

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Hoo Saint Werburgh Parish Council**  
**Held in the Village Hall, Pottery Road, Hoo on Thursday 7th April 2016 at 7.30pm.**

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

***Also: Parish Clerk, reverend John Smith, members of Lionel Pearce's family and members of the public.***

***The meeting was chaired by Councillor Tildesley.***

**1. To Elect a Chairman.**

It was proposed by Cllr Andrews to elect Cllr Tildesley as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Counsell and agreed by all present.

Cllr Tildesley accepted this position and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office . He then took the Chair.

**2. Apologies.**

Apologies were received Cllr Hipsey.

Cllr Tildesley welcomed all present to the meeting. He spoke regarding the very sad news that the Chairman, Lionel Pearce had sadly passed away after a short illness, and of the loss of his wife Elsie just a month earlier.

He welcomed members of Lionel's family to the meeting.

He spoke of the sad loss of Lionel and paid tribute to him and his dedication and work for the Parish Council, undertaking the role of Chairman for the last 18 years.

The Reverend John Smith paid tribute to Lionel and Elsie and said a prayer in memory of them.

The Chairman thanked the Reverend John Smith and a minutes silence was then held in memory of Lionel and Elsie.

**3. Declaration of Interests.**

Cllrs Pratt and Gatfield declared an interest in the Jubilee Village Hall.

**4. 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 Williams and agreed by all present.

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

**5. Matters arising from the Minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

**6. Urgent Matters.**

No urgent matters were raised.

**7. Chairman's Report.**

No matters were reported.

**8. Clerks Report.**

The Clerks Report was noted and accepted by members.

**9. Police Report.**

No matters were raised.

**10. Public Question Time.**

Sheila Mudge, Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee informed the meeting that the lights outside of the Village Hall for not working as these had been vandalised. She stated that she would speak to the Parish Council at some point as she believed that these were maintained by them.

**11. Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members.

The financial statement was then proposed by Cllr Rees , seconded by Cllr Perfect and agreed by all present.

The approved cheques were then signed by two authorised signatories.

**12. Grant Applications.**

No applications were received or considered.

**13. Land for use as a Burial-Ground.**

Cllr Rees stated that the planning application had been submitted to Medway Council and was currently within the consultation 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.

The Reverend John Smith stated that the churchyard was nearing capacity.

**14. Planning Matters.**

The following planning applications were considered by the Parish Council:

**MC/16/0478 THE WINDMILL, RATCLIFFE HIGHWAY, ST MARY HOO, ROCHESTER, ME3 8QB**  
Construction of a detached single storey building to replace existing marquee.

**MC/16/1014 DAMHEAD CREEK II CCGT GENERATING STATION, ROCHESTER, KENT**  
Medway Council has received a consultation from the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) in regard to an application made to DECC seeking, under Section 36(c) of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) (the Act), a variation to the existing consent granted under Section 36 of the Act and deemed planning permission, granted pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), issued by the Secretary of State, to construct and operate Damhead Creek 2 Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Power Station, together with ancillary infrastructure. The variation proposed seeks to increase the output from the approved development from 1,200 Mega Watts (MW) to 1,800MW of power generating capacity, which in turn revises the general arrangement of the proposed development to include: 10.4 hectares (ha) of land related to the Damhead Creek 2 development area; 4.1 ha to the carbon capture plant land / construction and laydown area; and an additional area of carbon capture plant land of 3.6 ha providing a total area of 7.7 Ha of land for carbon capture plant. The ecological mitigation areas remain as granted under DECC Ref: 12.04.09.04/265C (Local Authority Consultation Reference MC/14/0541)

**MC/16/1023 1 TUDOR FARM COTTAGES, STOKE ROAD, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER**  
Construction of a two storey side extension - demolition of existing detached garage to side

**MC/16/0845 3 MAIN ROAD, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER, ME3 9AA**  
Installation of roller shutter to shop front

**MC/16/0844 3 MAIN ROAD, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER, ME3 9AA**  
Advertisement consent for the installation of one fascia sign externally illuminated by 4 overhanging flood lights together with one non illuminated projecting sign

**MC/16/1241 19 COE'S GREEN, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER, ME3 8PY**  
Construction of a single storey extension to rear

**MC/16/1301 1 RIVENHALL COURT, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER, ME3 9FL**  
Variation of condition 2 to allow for a minor material amendment to planning permission MC/15/4544 for enlargement of granny annexe

**15. Allotments.**

Cllr Perfect reported on the allotments.

She informed members that the Hoo Institute was due to remove the unsteady poles from the perimeter of the allotments to make this safer.

Cllr Rees recorded a vote of thanks to the Hoo Institute for having this work undertaken.

**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 had been put forward for a public vote at a Tesco Store to determine the amount awarded.

He stated that the amount awarded to the Parish Council was the maximum amount of £12,000 and this could now be used to purchase an extra piece of equipment for the recreation ground. He confirmed that the funds were due to be paid to the Parish Council by the end of April.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Sands for his work on this project.

**18. Recreation Grounds.**

Kings Hill Recreation Ground refurbishment – Cllr Williams reported on the plans for the refurbishment of Kings Hill Recreation Ground.

He informed members that the toddler slide had been removed from the recreation ground for health and safety reasons.

He stated that he had sought quotations for the renovations at Kings Hill Rec and this included the addition of two new cradle swings, the existing cradle swing repaired and repainted and the toddler unit would be refurbished with the slide being replaced with a climbing net.

The junior play unit and swings would be repainted and the tiled safety surfacing would be relayed and upgraded where necessary.

He confirmed that the quotation for this work had been received from Safeplay for the sum of £8000. This was discussed by members and it was agreed to accept this quotation. (Rees/Perfect)

Cllr Williams stated that he was in the process of seeking quotations for the refurbishment and resurfacing of the goal area at Kings Hill and he would report back to a future meeting.

Pottery Road Recreation Ground – Cllr Tildesley reported that the repairs at Pottery Road Recreation Ground were to be undertaken in line with the safety inspection. He confirmed that the zip wire had been taken out of action until the repairs were carried out for health and safety reasons.

He reported that the bench is near to the fitness equipment has now been installed as agreed.

**19. Ward Councillors Report.**

Ward Councillor Phil Filmer spoke regarding Lionel Pearce and paid tribute to him and his work for the Parish. He stated that Lionel would be sadly missed by all.

He gave a report on the activities and progress of Medway Council and the Local Plan.

**20. Parish Annual Assembly.**

The Chairman stated that the Annual Assembly had been planned for 15th April, however with members approval he proposed to postpone this and hold it alongside the Parish Council meeting on 12th May. This was agreed by all present.

**21. Urgent Items.**

No matters were raised.

**22. Date of next meeting.**

12th May 2016.

*There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.*

Signed.....

**Chairman**

Dated.....