly tipped on the skip in the village hall car park. A meeting will be arranged with representatives of Halstead P.C., our PCSO and local police officer.

9. The motion proposing adoption of the Revised Model Code of Conduct was proposed.

Resolved:

'This Council hereby adopts the Model Code of Conduct 2007 including paragraph 12 (2).'

10. **Report on the informal meeting with Halstead Parish Council re Fort Halstead**

As a result of discussion it was agreed to set up a working group to consider any proposed development of Fort Halstead and to invite the parish councils of Dunton Green, Chevening and Shoreham to join with them. It has been suggested that each council should have two representatives on the group. A letter has been sent to these councils who will put the proposal to members at their respective September meetings.

11. **Road Works in Main Road**

There is some anxiety in the village about the length of time the installation of a new gas main is taking. The Clerk spoke to Morrisons this week and was told that the work will take approximately three more weeks. Work will then be done in Waylands Close.

The Council will ensure that areas used by the contractors, such as Park Corner, are restored to their original state as they have promised and that the gully adjacent to Bowens will be cleared.

12. **West Kent Housing**

A letter from Mark Leader of West Kent Housing was received. There is a possible site for affordable housing in the village and he wished to know whether the council would wish to work with the Association to provide such housing. Following a proposal by Cllr. Martin

Resolved: This council sees no reason to deviate from the resolution passed in November 2006 which stated, 'No further action with regard to affordable housing will be taken until the situation with regard to major developments in the District become clearer'.

13. **Information Items**

Road works

PCSOs

Electricity situation at the top end of the village.

Ideas for application for a grant from KCC

Date Of Next Meeting: Monday, October 1st at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Centre