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Minutes of Halling Parish Council held on 11th March 2015 at the Community Centre

Present: Vice-Chair Chris Herbert (CH), Bob Morton (BM), Alan Herbert (AH), George Wenham (GW), Jim Sutherland (JS); Les Hitchcock (LH) and Andy Simpson (AS) Bill Swan – Clerk (WS) and 14 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** –
Sally Brady (SB), Mark Joy(MJ) and Matt Fearn (MF) – reasons accepted.
2. **Disclosure of any other Business**
BM – 1 item – rail partnership, JS – 3 items – Jubilee Hall sign, Funday and Redloft; WS – 1 item –Halling View.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary and Prejudicial Interests**
JS and AH declared a pecuniary interest in item 10 – Redrow Homes
4. **Adjourn meeting for Parishioners' Questions**
The Vice- Chair adjourned the meeting and invited questions from the public present.
The following points were raised:
Drains in The Street, parking at Bradley Road, D.Y.L.s at Homeward Bound; road islands outside St. Andrews Park and a general discussion about traffic problems in the Village.
5. **Reconvene meeting and Minutes of Parish Council meetings**
The Vice- Chair reconvened the meeting and asked if the Minutes of the 11th February 2015 meeting were a true record. GW proposed, seconded by AS, that they be accepted. All agreed apart from LH who abstained as he was not at the meeting. The Vice-Chair duly signed them.
6. **Matters Arising from Minutes of last meeting**
Item 10 – JS asked what the planning issues were with the football pitches. CH replied that HPC had not been notified of any issues but would find out.
7. **Halling Marsh and footpaths**
GW read out the Kent Wildlife Trust's report on their site visit to the marsh with GW and WS. As this requires HPC to decide on grazing dates and areas to graze, CH said that this would have to be put on the Agenda and discussed at a future meeting. WS reported that Kent Wildfowlers have not replied to any of his letters or emails re the small parcel of land and it was agreed that WS should approach KALC for legal advice.
8. **Recreation Grounds** –
JS said that Maria Cook is now on the mend and is actually present at the meeting. HPC meets the criteria for a grant application to Veolia which would be made on August 2015 as this would best fit in with HPC's requirements. The school, youth club and Halara are all being consulted regarding the type of equipment that should be obtained and a dedicated article in Halling View should ask residents for their views also. The Assistant Clerk is to get together with Maria Cook about grant applications. The quote of £800 from Total Property for refurbishing the youth shelter was not accepted as it is not justified in spending this on the shelter. Volunteers are being sought to undertake a repaint and already some residents have come forward and the youth club is to be asked if it can help.
9. **Planning**
There have been no applications since the last meeting.
10. **Redrow Homes** -- no update as SB not at meeting.

11. **Halling Fire Station**
CH said that HPC now owns the fire station and has appointed a surveyor to draw up the planning application for change of use. In answer to a question, CH said that the cost of maintenance of the empty building would be minimal.
12. **Highway issues in Village.**
This was discussed during Parishioners' Questions and CH reported on the meeting on 25th February with Phil Moore head of Highways at Medway Council at which the public's concerns had been fully discussed.
13. **Annual Parish meeting on 25th April 2015**
WS said that the Community Centre had been booked for between 12 noon JS and it was confirmed that the meeting should follow the format of last year's successful meeting. The Clerk will be sending out invitations shortly.
14. **Receipts**
See attached spreadsheet
15. **Payments**
See attached spreadsheet.
It was proposed by LH, seconded by AH that the payments be ratified. All agreed
16. **Dates of forthcoming meetings of the Parish Council.**
Tuesday 24th April 2015 at the Jubilee Hall at 7.30 pm.
17. **Any other Business**
JS asked about a sign for the Jubilee Hall; if there is to be a Funday this year and mentioned a meeting which is to be held at the Community Centre on 21st March involving Red Loft and MHS about affordable homes at St Andrews Park.
BM reported on the Community Rail Partnership meeting he attended with AH on 17th March along with other Parish Councils in the area and the rail operators. Section 106 money from Redrow is to be used towards waiting shelters on the platforms at Halling Station.. New ticket machines and information boards are to be installed and SE trains are to look at the state of Station Approach.
Halling Primary School will be adopting the Station as part of its community programme.
The next meeting of the CRP will be on 22nd April at the community Centre.
WS mentioned that there had been problems with the printing of Halling View which ended up with 2 blank pages. He will be taking this up with the printers.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm