

The Minutes of the Meeting of Hoo Saint Werburgh Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall, Pottery Road, Hoo on Thursday 5th December 2019 at 7.30pm.

Councillors present: Chambers
Cutting
Fray
Gissing
Pearce
Perfect
Pratt
Sands
Savage
Tildesley
Williams
Winstanley

Also: Parish Clerk, MC Officers Dave Harris, Martin Hall, Jill King and Fiona Leadley and members of the public.

Members welcomed The Worshipful the Mayor of Medway, Councillor Habib Tejan the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Tildesley.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Counsell, Rees and Freshwater.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No matters were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

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

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

This was seconded by Cllr Chambers and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Youth Club – Cllr Sands reported that the PC had received a response from the Village Hall Management Committee confirming that they did not have the availability at the hall to accommodate the Youth Club on a regular basis.

He suggested that the PC invited the Chairman of the VHMC to a meeting to discuss this further.

Cllr Chambers stated that she had spoken to the Chair of the Hall Committee and she had confirmed that there was no availability and that their website was out of date and therefore did not reflect the current bookings.

Action: Clerk to invite Chairman of VHMC to a future PC meeting.

Port Werburgh Issues – The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to Medway Council as agreed at the previous meeting.

5. Public Question Time.

Residents from Port Werburgh attended the meeting to speak regarding the issues at the site. They stated that their mooring fees had now been increased by 16% and the parking fees for additional cars had been raised by 100%. Residents stated that they owned their own boats and therefore had no where else to go. They asked if they were able to claim traveller rights.

Cllr Sands briefed the Mayor and Medway Council Officers on the issues relating to Port Werburgh. He stated that the Parish Council had taken advice regarding the status of the residents, however they had no rights as tenants, they have large boats moored at the site and have no where else to go. He asked the Mayor to take this matter up as Mayor, as the Parish Council and he as a Ward Councillor had not been able to establish a resolution.

The Mayor stated that he would look into this matter and come back to the Council.

MC Officer Dave Harris stated that Peal Ports owned Port Werburgh and he would pass the contact details onto the Council.

Residents raised concerns regarding vehicles parking at the bottom of Vicarage Lane as this was causing issues with sight lines. Cllr Sands stated that Medway Councillor Phil Filmer was dealing with this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.45pm for refreshments.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.00pm.

6. Urgent Matters.

Cllr Sands updated members on the following planning applications:

MC/19/3129 - Land to The South of Stoke Road Adjacent Yew Tree Hoo St Werburgh Rochester Medway ME3 9BH

Outline planning application with all matters reserved for up to 100 dwellings and associated works and infrastructure.

MC/19/2824 - 77 Main Road Hoo St Werburgh Rochester Medway ME3 9AA

Conversion of a care home into 2 three bed roomed and 2 four bed roomed dwellings incorporating the construction of a first floor addition to rear; porch to front; 2 new front entrance doors in place of existing window positions, alteration to existing porch to include windows and additional parking provision - demolition of day room/conservatory to rear and chimney stack

He asked members of the Planning Committee to consider these applications and give their comments to him by email.

Cllr Perfect reported that there had been issues with power cuts at the bottom of the village and prior to this there had been problems with the supply at the Hoo Institute. Following a visit from Uk Power

Networks she had been informed that there was not sufficient capacity in the village to cope with additional development.

MC Officer Dave Harris stated that this was contrary to the information that he had received.

7. Guest Speakers from Medway Council.

Cllr Tildesley introduced the following guest speakers from Medway Council to the meeting:

Dave Harris – Head of Planning

Jill King – S106 Officer

Fiona Leadley – Principal Greenspace Development Officer

Martin Hall – Greenspace Access and Bidding Programme Manager

He invited them to speak regarding Section 106 funding and Green Spaces.

MC Officer Dave Harris spoke regarding the Section 106 funds associated to the parish and the process of allocation.

Members were given the opportunity to ask actions regarding this.

A discussion then took place regarding the allocation of Section 106 funds.

Education

Members raised a question why the allocation for education was not ring-fenced for the area and spent on schools in Medway.

Dave Harris explained that the allocation for education was Medway based and would not necessarily be allocated to schools in the parish.

Heritage

Cllr Sands asked if the allocation for Heritage in the area could be allocated to heritage closer to Hoo.

Martin Hall confirmed that no funds would be diverted from the Great Lines as this was an asset for the whole of Medway. However, there were other ways to allocate funds for heritage within Hoo.

Green Spaces

Members raised the issue of facilities for the youth in the parish.

Martin Hall stated that there were allocations for open spaces in the parish and this was ring fenced for the area. He stated that Medway Council was happy to work in partnership with the Parish Council to improve the facilities for the youth in Hoo.

Members discussed the need for a youth club in Hoo.

The Chairman spoke regarding the new community centre and stated that this would include the provision of a youth club.

Jill King informed members of the allocations due to the Parish and the trigger points for the payment of these.

Dave Harris confirmed that the Parish Council should start to consider seeking the planning permission for the new community centre as there was a time limit attached to the Section 106 funds to be spent and the pre-planning stage could be a lengthy process.

Youth provision in the parish was discussed and Medway Council was asked if they were willing to provide something for the youth in Hoo.

Dave Harris stated that he would liaise with Youth Worker Lindsay Hartley regarding this matter.

Cllr Sands asked about the New Homes Bonus and asked if this could be explained, how many New Homes had been built on the Peninsula and what had happened to the funds from this.

Dave Harris stated that he would come back to the PC with the answer to this question.

A general discussion then took place regarding the green spaces in the parish.

Members questioned the allocation of £500,000 Section 106 funds for Deangate.

Martin Hall confirmed that there were no plans to invest this at Deangate.

Cllr Winstanley raised concerns regarding the poor condition of the Bridleways in the parish that had not been reinstated satisfactorily by developers following the completion of their work.

Martin Hall stated that he would look into this and have a site meeting to discuss the issues.

Cllr Tildesley asked about the HIF Bid and the S106 allocation for the new community centre.

Dave Harris stated that the current village hall was no longer fit for purpose and therefore it was considered as part of the Development Framework.

Cllr Sands stated that the new community centre was not mentioned in the Development Plan.

Martin Hall spoke regarding the HIF Bid funding of 170 million and how this would be spent on the Peninsula.

He stated that although the bid had been successful, there were still 33 conditions to be met in order to unlock the funding and MC Officers were currently working on this.

Cllr Cutting spoke regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and the work currently being undertaken by the NHP Group.

The Chairman thanked the officers from Medway Council for attending the meeting and closed the discussions.

8. Monthly Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members.

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

9. **Date of next meeting.**
9th January 2020.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting to the press and public at 9.25pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Dated.....