

# HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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## HALLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 in the Jubilee Hall, Upper Halling starting at 7.30pm

### 254/19 Present

Cllr G Wenham (Chairman)

Cllr T Dolby (Vice – Chairman)

Cllr G Chalker

Cllr Mrs S Chamberlain

Cllr D Marshall

Cllr P Hudson

Cllr C Buckwell

Mr N Fursdon (Acting Clerk/Proper Officer)

20+ members of the public.

### 255/19 Apologies for absence – Cllr R Thorne.

### 256/19 Disclosure of any Pecuniary and / or Prejudicial interests. – Cllr D Marshall – Item 264/19.

Cllr C Buckwell – Item 265/19.

### 257/19 Adjourn meeting for Public Questions – No longer than 30 minutes

- There were complaints about the way the chairs were arranged.
- A person asked why the Football Team problem had not been solved as it had been raised several times. There was some animosity from the members of the public  
Another person asked why the PC had said no to the Upper Halling Recreation Ground.  
Person said that Redrow should have provided some football pitches.
  - Cllr Buckwell mentioned that the Halling Minors Football team was an Agenda Item at 260/19.
- A person from the WI said there had been concern that the grant from the PC was late.
- A person asked if it was true that Cllr M Fearn had paid for the Christmas Tree.
  - The Chairman said yes, it was going to be in his announcement.
- A person asked the Chairman, ‘What had he done for the Village’.
  - *This was an invalid question really, as the Chairman is part of the Parish Council*
- A person mentioned an idea of abolishing the Parish Council and hand everything over to Medway.
- A person asked if the Minutes could be published before the Meeting.
  - The Chairman said that the Minutes are published after they have been approved by the Parish Council.
- A person asked about the flooding problems in Vicarage Road / The Street, which is being caused where the new road surface is too high, causing rain to flood the front gardens.
  - The Clerk would report the matter to Medway Council.

### Meeting Reconvened.

### 258/19 Approve re-submitted Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting October 7<sup>th</sup> 2019

#### Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting November 18<sup>th</sup> 2019

Both sets of Minutes were approved pending 2 minor amendments.

- PC Meeting October 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 reads ‘The Parish Cllrs agreed and the Chairman adjourned.....’ should read ‘the Chairman adjourned.....’
- Extraordinary PC Meeting November 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 – 247/19 Appointment of Acting Clerk to read Appointment of Acting Clerk / Acting Proper Officer.

### 259/19 Matters arising from Minutes not on the Agenda – There were none.

**260/19 Letter received from Mr Stone re Halling Minors – request for meeting.**

- Cllr Buckwell said that it important that this matter is sorted
- A meeting to be arranged between two Parish Cllrs and the two Football Coaches. Both parties were in agreement, and a time and date to be arranged.
- Proposed by Cllr Buckwell and Seconded by Cllr Marshall, and supported by all Cllrs present.

**261/19 Chairman’s announcement.**

The Chairman confirmed that Medway Ward Cllr Fearn had donated the Christmas Tree  
Cllr Mrs Chamberlain Proposed and Cllr G Chalker Seconded that a letter of thanks is sent to Medway Ward Cllr Fearn, this was agreed by all Parish Cllrs present.

**262/19 Footpath Report – Culvert damage**

Cllr Dolby said that the severe flooding on the Marsh in November, where the flooding reached a depth of 5 foot and completely washed away the culvert that a footpath crossed. The culvert was not on Parish Council ground. It is on Wild Fowlers ground, and Medway Drainage Board have decided not to renew the culvert, but they are considering putting a bridge across. However this will not be until April 2020.

**263/19 Marsh Report – Chains & padlock on gates.**

The Chairman said that the Marsh was badly affected by the November floods, which have now receded, but the Marsh is still very boggy.

With the depth of the flood being around 5 foot, which has affected the habitats, but it is hoped that these habitats will survive.

The new chain and lock on the gate have been put there to prevent flytipping.

A person from the public mentioned the need for some Life Buoys for the area.

The Chairman said it may be a thing to get onto the EA or the Medway River Authority.

