

ALLHALLOWS PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 JULY 2012 AT ALLHALLOWS VILLAGE HALL, STOKE ROAD, ALLHALLOWS AT 7.15 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr Mark Skudder	Chairman
	Cllr John Lambourne	Vice-chairman
	Cllr Mrs Yvonne Forrest	
	Cllr John Luck	
	Cllr Alan Marsh	
	Cllr Mrs Wendy Myers	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Acting Clerk
In attendance	Mr Mick Smith	Footpaths Officer
	3 members of the public	

Item no *Action point*
Minute no 2011/12/

1 APOLOGIES

136 An apology for absence was received from

Cllr Mrs Noleen Skudder Prior engagement

It was proposed by Cllr Skudder, seconded by Cllr Marsh and carried unanimously that this apology be accepted by the Council. Apologies for absence were also received from Cllrs Phil Filmer, Chris Irvine and Tony Watson, Medway Council.

2 CODE OF CONDUCT**137 a Declarations of Interest and Alterations to the Register**

Cllr Luck declared a personal interest in item 10b Cross Park as he cut the grass and a prejudicial interest should the grass cutting be discussed.

138 b New Code of Conduct

The old code ceased on 30th June. Councils were required to adopt a new code from 1st July, but Medway Council would not be adopting theirs until the full Council meeting to be held at the end of July. The 3 options available were discussed. It was then proposed by Cllr Skudder, seconded by Cllr Marsh and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council adopt Medway Council's draft code, subject to any amendments made by Medway Council.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2012

139 It was proposed by Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Mrs Myers and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2012 be signed as a true record, with the following amendments:

2012/13/99: Substitute "July" for "the month".

2012/13/117: Delete second sentence and add “It would be updated to the website.”

2012/13/130: Record the vote as 4 votes for and 1 against.

2012/13/134: Delete “would be” and substitute “had been”.

4 MATTERS ARISING

140 a Item 7d, Minute 2012/13/116: Verge cutting

Cllr Luck reported he had asked Medway Cllr Mike O’Brien about this, in connection with road safety. The question had been passed to Johnny Robinson. It appeared that the policy was now only to cut verges on corners and to maintain sight lines. .

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the public session.

Mr Smith asked if anything was known about a waste tip at Grain. He was informed that St James’s, Isle of Grain Parish Council was investigating.

Mr Apostel mentioned the drain near the shops and said that Cllr Filmer was investigating.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public and re-convened the meeting.

5 COMPLAINTS PANEL

141 Members would be Cllrs Marsh, Mrs Myers and Lambourne. Should a member not be available, another councillor would be co-opted for the occasion.

6 PLANNING

a Applications

142 **i MC/12/1445:** 26 Stoke Road (former Rose & Crown): Details pursuant to conditions 04, 05, 06 and 07 on planning permission MC/12/0373 for retrospective application for the conversion of former public house to single residential dwelling house including replacement windows and front door and internal alterations and landscaping of proposed curtilage

No objection

143 **ii MC/12/1472:** 26 Stoke Road (former Rose & Crown): Details pursuant to conditions 02, 03, 04 and 05 on planning permission MC/12/0345 for retrospective listed building application for the conversion of former public house to single residential dwelling house including replacement windows and front door and internal alterations and landscaping of proposed curtilage

No objection.

b Decisions

144 **i MC/11/ 2595:** Allhallows Leisure Park:: Retrospective application for installation of club house (twin unit caravan) with decking and access ramp, paved approach areas, access road, car park, implement store and amenity land in connection with club house.

The granting of permission and conditions were noted. Cllr Skudder said he had been informed that the issue of land ownership was a civil matter. He would write to the case officer about the beach and Homewards Road. The Acting Clerk had already spoken to the case officer about the beach and had reported the inclusion of Homewards Road within the site ownership on the plans to Highways.

c Appeals and Other Matters

145 **i Kingsmead Park**

There was a notice on the office. Cllr Skudder had written to the owners and had raised the matter of the buses turning, but had not had a reply.

146 **d Date for Planning Committee**

A meeting of the Planning Committee would be held on Wednesday 19th September before the Parish Council meeting, unless an application was received earlier.

7 FINANCE

147 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

148 **b Cheques signed since Last Meeting**

The cheque signed since the last meeting as listed on Appendix B (103160) was ratified.

149 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Lambourne and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be approved (cheques 103161-103170) with the addition of £18.91, M G Signs (cheque 103171) and £105, L & M Services (10317258).

150 **d Budget Monitoring**

The budget monitoring was noted.

8 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

151 **a Footpath Officer's Report**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable Mr Smith to give his report.

