

Hoo St Werburgh and Chattenden Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of Hoo Saint Werburgh and Chattenden Parish Council
Held at Chattenden Community Centre on Thursday 4th April 2024 at 7.00pm.

Councillors present: Barton
Chester
Cutting
Dunkley
Francis
Fray
Gissing
Hopson
Koroma
Pearce
Sands
Styles
Williams

Also: Sherrie Babington - Parish Clerk, Caroline Roper, Whose Hoo, and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Sands.

1. Apologies.

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.

Apologies were received, and reasons for absence accepted from Cllrs Wood (holiday), Mitchell (work), Tildesley (holiday), Sparkes (personal reasons).

2. Declaration of Interests.

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.

To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

There were no dispensations to consider.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all present.

It was proposed by Cllr Styles to accept these as a true record, 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.

a. Chattenden Consultation.

Consultation document being progressed by Cllr Williams and the Clerk.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Williams to action.

5. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

Cllr Francis signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

6. Public Participation.

To discuss any questions received by members of the public.

Caroline Roper - Whose Hoo Community Engagement Officer attended the meeting to present to Members.

She spoke about the Whose Hoo Project, engagement with the local community and timescales. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the project.

A resident spoke regarding the Elms Estate and thanked Ward Cllr Crozier and MC Dave Harris for their assistance in taking forward the issues relating to the new estate on behalf of residents.

7. Police and PACT Report.

To receive a report regarding police matters and the PACT.

The police attended the meeting to report on matters affecting the parish.

It was reported that the next PACT would take place on 17th May at 7pm in the church.

8. Urgent Matters (if any with the Chairman's consent).

Wall next to Pottery Road Recreation Ground – the Chairman reported that the wall had now been rebuilt and the shop owner had stated that he would make arrangements for the recreation ground fence to be reinstated.

9. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

Members considered the circulated Financial Statement.

The bank balances and payments were considered by members, these were approved, proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Cutting, and agreed by all present.

b. To consider other financial matters.

To consider other financial reports and matters.

Member considered a Financial Report concerning the Village Hall and agreed to pay the insurance policy as a short-term loan until the Village Hall Management Committee had sorted out the bank account.

This was proposed by Cllr Fray, seconded by Cllr Cutting and agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to liaise with VHMC.

10. Clerks Report.

To receive the Clerks Report.

Hoo Funfair Visit 2024

13th May -27th May Fair open both weekends.

Action: approved.

Hire of Kingshill Recreation ground

Football '4' All is planning to run a holiday course on the Kingshill Recreation ground on Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th May. Is this possible please?

Action: approved.

11. Chairmans Report.

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting:

Future Hoo – he reported on a zoom meeting held to discuss the Future Hoo project.

Deangate Ridge Parkland Meeting – held with representatives from Medway Council to discuss the funding for the project. A follow up meeting was to be arranged to discuss S106 in detail.

Friends of Deangate – first meeting held and Committee now in place to take this forward.

The Brook – meeting held with Flood Officer from Medway Council to discuss the Brook and riparian ownership. He suggested that MC send out an annual letter to remind people of their responsibility.

Bird count in the parish – the first report had been given on 21st March, he reported on this. He stated that the PC had agreed to give the representatives £100 each for their work, but they had asked for this to be donated to a bird charity.

12. Parish Council Committees.

To receive the reports and recommendations from PC Committees.

a. Events Committee.

To receive an update from the Events Committee.

Cllr Cutting circulated a report for members consideration outline the events planned for 2024.

She reported that the Easter event had been a success and well attended. The next event was the D-Day Beacon lighting event on 6th June.

She stated that more members were needed on the Events Committee.

b. Environment Committee.

The Clerk reported that the contract for the installation of the new play equipment at Kingshill Recreation Ground was in the process of being drafted.

c. Finance, Audit and General Purposes Committee.

Meeting to be arranged to discuss the end of year account following the internal audit.

13. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications Received.

