

The minutes of the Meeting of Hoo Saint Werburgh Parish Council
Held in the Red Cross Hall, Stoke Road, Hoo on Thursday 2nd July 2015 at 7.30pm.

***Councillors present: Andrews
Chambers
Counsell
Gatfield
Hipsey
M Pearce
L Pearce
Perfect
Rees
Sands
Shepperd
Singleton
Tildesley
Williams***

Also: Parish Clerk and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor L Pearce.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received Cllr Pratt.

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 Counsell to accept these as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Tildesley and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Flower Baskets - Cllr Perfect reported that the flower baskets had now been replaced and were being watered daily by the Parish Warden.

Parish Council Trees - Cllr Andrews stated that he would liaise with Mrs Winstanley regarding the trees.

5. Urgent Matters.

Cllr Perfect - Missing manhole cover on Main Road.

The Chairman stated that he would liaise with Medway Council regarding this matter.

Cllr Chambers raised concerns regarding large cans being placed along the road outside of the fast food shops along Main Road.

Cllr Perfect stated that these had been put out for collection/recycling.

6. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

7. Clerks Report.

The Clerks Report was noted and accepted by members.

Freedom of Information request - The Clerk informed members that a FOI request had been received seeking information on the duties of the Parish Warden.

She stated that the letter also asked for the public participation item on the agenda to be moved towards the end of the agenda to enable the public to address members on matters raised during the course of the meeting.

The Clerk circulated advice on this and a discussion took place. It was agreed that this would be placed as an agenda item for the September Parish Council meeting.

Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.

8. Police Report.

Cllr Gatfield gave a report to members.

She reported that Inspector Ada Leopard had now left her position and contact now needed to be made directly through the Peninsula PCSO's.

Cllr Garfield reported that there had been problems with youths at Hoo Common; however this was now being looked into by the police.

9. Public Question Time.

A resident attended the meeting to speak about the Parish Accounts.

The Parish Council was asked why it discussed the grant application to the Parish Council as Confidential Items.

The Clerk explained the reasons for this.

A resident attended the meeting to speak in favour of a retrospective planning application for the play area in the Windmill Pub Garden.

10. Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members. It was proposed by Cllr Tildesley to accept this and authorise the cheques, this was seconded by Cllr Rees and agreed that the present.

The cheques were then signed by two authorised signatories.

11. Grant Applications.

No applications were received or considered.

12. Land for use as a Burial-Ground.

Cllr Rees stated that this matter was being progressed.

She informed members that the planning consultant was now considering alternative options for access to the site for funeral vehicles.

13. Churchyard Pathway.

Cllr Rees updated members on this matter.

14. Planning Matters.

MC/15/2153

DAMHEAD CREEK 11 CCGT GENERATING STATION, ROCHESTER, KENT

Medway Council has received a consultation from the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) in regard to an application made to DECC seeking, under Section 36(c) of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) (the Act), a variation to the existing consent granted under Section 36 of the Act and deemed planning permission, granted pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), issued by the Secretary of State, to construct and operate Damhead Creek 2 Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Power Station, together with ancillary infrastructure. The variation proposed seeks to increase the output from the approved development from 1,200 Mega Watts (MW) to 1,800MW of power generating capacity, which in turn revises the general arrangement of the proposed development to include: 8.6 hectares (ha) of land related to the Damhead Creek 2 development area; 6.1ha to the carbon capture plant land / construction and laydown area; 2.8ha of new ecological mitigation land; and 10.9ha to the remaining ecological mitigation area

No Objections.

MA/15/1630 - Play Area at Windmill Public House

The Chairman informed the meeting that this retrospective application had been submitted to Medway Council.

Cllr Michael Pearce declared an interest in this matter.

Cllr Perfect stated that the Windmill was a privately owned property and therefore the play area is in their own garden.

Cllr Sands stated that the local business was willing to enhance its assets for the use of children and he felt that this should be supported by the Parish Council.

The applicant was present at the meeting and spoke regarding the application, informing members that the Planning Officer had recommended the application for refusal for the July planning committee meeting.

This was discussed further and the Chairman stated that the Parish Council was a Consultee to this application; he spoke regarding the relevant policies within the Local Plan and suggested that the Parish Council supports this application.

The application was considered by members and a vote was cast in its favour.

Action: Chairman to send a letter to Medway Council.

Hole in the Main Road – The Chairman stated that he had been in contact with Medway Council and he confirmed that this was a BT responsibility. He stated that they were due to reinstate the area on 6 July 2015.

Hole in footpath at Rochester Crescent – The Chairman stated that the hole in the footpath at Rochester Crescent was due to water coming from a disused gas pipe. He stated that Southern Water were due to rectify this in the near future.

Traffic Calming Ramps on the Main Road – The Chairman informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Medway Council regarding the new ramps as some readjustment was needed.

15. Allotments.

Cllr Perfect reported on the progress of the allotments.

Cllr Tildesley spoke regarding the Brook and the items which needed to be removed from this to prevent flooding problems in the future. He stated that he would liaise with the Warden regarding this.

Cllr Rees stated that she would check the land search to ascertain whether it was the responsibility of Medway Council or MHS to remove the debris from the Brook.

Cllr Rees stated that she was liaising with a contractor who may be interested in dealing with the footpath alongside the allotments.

16. Thomas Aveling Interpretation Boards.

No matters were reported.

17. Provision of Disabled and Adult Fitness Equipment.

Disabled Play Equipment – Cllr Sands reported that this matter was still being progressed and he would report back further at the next meeting.

Adult Fitness Equipment – Cllr Tildesley reported that the outstanding work on the fitness equipment would be undertaken in the near future.

He raised concerns about the condition of an item of fitness equipment and suggested that this should be taken out of commission until the contractor had rectified the problem. This is agreed by members.

Cllr Perfect spoke regarding the need for a footpath from the gateway to the fitness equipment. Cllr Tildesley stated that this was included in the area for tarmacing.

18. Provision of Youth facilities in the Parish.

The Chairman informed members that he had been in contact with Medway Council regarding funding for the Youth Club and was awaiting a response. He stated that he would report back further at the next meeting.

19. Recreation Grounds.

Cllr Tildesley reported that the recreation grounds.

20. Ward Councillors Report.

Medway Ward Councillor Nick Pendergast attended the meeting and gave a report to members.

21. Delegated powers for the August recess.

It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Rees would be given delegated powers for the August recess.

22. Urgent Items.

No matters were raised.

23. Date of next meeting.

3rd September 2015.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Dated.....