HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Community Centre, High Street, Lower Halling, Rochester, Kent. ME2 1BS



Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 9th January 2018

Chris He	erbert	Lower Ward	Chairman Apology Accepted	СН				
Matt Fea	arn	Upper Ward	Vice Chairman	MF				
George	Wenham Upper Ward Estates Portfolio GW							
Trevor F	Reynolds	Upper Ward	HR Group	TR				
Paul Cri	spe	Lower Ward	HR Group	PC				
Richard	Group							
Andy Sir	mpson	Lower Ward		AS				
Kelly Ta		Lower Ward	Apology Accepted	KT				
Les Hitc		Lower Ward		LH				
Anita Bu	ıtterfield	North Halling	Apology Accepted	AB				
Roni Jor	nes	Clerk	In attendance	RJ				
Member	s of the Public			11				
1	Apologies for A	bsence						
2	accepted. CH was accepted. Disclosure of ar		rsonal reasons and this was duly					
	Four Items were	noted						
3	Declaration of a	ny Pecuniary a	and / or Prejudicial Interests					
	None							
4	CoverageCould pub meetingFire Statio	luded application for th in the parish off lic questions be n sale	e flats adjacent to Formby Terractice when the Clerk is not on site at the end not beginning of the	ce				
5	Reconvene the meeting							
6	Minutes of Previous Parish Council meeting							
	The Minutes of the and agreed as a		th December 2017 were accepted					
Vote:	This was Propos	ed by LH; Seco	nded by GW and was agreed					

	The Minutes were duly signed	
7	Information arising from the minutes not on the agenda	
	None	
8	Planning Applications since the last meeting Report by Councillor Thorne:	
	MC17/4273 6 meter extension no issues and no objections	
	MC17 /4209 Small extension, one neighbour objection which was overcome, no objections	
	MC17/1270 Flats development by Redrow	
	A long discussion ensued and it was concluded although the flats number and height had been reduced that 7 of the 8 objections raised previously were still valid. It was noted that all 46 objectors previously would have been invited to comment on the revised application	
	It was agreed that HPC would object on the same grounds as previously	
Vote:	Proposed RT, Seconded TR and carried unanimously	
	RT to e mail Clerk with objections for prompt action	RT / RJ
9	Estates Matters since the last meeting Report by George Wenham on the Footpaths, Recreation Grounds and Marsh	
	Tarmac were holding up the progress related to the maintenance of the gate. Clerk to write and ask Tarmac's intentions	RJ
	The gate on the marsh which has been under discussion with Farmer Lingham has now been removed and placed on the ground. This needs removal and replacement, additional posts will be required.	
	It was agreed to allow the Marsh to lie fallow for a year so no tender will be let this year, although it may be possible to offer hay (71 bales this summer) to a farmer on the basis of cutting and retrieval twice during the season.	GW
Vote:	Proposed GW, Seconded TR, 6 in favour, MF Abstained.	
	Yellow Box to the top of Marsh Road, HPC land but used by residents. One quote of £350 and a second at £425 received. After a discussion it was agreed to vote on the proposal to progress this work.	GW
Vote:	Proposed GW, Seconded LH, 3 in favour 3 Against, MF Abstained but used his casting vote in favour. Motion Carried	

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	Play Inspections: For various reasons 3 volunteer inspectors had resigned; an appeal for volunteers was made. GW advised that he would personally ensure that the statutory weekly inspection would take place until suitable arrangements were made	GW
10	Application by a Councillor to represent HPC on Halling Community Centre	
	Councillor Simpson put himself forward to liaise with HCC on behalf of HPC. Councillor Hitchcock stated that he was the current nominated representative. After some clarification as to whether this was on the website or not, this was taken to vote	
Vote	Proposed AS, Seconded RT and Agreed	RJ
	LH asked for a letter to be sent to HCC	
11	Halling Fire Station	
	MF outlined that on 14 th November the HPC concluded it could no longer bear the cost of the fire station and that whilst the sale was continuously imminent, there was no completion. A letter was written giving the HBC a deadline to complete of the 25.12.17; this was not achieved. Correspondence has been received this week and due to the commercially sensitive nature of the content it was proposed to move this item to restricted	
Vote	Proposed MF, Seconded TR and Agreed	
12	Feedback from the HPC Working Groups	
	HR	
	RT Outlined that there had been 2 meetings and offered an apology to the clerk for the manner of her early induction into the role. To move forward a terms of reference with delegate authority needed to be drawn up and it was hope to achieve this at the planned finance meeting later in January	
	PC asked could all HR matters be routed to the HR working group	
	Given that there was additional items to discuss and the sensitive nature of the content it was proposed to move this item to restricted	
Vote	Proposed MF, Seconded PC; 5 for, 2 against and the motion was carried	
	Events	
	GW Outlined the positives and learning points from the recent Christmas event, specifically the need to review safety arrangements related to the tree lighting element of the day. The community unity was noted and appreciated	

	The event came in under budget by £500 and a number of items had been purchased and carefully stored for future use.	
13	Feedback from the KALC Crime Prevention and Safety Conference and a CCTV Scheme in Halling	
	Councillor Simpson outlined the benefits of attending the recent KALC Conference and recommended to the Council an app called 'Country Eye'; and was keen to pursue the notion of community wardens in Halling; particularly in the light of local antisocial behaviour.	
	Halling needs to develop a resilience plan and to communicate this to the Environment Agency	
	He is going to write an article for the March Halling View outlining the learning and recommending that villagers vote with the Crime Commissioner so that Halling may be funded in its anti social behaviour deterrent programme.	
14	Finance To receive and make relevant proposals for	
	The clerk presented the 3 rd Quarter figures	
	The following items were deferred for a Finance meeting on 17.1.18 at 7.30 at HCC	
	Budget for 2018-2019	
	Precept level To discuss the applied audit	
	To discuss the annual audit	
15	Receipts and Payments	
	The Council discussed	
	 To discuss receipts received since the last meeting To discuss and approve for payment any invoices received 	
	since the last meeting. To approve any regular payments made since the last	
	meeting.	
	The finance report as presented was agreed.	
Vote:	Proposed AS, Seconded LH and agreed unanimously	
16	Any Other Business (No votes may be taken)	
	Bob Morton's recent passing was noted with regret and it was agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to his widow and a donation of £50 be sent to his nominated charity	
Vote:	Proposed GW, Seconded MF and agreed unanimously	

	Councillor Fearn outlined the planned Safety Island on Rochester Road which is likely to begin works in April 2018 Councillor Hitchcock's change in duties were noted, he is still working in Halling although arrangements are now slightly different Redrow's commitment to a football pitch for Halling had been discussed but no reasonable solution had yet been identified. Councillor Thorne stated that this was ongoing.	
	RESTRICTED ITEMS	
	Halling Fire Station	
	It was unanimously resolved to send a letter to the Grace Baptist Church offering a method of securing their purchase whilst simultaneously placing the site back on the open market	
	The Council stated that the Overage should not be removed.	
Vote:	Proposed PC, Seconded RT and agreed unanimously	
	HR	
	In order to have the delegated authority of a Sub Committee the HR working group needed to develop a terms of reference which clearly outlined their authority and limits and bring this back to the Council for ratification, at which point the Council would agree or not to the proposal.	

20. Future Meetings, all at 7.30pm:

Monday 17 th January 2018	Community Centre
Monday 5 February 2018	Jubilee Hall
Tuesday 13 th March 2018	Community Centre
Monday 9 th April 2018	Jubilee Hall

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