

ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 JULY 2008 IN THE FUNCTION ROOM, THE FENN BELL, FENN STREET AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Bob Beckey Vice-chairman In the chair
 Cllr Paul Hassell
 Cllr Mrs Kit Johnson
 Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

Item	<i>Action point</i>
<i>Minute number</i>	
<i>200/8/9/</i>	
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
41	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bill Budd Delayed at work Cllr Bill Khatkar Away from home It was proposed by Cllr Beckey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Johnson and carried unanimously that these apologies be accepted by the Council.
2	CODE OF CONDUCT
42	a Dispensation The Clerk reported that the dispensation being applied for by Cllrs Beckey, Budd and Hassell so that they could discuss the conservation area was going to the Standards Committee that evening.
43	b Declarations of Interest and Alterations to the Register None.
3	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2008
44	It was proposed by Cllr Beckey, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2008 be signed as a true record.
4	MATTERS ARISING
45	No matters were raised
5	PLANNING
46	a Applications No applications had been received
47	b Decisions None

c Appeals and Other Matters48 **i Consultation Document**

Review of sub regional allocation of primary land-won aggregates in the SE.
Received.

49 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

6 FINANCE50 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on appendix A were noted.

51 **b Cheques Signed Since the Last Meeting**

None

52 **d Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Hassell, seconded by Cllr Beckey and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix A be approved (cheques 100656 – 100658), with the addition of £197.40 to Andrew Laphorn, reimbursement for materials for pond fencing (cheque 100659). The Clerk would arrange for Cllrs Budd and Khatkar to sign the cheques as soon as possible. *RB*

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS53 **a Kent BTCV for Tree and Pond Warden Schemes**

It was proposed by Cllr Beckey, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed a grant of £50 be made under S111 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 100660)

54 **b Allhallows Primary School for Summer Scheme**

It was proposed by Cllr Beckey, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed a grant of £50 be made under S19 of the LG (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (cheque 100661)

55 **c Victim Support**

It was proposed by Cllr Beckey, seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed a grant of £50 be made under S137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 100662).

8 AMENITY COMMITTEE56 **a Conservation Area**

The Clerk reported on her meeting with environmentalist Fern Alder, who had suggested a wild life survey. She had also commented she thought some of the trees needed thinning out.

57 **b Pond**

Cllr Beckey reported the Amenity Committee's working party had finished the fencing. Biffa had agreed to take the sludge when the pond was dredged in the autumn and had also offered to provide a vehicle. The Council's insurers had advised that a disclaimer notice was unnecessary, as it would not provide a defence in the event of an accident.

9 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**58 **a Street Cleaning Contract**

Medway Council's street cleaning contract was due for renewal in 2009 and they had written to ask if the Parish Council was interested in taking on the devolved function. It was agreed this would be impractical in the parish, which was of large geographical area and had a small population.

10 **RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**59 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Beckey said he was sorry he had been the only councillor at the last meeting, which had been hosted by the Council. The main discussions at the meeting had been on transport strategy, major developments on the Peninsula and the police arrangements for the forthcoming camp for climate change. Funds had been applied for to enable the construction of a roundabout at Fenn Corner. The gas pipeline should be finished in 6 months and then the land would be restored. Cllr Beckey had then spoken about the Council's own activities.

60 **b Rural Liaison Grant Projects**

i Work on the pond. On-going.

11 **KAPC/MAC**61 **a Representatives' Report**

Cllr Hassell had not been able to attend the last meeting.

12 **BIFFA LIAISON GROUP**

62 In Cllr Khatkar's absence there was no report. Although invited, the Clerk had not attended. Cllr Mrs Johnson proposed that the Clerk continue to attend meetings of the group. This was seconded by Cllr Hassell and agreed.

13 **POLICE MATTERS**63 **a Police Liaison Committee representative's report**

Cllr Mrs Johnson said the committee had met on 21 July; however she had not been able to attend as she had been on holiday.

14 COMMUNICATIONS

64 a Newsletter

The next issue would be done following completion of the works to the pond.

65 b Website

Nothing to report.

15 CONSULTATION

66 a Southern Water Business Plan

Received.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

67 None.

17 CAMP FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

68 It was reported that demonstrators had started to arrive on a field in Dux Court Road, High Halstow, that afternoon, although the camp officially started on 3 August, reportedly with a march from Heathrow. The main demonstration would be on Saturday 9 August, when they had stated they would enter Kingsnorth Power Station.

18 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

69 The Clerk would advise councillors when she had had an opportunity to discuss this with the Chairman. *RB*

19 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

70 The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

71 No matters were raised.

The Vice-chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2008