

ALLHALLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2012 AT ALLHALLOWS VILLAGE HALL, STOKE ROAD, ALLHALLOWS AT 7.15 pm

PRESENT:

Cllrs. Mark Skudder, John Lambourne, John Luck, Alan Marsh, , Mrs Wendy Myers, Mrs Noleen Skudder; Cllrs. Phil Filmer and Chris Irvine, Medway Council; Mr Perry Holmes, Medway Council; Mr Clive Stanley, Webmaster; PCSO Tabs MacGowan and 9 parishioners

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Yvonne Forrest and from Cllr Tony Watson, Medway Council.

2 MINUTES OF THE 2011 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21 June 2011 were agreed and signed as a true record

3 ACCOUNTS

The Financial Statement of the Parish Council's Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 was received.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

5 MEDWAY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

6 REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

a All Saints Church

In 2011 we chose Kingsmead Park to introduce the Jesus Video to the village, this was very well received and several people said on our return visits that they had enjoyed watching it. We have continued with our prayer walking around the village and hope that the Lord has entered the lives of the people we prayed for. We continue to run Little Gems at the school and have had between 16 and 20 children from KS1 joining us for a variety of activities. The church building has suffered from several attacks of lead theft and even the lightning conductor was stolen. The north aisle repairs are in excess of £8,000 of which the Insurers will only pay a maximum of £5,000. We are now awaiting quotes because they have started to strip the lead from the south aisle. To combat this we are replacing the lead with felt and the flashing with Ubilflex. The lightning conductor has been fixed with a tamper proof cover but all this has cost several thousand pounds and depleted our building fund. We are very grateful for the telephone calls telling us of people on the roof, even when it has been genuine workmen. We thank the Parish Council for their contributions to the grass cutting in the graveyard. Rev. Gwilt and the wardens spent a day in the Graveyard clearing the brambles and rubbish which had accumulated behind the bins and we grassed the site to tidy it up but within a few weeks more brambles and rubbish were dumped. In the summer our brown bin disappeared and despite several requests we have failed to get Medway Council to replace it therefore all the dead flowers, grass cuttings etc are being put into the general rubbish. We would like to extend our thanks to Colin for keeping the graveyard so tidy. We know he spends much more time than we can pay him for looking after it.

Kathy Whybrow, Church Warden

b Allhallows Youth Club

The Youth Club celebrated its second birthday in January and has had a very successful year. We operate on three nights per week. We run two football sessions on a Monday evening, two youth club sessions on a Tuesday evening and a youth club session on Friday evening. We cater for over 100 young people per week on average. The youth club is staffed entirely by volunteers. We ran a summer programme last year, supported by Medway Youth Service, which was well attended. We ran an all day Christmas workshop where young people had the opportunity to make cards, presents and also participate in an electronics and soldering workshop. In March we took a group of young people to midnight ice-skating, which was organized by Kent Youth. We have run peer education sessions and a DJ/MC Workshop, which young people thoroughly enjoyed. Our most notable achievement last year was winning the Social Action category of Kent Village of the Year 2011. The judges were extremely impressed with the work at the youth club and the positive volunteering within our community. We are very grateful for the support we receive from the community; young people, parents, our PCSO Tabs and our Ward Councillors who provided funding for soldering equipment and craft materials. The Parish Council provide the building where we meet and pay the electricity. Richard from Bourne Leisure organized and supplied a football coach to get our Monday evening sessions off the ground and we have also received support from MHS, who have been decorating and renovating the building. We would like to thank everybody who has shown support for our community youth club in the past year. So what next? We are looking to work with Icon Theatre on a Verbatim Theatre project and also to run summer activities during the daytime. We are open to new ideas and everyone is welcome at Allhallows Youth Club. Why not come along and check it out for yourself. Our final thank you must go to all the volunteers who give up their time on a weekly basis to help run the Youth Club.

Noleen Skudder

c Allhallows History Club

The history club was formed in response to several requests from local residents. It is an informal group, which meets on a monthly basis. We meet at the village hall and share materials, resources and memories. At the first meeting of the group it became apparent that there is a wealth of information and local history, which could be shared within our community. We decided to hold an exhibition at All Saints Church to tie in with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. We would like to thank the Parish Council for funding our meetings and also to the many people who have brought along information and materials for us to look at. Everybody is welcome to attend the history club and details of our meetings are published in Allhallows Life.

Noleen Skudder

d Cross Park Association

The building work at Cross Park is now completed. The Building Inspector has been back to check that all the snagging points he pointed on his first visit have been adhered to and he went away telling me that we would have our end of building certificate in 3 to 4 weeks. Entrust made a visit to the site on Monday to check that all of the Biffa monies had been spent as specified in our Biffa application form. He went through the CPA accounts and found them to be in good order. The representative said he would like to congratulate the CPA on a splendid job well done. Biffa has invited the CPA to enter into a competition explaining how the project has progressed with before and after photos and if we are successful we will be given more funding to spend on Cross Park. The CPA AGM will be held on 22 May.

Shirley Melly

e Allhallows Little Explorers

We would like to say that although numbers are low at the moment we do have a regular five families attending weekly. We hope our plans for a toddlers jubilee party/teddy bear picnic may bring in some more people. We would also like to do some other events in the summer and at present are advertising a group called splatters that are coming to Little Explorers on the 15th May to do personalised gifts for Fathers Day made from the children's handprints. .

f Allhallows Short Mat Bowls

The club has been in existence for 23 years. We still meet once a week on Friday evenings with a much smaller membership than in our earlier days, but enough to cover the cost of the hire of the hall. 2 new members joined us this year and are enjoying the game with us. Anyone would be welcome to come along and try the game – we have sets of bowls to lend and it is only £2 per night.

Shirley Melly

g Village Hall Committee

We have had a successful year of fund-raising and hall maintenance and we have a full programme planned for the coming year. We have purchased new doors for the main hall, put new tiles on the ceiling and re-floored the store room. The outside of the hall has been tidied up by the Parish Council and Sandy Isles and the fence has been repaired and repainted. Plans are in place for a new floor in the extension. Functions that are organised by the Committee are being well attended and it is refreshing to have younger people involved in the organisation of events. Thanks are due to the entire Committee for the work they do and to the Parish Council for its continued support.

Glenda Davis

7 OTHER BUSINESS

a Police

PCSO MacGowan reported as follows:

There have been a few changes to the Kent Police Structure, this includes our own Peninsula Ward, Inspector David Matson has taken over Medway's NPU management role from Insp Cherry, Sergeant Briony Woolley has also replaced Sergeant Martin Sharp in supervising the Medway West Team, there are now more active PC's working in neighbourhood, yet PCSOs have reduced in number at Medway to one PCSO per Ward, I remain as a local officer for Peninsula. We aim to provide a first class service, in protecting the public, reducing crime and making people feel safe. Peninsula police teams remain committed to working with the community and partners

The Chairman then introduced Perry Holmes, Monitoring Officer, Medway Council

Mr Holmes spoke in general terms of his role as Monitoring Officer for Medway Council, which as the senior local authority also encompassed the parish councils and councillors within the district. He spoke of the new code of conduct for councillors, which was due to come into place from July as a result of the Localism Act. Interests that should be declared were changing. The previous sanctions would no longer be available and the only forms would be for a parish council to remove one of its members from a

committee, for example, or to pass a motion of censure.

The Chairman thanked Mr Holmes, councillors, other guests and parishioners for attending and closed the meeting at 7.55 pm.

SignedChairman

On theday of2013