

ALLHALLOWS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 January 2010 AT ALLHALLOWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL AVERY WAY ALLHALLOWS AT 6.45PM

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs. Yvonne Forrest Chairman
Cllr Alan Marsh Vice-Chairman
Cllr Peter Apostel
Cllr Sandra Bennett
Cllr Mark Skudder

Item no

Minute no

Cllr. Alan Marsh to act as clerk for the purpose of the minutes

1. APOLOGIES

406 Apologies were received from
Cllr John Luck personal reasons

407 It was proposed, carried unanimously that this apology be accepted by the council.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

Declarations of Interest and alterations to the register

408 Cllr Marsh declares an interest in items 10b caretaker; 10c Village hall.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th December 2009

409 It was proposed by Cllr Marsh and seconded by Cllr and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2009 be signed as a true record.

4. PLANNING

410 **A Applications** - there were none at the time of the meeting.

411 **B Decisions** - there were none at the time of the meeting.

412 **C Appeals and Other matters** - there were none at the time of the meeting.

413 **D Licensing Applications** - there were none at the time of the meeting.

5. FINANCE

414 Cllr Skudder to go to bank Saturday 16th January, 2010. to get his name on bank mandate as signatory.

Closed meeting and opened up to the public

415 Rod gave advice to Parish Council on funding 07/08year there was a hold on it, 08/09 Stoke has already drawn on theirs Peter Bown is the chief finance officer. Advised to put the bid in and then to draw the £3,000 that should be available but advised to contact Peter bone on how much can be drawn and he should Be able to supply this information

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416 Finance committee minutes

417 Precept setting
418 Cross Park Association constitution

419 it was agreed to hold another meeting for the above section 416,417,418
On the 20th January 2010 at the Village Hall at 8pm

a. Bank Balances

420 Not noted

b. Cheque's signed since last meeting-

421 None signed

c. Accounts for Payment

422 Wages none paid

423 . d Storage of the council's records

424 Currently stored by Cllr Marsh

6. INSURANCE

425 Nothing to report

7. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a. Public Footpaths

426 Nothing particular to report

b. Lighting

427 There were some issues with lighting; three lights not working- Councilors Forrest or Marsh to get numbers

c. Transport

428 Cllr Marsh said there had been a discussion over the trains and there would be a meeting shortly Due to the relocation of the principal station (s) on euro track certain services were changed on the conventional lines, particularly the Gillingham to London/Cannon Street /Charing cross this means that a small number Allhallows commuters that use these trains are finding that either their trains are full or for instance at Higham Station very few trains are stopping; there is a meeting going to take place very shortly between senior officials to attempt to alleviate.

d. Any Other matters

429 None reported

8. GRANT APPLICATIONS

430 None reported

9. YOUTH COMMITTEE

a. Chairman's report

431 Cllr Skudder stated that the youth club had their first meeting on Tuesday 5th January 2010 and he said it was a great success with 22 attending; also that he had funding for the youth for £22,000 from the Youth Funding Opportunities. Terms and conditions not yet been received but his understanding as a leader was that he could not decide how the monies were spent, only the youth themselves could allocate the funds but they would be advised by the youth leaders. It was also requested by Cllr Skudder that he required confirmation that the Brimp would not be sold. The Chair said that no confirmation could be given at this time.

432 It was requested by the vice chair that police checks for the youth helpers were supplied to the parish council, which was met by a heated discussion as to what the council are allowed to see. Cllr Skudder stated he has the policy and nobody else needs to see the police checks, then stated that you either trust me or you don't, and he has assured the Parish Council that he is solely responsible for the police checks, and he will let the Parish Council have the policy but not copies of any of the police checks.

b. Mothers and Toddlers

433 Cllr Mrs. Forrest reported Mothers and toddlers 1 till 3 pm every Tuesday continues to be supported well.

10. MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

General Matters

434 a. Additional Notice has been taken down by Colyn Davies who Has given the chair a verbal quote of £110 it was agreed if the cost was not above this he was to do the work.

b. Caretaking

435 Nothing to report

c. Allhallows Village Hall

436 1. The village hall held a new year's party; no fighting a bit loud and very successful; raised £600.

437 2. Funding has been applied for from E-ON for a new floor inside the entrance and to decorate the village hall. Vice chair stated he has a personal interest in the village Hall

438 3. Another evening has been set for the Clairvoyant in February

d. Recreation Ground

439 1. Recreation ground: Kick Wall Cllr Skudder said he would follow this up

440 2. Play Area: No reports of vandalism for the last three weeks
Going to apply to E-ON for funding for a baby swing and a bench for mums

e. Cross Park Association:

Cllr Mrs. Sandra Bennett

441 No reply from Biffa going to chase.

442 Cllr Skudder stated Planning permission has been granted with conditions car park to be sorted so as not to hinder residents and a couple of other minor conditions.

443 Cllr Skudder was corrected: - there has been no planning permission applied for at this time it was for (CHANGE OF USE) from changing rooms to community centre this statement had to be corrected a number of times by the Vice Chair and Cllr Bennett.

444 £2,800 has been used by the Brimp; leaving available for Cross Park the sum of £3,000.

