

Hoo St Werburgh Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of Hoo Saint Werburgh Parish Council
Held via Zoom on Thursday 1st October 2020 at 7.00pm.

Councillors present: Cutting
Fray
Freshwater
Pratt
Rees
Sands
Savage
Williams
Winstanley

Also: Parish Clerk.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Sands.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tildesley, Williams, Perfect, Counsell, Gissing and Pearce.

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 Rees to accept these as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Savage and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr Sands reported that the encroachment issues at Nursery Gardens was now in the hands of MC Enforcement.

5. Public Question Time.

No matters were raised.

6. Urgent Matters.

Members discussed a Section 106 allocation for a safe crossing of Peninsula Way from the Bells Lane development.

Cllr Sands stated that he would take this matter up with Medway Council to establish the current situation.

Action: Cllr Sands to action.

7. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

The Clerk reported that the first notice for the Councillor vacancy had been displayed, and Medway Council would inform the PC if the vacancy were to be filled by a By-election or Cooption.

8. Chairman's Report.

No matters were reported.

9. Clerks Report.

The Clerks Report was noted.

10. Monthly Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members.

This was proposed by Cllr Savage, seconded by Cllr Rees, and agreed by all present.

11. Environmental Matters.

The minutes from the recent Environmental Committee Meeting were discussed and approved by members.

Cllr Sands stated that a meeting was due to take place with MC Officer Dave Harris to discuss the Hillcrest access onto Kingshill Recreation Ground.

Members discussed the closure of the Bridleway at the Apple Yard development as concerns had been raised about this on social media.

Cllr Sands confirmed the the access to the bridleway was not yet opened as work was still being undertaken at the site.

12. Planning Matters.

Cllr Sands reported on planning related matters.

MC/20/1840 The Windmill, Ratcliffe Highway, Hoo St Werburgh, Rochester
Conversion of the first floor of the public house to provide Bed and Breakfast accommodation and the construction of a detached single storey function room.
No objections.

MC/20/1853 Willow Grange, Tilley Close, Hoo St Werburgh, Rochester, Medway
Construction of a single storey conservatory to rear (to replace existing).
No objections.

MC/20/2014 131 Knights Road, Hoo St Werburgh, Rochester, Medway, ME3 9BU
Construction of a single-story side/rear extension
No objections.

MC/20/1951 Buildings 212-213, Kingsnorth Industrial Estate, Main Road
Demolition of open fronted storage building and extension to main building together with the construction of covered storage bays to facilitate a change of use from Sui Generis in order to conduct the AHP Waste Composting Operation, to Sui Generis to conduct Clinical and AHP Waste processing operation

*Cllr Sands stated that the Parish Council had submitted objections to this application and further information had now been received.
The new information was discussed, and it was agreed that the PC objections still stood.*

Cllr Freshwater spoke regarding this application and the issues with pollution, he questioned the safety of the site and the combustion of the waste, he stated that in his view it was unacceptable to allow the application.

Cllr Rees agreed with this view, she stated that there should be an inspection regime, waste may be stored at the site for up to seven days before incineration.

Cllr Fray stated that the Environment Agency was overseeing the application and therefore she was not too concerned about it.

Cllr Sands stated that there were a number of waste applications being submitted for the Peninsula and he was worried about the affects that this would have in the area.

It was agreed that the PC objection sand concerns were still valid.

MC/20/1647 The Windmill, Ratcliffe Highway, Hoo St Werburgh, Rochester
Construction of 2x three-bedroom detached bungalows with associated parking
No objections.

MC/20/1807 MedwayOne , Former Kingsnorth Power Station, Medway.

Cllr Sands referred to an application for a scoping report for this site.
He stated that Uniper had submitted the application and further information had been received and circulated.

Concerns were raised regarding the the closeness of this to the marshes.
Members reassessed their views on the application.

It was agreed that there were still concerns about the application as there was no archeological assessments undertaken and the application stated that there would be no effects on human health.

Cllr Sands stated that he had requested further information from Medway Council. He spoke about the protected land sites within 5K of the proposed development.
Cllr Fray stated that she had concerns about the implications on wildlife.

Cllr Sands stated that he would like another opportunity to discuss the proposals with Uniper and it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for them to attend a future meeting of the PC or Planning Committee.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Cllr Williams joined the meeting at 7.43pm.

13. Hoo Surgery Update.

Cllr Sands confirmed that a meeting was due to take place with Dr Mukherjee, regarding the new management of St Werburgh Surgery.

Members noted the response circulated from Medway Councillor Alan Jarrett to the PC letter regarding the surgery.

It was agreed that the PC would draft a letter in response to this

Action: PC to respond to letter from Alan Jarrett.

14. Highways Matters.

A report from Cllr Pearce was circulated to all members regarding the location of the speed indicator sign on Bells Lane.

This was discussed by members and it was agreed that the location for the sign could be better placed. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should liaise with Medway Council to request that it was moved 50 yards, from its present location to the pinch point on Bells Lane.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Cllr Sands spoke regarding the parking on verges at Kingsnorth, causing damage. He stated that he had requested signs to be installed and enforcement in this area.

He stated that there were also issues outside of the school and he was pressing for similar action in this area.

A general discussion took place regarding parking in the parish.

It was noted that a 30-bay park for lorries was being progressed, however this would not accommodate overnight parking. Toilet and catering facilities would be included at the site.

Cllr Sands stated that Medway Council had also identified two more possible lorry park sites at Hempstead and Thamesport.

15. Ward Councillors Report.

Medway Councillor Ron Sands gave his report to the meeting.

He spoke regarding a query from a resident regarding their responsibilities for the Brook, and Cllr Rees briefed him on the history of the site.

He stated that he had contacted the Flood Officer at Medway Council for assistance.

16. Neighbourhood Plan Report.

Cllr Cutting gave a report on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The next NHP meeting was due to be held on 6th October 2020.

17. Date of next meeting.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 5th November 2020.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting to the press and public at 8.25pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Dated.....