Mr Smith had had a meeting with the Public Rights of Way Officer about the posts at the top of the alley by the holiday park and its golf course. There were nettles and weeds in Binney Road past the WWII bunker. He had reported fly tipping at the back of Dagnam Farm

The Chairman thanked Mr Smith and reconvened the meeting.

152 **b Buses**

Cllr Marsh said that 796 bus had not run for four weeks. He had not yet checked with Arriva whether the service had been withdrawn but would do so and contact Cllr Irvine. He was concerned the service was still listed on the timetables. He reported that Arriva had taken over the Kingsferry shuttle from Chatham Station to the Outlet Centre. There was no bus access for Mid Kent College Medway Campus.

153 **b Parking outside Shops**

Cllr Skudder said he had written to Cllr Filmer, requesting Highways to investigate the parking outside the shops. He had suggested Highways could consider railings, a lay-by, and moving the bus stop among other things. He had also mentioned speed indicator devices and rumble strips.

9 WORK PROGRAMME

154 Cllr Skudder had no update to give.

10 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**a Recreation Ground and Playpark**

155 i. Bushes in front of St George's Walk. Laverock Tree Care had provided a quotation to remove the bushes and small trees, with alternatives of treating the stumps to prevent re-growth and grinding them out. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Forrest, seconded by Cllr Mrs Myers and agreed to accept the latter at a cost of £400, as it was felt it was safer to remove the stumps completely.

156 ii. Fence, St David's Road access. Colyn Property Services had provided a quotation for both a wooden and a metal fence. Comparative quotations had been sought, but only one firm had provided a quote. This was Wright Fencing. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Skudder, seconded by Cllr Mrs Myers and agreed to accept Wright Fencing's quotation of £1,645 for a metal fence.

157 iii. Playpark. Mr Apostel was thanked for carrying out an emergency repair to the picnic table.

158 **b Cross Park**

Cllr Skudder said that it should be assumed that between then and the beginning of September everything would be in place to open the building. He proposed £500 be allocated to achieve this. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Myers and agreed unanimously. Cllr Skudder stated that the Village Hall Committee was happy to run the building, but the Parish Council would need to fund any shortfall in costs (estimated to be over £3,000). It was agreed the Scouts could hire the hall and the Parish Council would fund this for 6 months and then review.

11 STREET CLEANING159 **a Street Cleaning Contract**

The figures for 2012/13 had now been agreed with Medway Council and the money had been received.

160 **b Litter Bins**

Cllr Skudder suggested a new bin be provided outside the Premier Mart, subject to agreement by the proprietor. If his agreement was forthcoming, Cllr Skudder suggested purchase of a Glasdon "Jubilee" 130 litre bin for £296.40. The purchase was proposed by Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Mrs Myers and agreed unanimously.

161 **c Dog Mess**

Cllr Skudder had researched mechanical methods of clearing dog mess. He had identified a petrol driven vacuum operated machine and was trying to arrange a demonstration.

12 FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

162 It was proposed by Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Mrs Myers and agreed a £20 garden gift voucher be presented to the judge.

13 COMMUNICATIONS163 **a Allhallows Life – Invoicing Status**

The Editor and Acting Clerk were dealing with past and present invoices.

164 **b Structure in Avery Way to Promote Events**

Cllr Skudder would let the Acting Clerk have proposed dimensions so that she could approach Medway Council about the need for planning consent.

14 LIAISON OFFICERS' REPORTS165 **a Police Liaison and Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Luck reported on the meeting held on 10 July. The police had been represented by PCSO MacGowan. Community Warden Johnny Robinson had given a presentation and Cllr Mike O'Brien had also attended. John Hadaway was now covering a bigger area and was no longer able to chair the meeting. He had been replaced as Chairman by a councillor from Stoke Parish Council. Engagement with the police had been tried through the Rural liaison Committee and it had been felt the ward councillors should get involved. Cllr Marsh said that Sgt Sharpe had attended Rural Liaison meetings and had made input but his successor had only attended once. He would ask for the matter to go on the agenda for the next meeting and would ask for the MP to be invited. Cllr Skudder said that the KALC local committee had written to the Chief Constable Cllr Marsh reminded members that there would be an election for a Police Commissioner on 15th November.

15 CORRESPONDENCE166 **a Football behind Shops**

Cllr Skudder said he had been in correspondence with a resident over youths playing football behind the shops. He had identified some of them and had spoken both individually and collectively to them. The police had also spoken to them and he understood it had now stopped.

16 DATE FOR OCTOBER MEETING

167 It was agreed the October meeting be held on 24th rather than 18th October, to accommodate the recruitment process for the Clerk.

17 ACTING CLERK'S HOLIDAY

168 The Acting Clerk would be on holiday 6th – 8th August and 13th – 17th September.

18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

169 No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

SignedChairman

On theday of2012