Gates to cross park:

445 Big gates \Chairman requested Mr. Draper to get quote to make access easier for larger vehicles.

446 Commitment was given to Cross Park that £15000 will be made available 2010-2011

447 The constitution was changed by Cross Park to allow Cross Park Association to spend funds that they raised themselves on cross park without asking permission to do so.

448 Cllr Apostle wanted to object as he felt cross park association should not own what they purchased but he did not have the full facts and it was explained to him that anything cross park purchased would become an asset and would automatically go back to the parish council should the association be disbanded. It was stated that the Cross Park Constitution should be tagged on to the meeting on the 20th January 2010.

f. Brimp

449 Surveyors report reference the Brimp:

450 See Valuation letter Value for site.

451 Bourne leisure have offered £45,000 and the surveyor verbally told the chair if the offer was formal take it and run as that was a lot of money to pay for equestrian centre but if a club house was to be built there it would be worth a lot more to Bourne leisure.

452 As pointed out the Brimp has to go onto the open market so there would be no guarantee it would be sold to Bourne Leisure and at the moment no decisions have been made. Vice chair pointed out that he has not made up his mind yet. He needs more information.

453 He also made the point that he appreciated all the hard work that Cllr Skudder had done for the youth and thanked him.

454 Cllr Skudder then stated the youth will be self funding but Cross Park has not had funding yet and he had already been given funding of £22,000 for the youth. Cllr Skudder suggested Match funding was the answer to Cross Park

455 Cllr Bennett stated that Cllr Skudder had, had many years to get funding, Cross Park was just beginning and it was stated by the vice chair that any monies over £5000, would need to be match funded as this was what normally was expected i.e. the lottery fund etc.

456 Cllr Skudder wanted to make a proposal that the Parish Council make a commitment 'that the Brimp would not be sold' and wanted a vote there and then, it was stated that no commitment would be given as there needs to be more time and information. It was also stated that Cross Park Association were trying to push the sale of the Brimp to fund its project. It was pointed out that Cross Park were not trying to sell the Brimp, and due to the Brimp not being used for some time it was believed by some that it was just an empty derelict site.

457 1. The police need to be notified of the vandalism and problems within the village

458 Need to get the policies off the police.

459 Notice given that on the 13th January between 2 and 4 pm community officers will be in lay by in St David's Road. (Police notice stated it was to be held at St Johns Road instead of St David's) to discuss any issues that the public have.

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460 Mr Draper asked for this to be put in the minutes, that in a meeting with the general manager of Bourne Leisure he was eager to help Cross Park and scouts as well as the Youth club Bourne Leisure stated IF the Brimp site was purchased by them they would allow the Youth club to continue their activities for as long as it took to get an alternative up and running Mrs Scudder asked what even if it took five years Bourne Leisure said yes but we could guarantee it but it would not take that long.

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461 Cllr Skudder commented that this was not his understanding of the conversation

462 moved to the confidential section

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

CLERK'S REPORT

463 Debbie has agreed to carry on with the web site until a Parish Clerk vacancy has been filled.

464 Codes of conduct booklets received by Parish Clerk and handed out to councillors by Cllr Alan Marsh at the meeting.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

465 **All hallows life:** It was pointed out that Marion Morrad does all the work for the magazine the chair asked Rod to find out how many hours she works as she should be paid for the good work that she does.

466 Cllr Skudder then said it would be good for the magazine to be 11 months a year not 6 as it was not always possible to get meetings or news out.

467 It was felt that Marion Morrad would not be able to do 11 magazines per year due to other commitments but she would be asked.

468 It was suggested the parish magazine should be part of the agenda for February or March's meeting.

13. KALC

469 Cllr Alan Marsh attended meeting Cllr Peter Apostle was unable to attend:
The Cllr Geoff Moore went around Table and received reports from all Parish Councils.
A talk was given by environmental Group working with Medway on energy saving issues which was received favourably

**14 POLICE LIAISON
Representative's Report**

470 Police liaison Cllr John Luck not at the meeting so no Report.

15. RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

471 Rural liaison committee Tuesday next week.

16. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

472 1. The Chairman had received 3 applications for the clerk's job and their CV's were there, which all councillors were welcome to come up and see. It was felt that the gentleman from Dover was to far away for the Clerks job. So therefore there were two applicants. They would be interviewing this week. As Cllr Skudder, Peter Apostle, and Cllr Bennett were working it was agreed by all councillors that Cllr Marsh, Cllr Luck and the chairman would do the interviews. She was to contact Cllr Luck to confirm he was available as three were required to do the interviewing, there were no objections and it was agreed that the interviews would take place on condition that Cllr Luck was available.

473 2. The co-option of councillors could not be sorted until Medway Council agreed and there should be an answer some time this week and then it will go out for people to apply.

**17. STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Representative's Report**

474 Cllr Alan Marsh was unable to attend the meeting and brought to the Councillors' attention that the code of conduct applies to all.

18. INDENTITY BADGES FOR COUNCILLORS AND THE CLERK

475 Cllr Skudder to deal with this issue

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PRESS AND PUBLIC

19. Confidential Section

476 Nothing to discuss

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50 hours

SignedChairman