

**The Minutes of the meeting of Hoo Parish Council
held on 8th January 2015 in the Red Cross Hall, Stoke Road, at 7:30 PM.**

***Councillors present: Bhattal
Chambers
Counsell
Hipsey
L Pearce
Perfect
Pratt
Rees
Tildesley***

Also present: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington and members of the press and public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Lionel Pearce.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillors Gatfield, M Pearce, Andrews, Bamber, Sands and Flack, Ward Councillor Tony Watson and Mr Vyse, Headteacher of Hundred of Hoo Academy.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Pratt - Village Hall.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all members. These were proposed by Cllr Tildesley as a true record, seconded by Cllr Chambers and agreed by all present.

The Minutes when signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Allotment drainage – Cllr Perfect reported that the problem with the drainage at the allotments had now been rectified.

The Chairman stated that the Warden had reported that the site had flooded again following the heavy rain. It was therefore agreed to monitor the situation.

5. Urgent Matters.

Cllr Perfect – Speeding along Bells Lane and Stoke Road.

Cllr Perfect – Footpath along main road near to the BT box – the Chairman stated that he had already dealt with this problem.

6. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman reported on a Youth Seminar due to take place on 5 February 2015 and asked if any member wished to attend, he stated that this did clash with the next Parish Council Meeting.

Christmas Tree Lights – The Chairman reported that the Christmas Tree lights had been vandalised and therefore would need replacement next year as they were not repairable. This was noted by members.

7. Clerks Report.

The Clerks Report was noted and accepted by members.

Annual Civic Service – It was agreed that Cllrs Tildesley and Chambers would attend this service and Cllr Pratt would be reserved.

Action: Clerk to book a place for service.

John Lawson's Circus – A request by John Lawson's Circus to use the Recreation Ground was approved by members.

8. Police Report.

The Chairman reported that he had met with the new PCSO in Rochester Crescent and he was monitoring the parking on footpaths in that area.

9. Public Question Time.

A resident attending the meeting spoke regarding the Youth Meeting due to be held by Medway Council and she asked if a member of the Parish Council could attend even though it clashed with the Parish Council meeting. Cllr Perfect stated that she would attend and represent the Parish Council at this meeting.

Land West of Hoo – A resident attended the meeting and spoke regarding the objections raised to this application. She asked if there was any further action that the Parish Council could take to publicise this and make residents aware of the proposals.

The Chairman stated that the application had been publicly promoted and details had also been published in the Village Voices which had been distributed to every household in the parish.

The resident raised concerns that not all parishioners have Internet access or was aware of the proposals. She asked for the article to be repeated in the Village Voices.

The Chairman spoke regarding the application and the objections submitting by the Parish Council and agreed that the article would be repeated in the next edition of the Village Voices.

Action: Chairman to liaise with Editor of the Village Voices.

10. Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members. It was proposed by Cllr Rees to accept this and authorise the cheques, this was seconded by Cllr Pratt and agreed that the present.

The cheques were then signed by two authorised signatories.

11. Grant Applications.

No grant applications were considered.

12. Village Hall Lease.

Cllr Rees stated that this matter was still being progressed and the draft lease is being drawn up.

13. Land for use as a Burial-Ground.

Cllr Rees stated that this matter will still being progress.

14. Planning Matters.

**MC/14/3745 25 PANKHURST ROAD, HOO ST WERBURGH, ROCHESTER, ME3 9DF - No
Objections.**

Construction of a single storey extension to front and two storey extension to rear

The Parish Council meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm to allow for refreshments.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:20pm.

15. Mayors invitation to next PC Meeting.

The Chairman asked members if they wish to invite the Mayor of Medway to the next Parish Council meeting. This was agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to invite Mayor to attend February PC meeting.

16. Allotments.

Cllr perfect reported on the progress of the allotments.

She asked if the Parish Council Could liaise with Medway Council to see whether they would supply composters for the allotment site.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Medway Council.

17. Village Signage and Information Boards.

No matters were raised.

18. Provision of Disabled and Adult Play Equipment.

Disabled Play Equipment – No update was given as Cllr Sands had sent his apologies to the meeting.

Adult Play Equipment – Cllr Tildesley reported that the adult play equipment has now been completed. He stated that there was a need for the area to be made dryer in the future as at present it was flooding.

He put forward a proposal that the Parish Council look into improving the area to make this dryer, this was seconded by Cllr Chambers and agreed by all present.

Action: Cllr Tildesley to quotations to improve the surfacing and drainage in this area.

19. Recreation Grounds.

Cllr Tildesley reported that the seat on the zip wire equipment was in need of repair and he was seeking a quotation from Safeplay for this.

20. Ward Councillors Report.

Apologies were received from Ward Councillor Tony Watson.

21. Urgent Items.

Cllr Perfect reported on the problems with speeding traffic along Bell's Lane. She stated that traffic calming along this road was needed in order to slow it down.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council should liaise with Medway Council regarding the problems with speeding along Bells Lane, Main Road and Stoke Road. The Chairman stated that he would liaise with Michael Edwards and Phil Filmer regarding this matter.

Action: PC to liaise with Medway Council regarding speeding.

22. Date of next meeting.

5th February 2015.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Dated.....