

The Minutes of the Meeting of Hoo Saint Werburgh Parish Council
Held in the Red Cross Hall, Stoke Road, Hoo on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7.30pm.

***Councillors present: Andrews
Chambers
Counsell
M Pearce
Pratt
Rees
Sands
Shepperd
Singleton
Tildesley
Williams***

Also: Parish Clerk and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Tildesley.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received Cllrs Hipsey, Gatfield and L Pearce.

Cllr Tildesley informed members that the Chairman, Lionel Pearce was currently in hospital. He stated that he would keep all members updated on his condition.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Pratt declared an interest in the Village Hall.

Cllr M Pearce declared an interest in the planning application for the Hundred of Hoo Pool.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all present. It was proposed by Cllr Andrews to accept these as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Counsell and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. Urgent Matters.

No urgent matters were raised.

With members permission the Cllr Tildesley brought item 21 – Ward Councillors Report forward on the Agenda to allow Ward Councillor Roy Freshwater to give his report to the meeting.

21. Ward Councillor Report.

Ward Councillor Roy Freshwater gave his report to the meeting. He circulated a copy of his response to the Medway Council Local Plan for members information.

6. Chairman's Report.

No matters were reported.

7. Clerks Report.

The Clerks Report was noted and accepted by members.

8. Police Report.

No matters were raised.

9. Public Question Time.

A member of the public attended the meeting to ask the Parish Council if extra dog bins could be installed around the churchyard. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Medway Council regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to progress.

10. Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members.

The financial statement was then proposed by Cllr Counsell , seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed by all present.

The approved 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 the planning application for the Church Yard had been submitted to Medway Council and was at the advertising stage. She informed members that the planning reference was MC/16/0796 and the application should be determined by Medway Council by 16 April 2016.

Cllr Chambers thanked Cllr Rees for her work on the burial-ground. A vote of thanks by all members was then recorded.

13. Planning Matters.

MC/16/0596 HUNDRED OF HOO SCHOOL, MAIN ROAD, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER
Construction of a single storey detached building for use as an additional classroom (modular) within school grounds.

MC/15/3723 250 MAIN ROAD, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER, ME3 9HG
Construction of a first floor side extension.

MC/16/0775 8 AVELING CLOSE, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER, ME3 9BZ
Construction of a two storey side and single storey rear extension (demolition of existing garage and conservatory).

MC/15/1144 LAND FRONTING 39 FOURWENTS ROAD, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER, ME3 9JY
Change of use of amenity land to residential , together with the construction of a hardstanding area and vehicular access.

14. Allotments.

Cllr Perfect reported on the allotments.

15. Parish Surgeries.

Cllr Sands stated that he had attended the coffee morning at the Village Hall and there had not been a great take up of questions for the Parish Council. He stated that should the Parish Council attend any further coffee mornings, they should be advertised in advance.

16. Village Signage.

Cllr Tildesley stated that this matter was being progressed by Medway Council.

17. Provision of All Inclusive Play Equipment.

Cllr Sands informed members that the Parish Council had been successful with the grant application to the Tesco Community Fund and this would now be put forward for a vote at a Tesco Store to determine the amount awarded.

18. Village Hall.

Cllr Rees reported on the progress of the Village Hall Lease.

19. Venue for future Parish Council Meetings.

Cllr Tildesley confirmed that the Village Hall had now been booked for PC meetings from April 2016 and therefore the venue of meetings would change from the next parish council meeting on 7 April. He asked Cllr M Pearce to advertise this in the next edition of the Village Voices.

Action: Cllr M Pearce to progress.

20. Recreation Grounds.

Kingshill Recreation Ground refurbishment – Cllr Williams reported on the plans for the refurbishment of Kingshill Recreation Ground and stated that he was due to meet with contractors to discuss renovations to the play equipment in the near future and would report back to the next meeting.

He reported that he was also seeking quotations for the tarmacing of the goal area.

Cllr M Pearce stated that he felt that the football area should be a grassed area, however there would be a problem with watering this. This was discussed and it was agreed that grassing the area would also be considered as another option.

CLlr Tildesley reported that he had followed up a report that the slide was dangerous at Kingshill Rec. He stated that both sides of the slide had been damaged and he had asked Safeplay to attend the site to give a quotation for the repair/removal/replacement of the slide.

21. Ward Councillors Report.

No further matters were reported.

22. Urgent Items.

No matters were raised.

23. Date of next meeting.

7th April 2016 - Pottery Road Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Dated.....