MC/24/0489 - Kingsnorth Power Station, Power Station Access Road, Hoo

Submission of Reserved Matters pursuant to outline planning application MC/21/0979 for the layout, scale and appearance of an Energy Hub (being a sub phase of the overall development), showing location and size of buildings, roads, and hardstanding as required by condition 1 of the outline planning permission. The details submitted seek to discharge the following outline planning conditions: 5(phasing plan) 11(materials), 12 (brick plinth) 13 (hard and soft landscaping) 14 (tree survey) 18 (landscape and ecological management plan 27 (cycle storage) 29 (refuse storage) 30 (layout) 38 (ventilation and extraction) and 40 (Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Statement).

No objections.

MC/24/0542 - 9 Riverbourne Way, Chattenden, Rochester, Medway, ME3 8GX

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow for a minor material amendment to planning permission MC/22/1315 for installation of additional window to front.

No objections.

MC/24/0242 - 6 Haig Villas , Main Road, Hoo St Werburgh, Rochester, Medway

Retrospective - Construction of a car port to Front/ side.

No objections.

b. Planning Applications Decisions by Medway Council.

MC/24/0595

The Hundred of Hoo Academy Main Road Hoo St Werburgh Rochester ME3 9HH

Details pursuant to condition 7 (Climate Change) on planning permission MC/22/1845 for construction of an additional dining hall and connecting lobby and extension to Pavilion to provide changing facilities - removal of existing containers

Discharge of Conditions

MC/24/0220

Kingsnorth Power Station Power Station Access Road Hoo St Werburgh Rochester Medway ME3 9NQ

Application for non-material amendment to outline planning permission MC/21/0979 to vary conditions 8, 45 and 46 in relation to the Energy Centre to facilitate the generation of the full permitted amount of power at the site, up to 49.9MW.

Approval with Conditions

MC/24/0210

19A Bells Lane Hoo St Werburgh Rochester Medway ME3 9HT
Construction of a single storey extension to front/side.
Approval with Conditions

MC/24/0150

152 Main Road Hoo St Werburgh Rochester Medway ME3 9HB
Construction of a vehicular crossover to front
Approval with Conditions

MC/24/0081

Wylie Road Hoo St Werburgh Rochester Medway ME3 9EG
Construction of a single storey front and a single storey side/rear extension - removal of existing bay window and porch
Approval with Conditions

MC/24/0015

Removal of flat roof and construction of new pitched roof over to front, render to existing dwelling elevations, reconfiguration of windows and doors and installation of solar panels to rear roof slope. Construction of a detached single storey building to rear for therapy and hydrotherapy use incorporating solar panels to roof slope. Removal of existing rear outbuildings
Approval with Conditions

MC/23/2830

The Hundred of Hoo Academy Main Road Hoo St Werburgh Rochester Medway ME3 9HH
Two-storey flat roofed new-build teaching block at Hundred Hoo Academy with associated external works. The accommodation comprises 8 no. classrooms, a pupil break-out room, staff room and offices. The external works consist of extensions to the existing pedestrian path network, paved entrance area, outside breakout space and soft landscaping co-ordinated with the arboricultural and ecology reports.
Approval with Conditions

c. Appeals and Decisions.

No matters to report.

d. Other Planning Matters.

To consider other planning matters.

14. Burial Ground.

To be discussed as a confidential item.

15. New Community Centre.

A report on the appointment recommended architect was circulated to all members for their consideration.

This outlined a comparison of the prices quoted by each of the architects for them to work up to obtaining planning permission from Medway Council for this project.

Recommendation. The members of the New Community Centre Committee made the recommendation for the contract for the initial stage of the project be awarded to Ubique Architects based in Rochester.

The recommendation and the appointment of Ubique Architects was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Dunkley and agreed by all present, with the exception of Cllr Cutting who was opposed to the appointment.

Action: Appointment of Ubique Architects approved.

16. Neighbourhood Plan Report.

No matters were reported.

17. Annual Meeting of the Parish.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish would be held at 6.30pm.

Action: Clerk to send out invitations to village organisations.

18. Ward Councillors Report.

Cllr Pearce gave his report as a Ward Councillor, he reported on the following:

- Lodge Hill appeal refused by Planning Inspector
- Funding of £750,000 awarded to Hoo swimming Pool for energy efficiency.
- Medway Council Local Plan.

19. Date of the next meeting – Thursday 9th May 2024 at Pottery Road Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting to the press and public at 9.10pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____