Cllr Buckwell offered to look into the matter.

**264/19 Payments and Receipts**

The payments and receipts for the period July to October had been circulated to all the Parish Councillors. Cllr Dolby said the period is quite large, due to the problem with the Bank.

Cllr Dolby said that the Ice Cream man had been paid £46 for his work at the Upper Halling Recreation ground opening.

The document is attached to the Minutes at Appendix 1

**265/19 Planning** Cllr Buckwell had declared an interest in the Planning applications and took no part in the debates.

**MC/19/2814 – St Andrews Lake, Formby Road Change of use Wildlife Reserve to Outdoor Activity Centre.**

The Parish Cllrs studied the plans and debated application.

There were various concerns raised. The biggest concerns were over safety, but there were also concerns on Parking – Access – Air Pollution – the proposed Extra Health Home location – in intensity of the proposal – the local road network.

Parish Cllrs G Wenham, T Dolby, Mrs S Chamberlain, G Chalker, P Hudson and D Mashall decided to strongly oppose the application.

Also to ask for the application to be called in to the Planning Committee to decide.

Also that the Planning Committee has a site meeting so they can see the concerns first hand.

The Acting Clerk to submit a formal representation document to the planning department of behalf of the PC.

**MC/19/2906 – 61 Rochester Road Retrospective application for conversion of existing property to a pair of Semi Detached.**

The Parish Cllrs studied the plans and debated application.

Cllr G Chalker said that this application must be opposed as there are so many retrospective applications happening now.

Parish Cllrs G Wenham, T Dolby, Mrs S Chamberlain, G Chalker, P Hudson and D Marshall decided to strongly oppose the application.

The Acting Clerk to submit a formal representation document to the planning department of behalf of the PC.

*(Post meeting the Acting Clerk has received notification that the application was wrongly labelled as retrospective, it should be a full planning application. The application has been resubmitted and will now be on the Agenda for the January 2020 meeting.)*

**266/19 Events – To discuss VE Day 75th celebrations May 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2020**

The Chairman said that between May 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 will be the celebration of VE day, the Parish Council were looking to have a village event. He was asking if there were any volunteers

- A lady from the WI said she was sure they would volunteer
- A person suggested that the new Head Teacher of Halling School be approached.
- The coach of Halling Minors, said he would volunteer.

**267/19 Defibrillator**

The Chairman introduced Mr Loveday

Mr Loveday said that he had applied to the Tesco 'Bag for Life' grant to get money towards a defibrillator for the Jubilee Hall, and has been successful. The voting will start in January at the local Tesco.

He now knows that a defibrillator has been purchased for the Jubilee Hall, therefore is there a need for a third defibrillator, maybe in the St Andrews area.

The defibrillator for the Jubilee Hall should be in place in around 3 weeks.

**268/19 To consider a Co-option for the current vacancy on the Parish Council.**

The Parish Council agreed to advertise the post of one vacancy of Cllr by Co-Option.

A notice inviting candidates will be put in the Parish Council notice board for 4 weeks.

**269/19 To consider the use of Social Media to communicate important information to the public.**

Cllr D Marshall said that if the Parish Council started using Social Media, it would be a good way of communicating with the residents of the Village. Facebook seems to be the most popular in the Halling with the Simply Halling Facebook group having over 3,500 members.

A lot of Parish Councils do have Facebook Groups or pages, Kings Hill Parish Council is an example.

The matter was debated by the Parish Cllrs, who had some concerns.

One Cllr said there could be problems with the Standing Orders.

The matter will need to be looked into.

