

The Minutes of the Meeting of Hoo Saint Werburgh Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall, Pottery Road, Hoo on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 7.30pm.

***Councillors present: Andrews
Chambers
Counsell
Fray
Gatfield
Hipsey
Pearce
Perfect
Pratt
Rees
Sands
Savage
Shepperd
Tildesley
Williams***

Also: Parish Clerk, Ward Councillor Filmer and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Tildesley.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Ward Councillor Roy Freshwater.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all present. It was proposed by Cllr Andrews to accept these as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed by all present.

The approved Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr Williams confirmed that the letter had been sent to Medway Councillor Jarret as agreed at the previous meeting.

5. Urgent Matters.

Cllr Sands spoke regarding Deangate Ridge Golf Course and reported that Medway Council were proposing to close this on 31st March 2018.

He stated that the matter would be discussed at the Medway Council Cabinet Meeting on 6th February and he felt that the Parish Council should attend this Meeting.

He raised concerns that no consultation or notice had been given to the Parish Council or members of the public.

He stated that this was the largest public sports facility left on the Peninsula and this had been run down by Medway Council over the last few years.

He urged members of the Parish Council and residents to attend the meeting of Medway Council to show their support in opposition to the closure of the facility.

Cllr Sands proposed that the Parish Council allocate a sum of money to support the opposition to the closure and the transport residents to the meeting at Medway Council offices.

This was discussed by members and it was proposed by Cllr Sands to allocate a sum of £500 to the protest group for transportation and banners, this was seconded by Cllr Perfect and agreed by all present.

Action: £500 allocated to Deangate Ridge Protest Group.

The Chairman stated that Agenda Item 9 would be brought forward to enable the residents in attendance at the meeting to speak regarding this matter.

This was agreed by all members.

9. **Public Question time**

A resident in attendance at the meeting raised concerns regarding the amount of development on the Peninsula and she asked what the Parish Councils Strategy was to deal with this.

Cllr Sands stated that the PC was aware of the areas for development and it did raise objections to the planning applications when they were consulted on these.

Cllr Williams spoke regarding the Local Plan and stated that the Parish Council had responded to the consultation of this and objected to development on the Peninsula.

Residents raised concerns that they were not aware of the Local Plan or of the Planning applications for development. Cllr Williams stated that the consultation was advertised by Medway Council.

Questions were raised by members of the public with regarding to the Section 106 funds from the development and where this was being spent by Medway Council.

The Chairman spoke regarding the Section 106 payments and how it was allocated by Medway Council.

Cllr Perfect explained that the Parish Council was a Statutory Consultee to planning applications submitted to Medway Council, it was not the planning authority.

Medway Councillor Phil Filmer stated that he was against the closure of Deangate Ridge Golf Course and urged people to email Medway Council Cabinet Members to state their opposition to the proposals.

High Halstow Chairman, George Crowser attended the meeting and thanked Hoo Parish Council for supporting the Fighting Fund with the allocation of £500.

He said he understood there were plans to build on the golf course and Lodgehill.

A resident suggested that Medway Council had committed criminal damage by destroying the golf course.

George Crowser stated that High Halstow Parish Council were looking into this.

A discussion took place regarding the golf course and the way this had been run down over the last few years.

Cllr Sands stated that the focus was now on obtaining a delay on the vote by Cabinet at the forthcoming meeting.

Councillor Filmer stated that Medway Council had submitted an infrastructure bid for funding and the outcome would be known by the end of February.

It was agreed that Cllr Sands would organise transportation for residents to the MC Cabinet Meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

A resident attended the meeting to raise concerns about the recent actions of the Village Hall Management Committee when dealing with a hirer who organised a New Year Eve Party.

The Chairman confirmed that this was not a Parish Council matter as the Hall was run as a separate organisation to the Parish Council and was a registered charity.

The resident raised concerns that correspondence from the Village Hall Management Committee had been sent out in the name of the Parish Council.

The Chairman confirmed that this was not correct, and the Parish Council did not send the letter, this was done in error. He stated that the PC had taken actions to clarify this matter.

6. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave a report to members.

He reported that he, Cllr Sands, Cllr Williams, and Councillor Freshwater had attended a meeting to discuss development at White House Farm on 8th January 2018.

He reported that on 12th January he and Cllr Williams had also attended a meeting at Medway Council to discuss green spaces and Section 106 monies.

He informed members that a Section 106 allocation for Pottery Road Recreation Ground was now due to be paid to the PC.

This was discussed by members and it was agreed that this would be used to finance the Infants Play Area. (Perfect/Andrews/all agreed).

The Chairman stated that tenders for the work would be sought in line with the PC Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.

The Chairman reported that the work on the Recreation Ground footpaths would be undertaken in early spring and the Brook footpath would be undertaken when the weather was better.

Cllr Rees thanked the Chairman and Cllr Williams for their work in these projects.

7. Clerks Report.

The Clerks Report was noted and accepted by members.

Hire of Pottery Road Rec for Fun Fair

A request to hire the Pottery Road Recreation Ground for a fun fair on 15th 16th 17th June was considered and approved by members.

Bellway Homes

The PC was invited to put forward name suggestions for the development at Bells Lane, Hoo. It was agreed that this item would be placed on the next agenda.

Action: Clerk to place item on the next agenda.

8. Ward Councillors Report.

Ward Councillor Phil Filmer gave his report to the meeting.

He reported that the crossing outside of Hundred of Hoo Academy would be undertaken in the half term holidays.

9. Public Question time.**10. Planning Matters.****APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

MC/18/0060 55 ROCHESTER CRESCENT, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER, ME3 9JH
Conversion of garage to a habitable space.

MC/18/0099 46 MAIN ROAD, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER, ME3 9AB
Construction of porch to front together with extension to existing vehicle crossover (Resubmission of MC/17/3822).

MC/18/0312 1 FOURWENTS ROAD, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER, ME3 9JX
Change of use from retail shop (Class A1) to hot food takeaway (Class A5).

MC/17/4350 Land to the west of the Hundred of Hoo Academy, Main Road, Hoo St Werburgh, ROCHESTER, ME3 9HH
Construction of balancing pond - amendment to MC/16/1845.

MC/18/0129 6, 7, 7a, LONDON MEDWAY COMMERCIAL PARK, STOKE ROAD, Road, Kingsnorth, Rochester, ME3 9ND
Reserved matters application for the construction of a business park development for business, general industrial and storage and distribution uses B1C, B2 and B8 with associated landscaping, ecology, parking and servicing areas and access and improvements to Ropers Lane and Stoke Road.

MC/18/0177 12 MOREMENT ROAD, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER, ME3 9DB
Construction of a single storey rear extension with roof lanterns - removal of shed -
resubmission of MC/17/2752.

11. Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members.

The financial statement was proposed by Cllr Rees, seconded by Cllr Williams, and agreed by all present.

The approved cheques were then signed by two authorised signatories.

12. Urgent Items.

No matters were raised.

13. Personal Matters.

To be discussed as a Confidential Matter.

14. Date of next meeting.

1st March 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting to the press and public at 8.50pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Dated.....

Confidential item
Personnel Matters.

The Chairman spoke regarding a letter that had recently been sent out from the Village Hall Management Committee to a hirer that had been signed off as being from the Hall Committee and the Parish Council.

He confirmed that the letter should not have been sent from the PC as the VHMC is nothing to do with the PC and operates as an independent organisation.

He confirmed that a letter of apology had been received from Cllr Gatfield and he felt that members should accept the apology.

Cllr Fray, Sands, Perfect and Savage expressed their disappointment and concerns at the actions of the Hall Committee and spoke regarding their concern on the negative comments that the Parish Council and Parish Councillors had received on Social Media due to this.

Cllr Gatfield apologised for her actions and stated that she had made a mistake in sending out the letter.

A discussion took place regarding this.

The Chairman concluded the discussions and closed the meeting at 9.32pm.