**270/19 Any other business – There were none.**

**271/19 Date of next meeting – January 7th 2020 at the Community Centre. – Confirmed.**

**272/19 Close of meeting – 9.15pm**

Appendix 1

**HALLING PARISH COUNCIL**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE – JULY 2019**

July 1 <sup>st</sup>	MHS Homes (Garage)	£ 50.00	D/D
	Clive Stanley Associates (Webmaster)	£ 61.40	DPC
	Clive Stanley Associates (Webmaster)	£ 112.00	DPC
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Advert payment for Halling View	£ 150.00	Paid in
	Broadleaf Trees ( Upper Halling Recreation ground Refurbishment)	£ 900.00	DPC
	KALC (Annual Subscription)	£ 1,106.26	DPC
	ICO (Initial payment – Data Protection Registration)	£ 35.00	D/D
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	reimbursement for present for opening Upper Halling Rec	£ 55.00	DPC
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Your First Partners (Printer contact)	£ 1,034.43	DPC
	Halling Community Centre (meeting hire)	£ 45.00	DPC
	Pick a Posy (Flowers for Deputy Mayors wife)	£ 81.45	DPC
	Wickstead Part Payment 1 – (Upper Halling Rec refurb)	£30,000.00	DPC
	M & M Developers - (Upper Halling Rec refurb)	£ 1,350.00	DPC
	Glasdon UK - (Upper Halling Rec refurb)	£ 2,327.13	DPC
	Maidstone Signs - (Upper Halling Rec refurb)	£ 129.60	DPC
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	SBROCC Halling View	£ 160.00	Paid In
	Upper Halling rec opening leaflet drop	£ 25.00	DPC
	Wickstead part payment 2 - (Upper Halling Rec refurb)	£23,867.26	DPC
	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£61,179.53</b>	
	<b>Total Paid in</b>	<b>£ 310.00</b>	

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE – AUGUST 2019**

August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Halling Community Centre (Office rent)	£ 275.00	D/D
	MHS Homes Ltd (Garage rent)	£ 50.00	D/D
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Staff wages July 2019 (person 1)	£ 825.66	DPC
	CPRE	£ 36.00	DPC
	Play Inspection (Upper Halling rec- Post installation inspection	£ 354.00	DPC
	Colyn Property (Contractor engaged by Clerk to litter pick and inspect The recreation grounds)	£ 72.00	D/D
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	HMRC VTR (VAT refund)	£ 2,682.54	Paid In
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	NatWest (Compensation)	£ 10.00	Paid In
	NatWest (Travel Costs)	£ 4.50	Paid In
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Wages July 2019 (person 3)	£ 57.47	DPC
	Clive Stanley Associates (Webmaster)	£ 56.00	DPC
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Wages August 2019 part 1 (person 2)	£ 79.68	DPC
	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£ 1,805.81</b>	
	<b>Total Paid in</b>	<b>£ 2,697.04</b>	

## INCOME & EXPENDITURE – SEPTEMBER 2019

September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Halling Community Centre (Office rent)	£ 275.00	D/D
	MHS Homes Ltd (Garage rent)	£ 50.00	D/D
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Staff wages August 2019 (person 1)	£ 605.17	DPC
	Staff wages August 2019 part 2(person 2)	£ 249.04	DPC
	Clive Stanley Associates (Webmaster)	£ 21.00	DPC
	Staff wages August 2019 (person 3)	£ 149.40	DPC
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	BT	£ 310.35	D/D
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	NatWest (Compensation)	£ 100.00	Paid In
	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£ 1,659.96</b>	
	<b>Total Paid in</b>	<b>£ 100.00</b>	

## INCOME & EXPENDITURE – OCTOBER 2019

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	HR Services	£ 426.00	DPC
	Halling Community CENTRE (Office rent)	£ 275.00	D/D
	MHS Homes (Garage rent)	£ 50.00	D/D
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Staff wages September 2019 (person3)	£ 249.04	DPC
	Staff wages September 2019 (person 2)	£ 338.64	DPC
	PKF Littlejohn (Audit)	£ 360.00	DPC
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Staff wages August 2019 (person 1)	£ 703.83	DPC
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Halling View delivery	£ 100.00	DPC
	KPS (office supplies)	£ 64.07	DPC
	Clive Stanley Associates (Webmaster)	£ 56.00	DPC
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Halling WI (Xmas 2019)	£ 450.00	DPC
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	reimbursement for poppy wreaths	£ 69.50	DPC
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Staff wages October 2019 (person1)	£ 658.44	DPC
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,800.50</b>	