

Hoo St Werburgh Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of Hoo Saint Werburgh Parish Council
Held in Hoo Village Hall on Tuesday 4th November 2021 at 7.30pm.

*Councillor's present: Fray
Freshwater
Gissing
Pearce
Perfect
Pratt
Sands
Savage
Styles
Tildesley
Williams
Winstanley*

Also: Parish Clerk.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Sands .

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Counsell, Cutting, and Rees.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all present.

It was proposed by Cllr Pearce to accept these as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Fray and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

The Chairman reported that a meeting with the Village Hall Management Committee was being progressed.

He stated that the PC had contacted the Hall Committee regarding a Fireworks Party that was due to take place at the hall, and they had confirmed that the fireworks were due to be let off from a private garden, not the recreation ground.

5. Public Comments.

Residents attended the meeting to seek an update from the Parish Council regarding the ongoing flooding issue at their property along Abbotts Court Road.

The Chairman reported on a response that had been received from Medway Council regarding the issues with The Brook and a copy of the correspondence was passed to the residents for information. He reported that he had also requested a copy of the drainage plans and he would share these with residents when received.

He spoke regarding the alarm at the culvert to alert the engineer of a potential flood and stated that a new system had now been put in place.

6. Urgent Items.

Cllr Savage spoke regarding the War Memorial and the need for this to be swept and cleared of weeds before the Remembrance Service.

The Clerk confirmed that the Warden had been asked to tend to this.

Cllr Sands informed members that he had the Parish Council Poppy Wreath, and with members approval, he would arrange for this to be laid by a youth on behalf of the PC.

This was agreed.

7. Financial Matters.

Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members.

This was proposed by Cllr Savage, seconded by Cllr Williams, and agreed by all present.

8. Clerks Report.

Safe Crossing of Bells Lane

Member discussed correspondence from a resident regarding a safe crossing of Bells Lane and agreed that a safe crossing of Bells Lane was needed as this was the route taken by school children walking to school from the new development.

It was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with Medway Council to seek a site meeting at between 8am and 9am, when officers could witness the issues with children crossing the road.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Medway Council.

9. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman reported on the following:

- He had attended a planning meeting with Taylor Wimpy regarding their plans for Stoke Road. He had put the PC views forward; however, they were not well received.
- Taylor Wimpy were due to resubmit a Planning application for the land adjacent to the Windmill Pub.

- Medway Planning Enforcement were looking into activities currently taking place at the site next to Hoo Swimming Pool as Dave Harris had stated that there was not a planning application for the site.
Residents in attendance at the meeting confirmed that there was planning approval for two dwellings at the site under planning application MC/18/1739.
- Medway Council had approved a further two-year extension for Norse to stay at Deangate.
- Medway Council had refused the retrospective Planning application for Port Werburgh for six park homes, and this was now with Planning Enforcement.
- Letters of No Confidence in Medway Council had now been sent by 7 Parish Councils.

Cllr Sands reported that the Catholic Church was closing in the Village on 7th November, and this was then going to be lease. He suggested that this may be something that the Parish Council could be interested in as a community building.

This was discussed by members, and it was agreed that this matter should be investigated further.

It was agreed that the PC should open a dialogue with the church to ascertain the options, and if the project was felt to be viable, a small committee of four members should take this forward to a Feasibility Study.

It was agreed that should this be progressed Cllrs Sands, Williams, Tildesley and Freshwater would take this forward on behalf of the Parish Council.

10. Committee Reports.

- a. Finance, Audit and General Purposes Committee.
Budget meeting to be arranged for mid November.
- b. Environment Committee.
No matters were reported.

11. Joint Legal Action with High Halstow Parish Council.

Members discussed whether to join with High Halstow Parish Council and put its name to a legal letter seeking further information from Medway Council and Homes England regarding the Hif Bid. The cost being £1500 per parish.

The Chairman outlined the proposed action and reasons for this, and asked members to vote on whether they wished to proceed with the joint legal letter.

This was discussed in detail and a vote was cast as follows:

10 votes in favour of joint legal letter.

1 vote against.

1 abstention.

It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council would support a joint letter as discussed and the expenditure of £1500.

It was further agreed that the Parish Council would be consulted again should further letters be necessary.

Action: Clerk to formally respond to HH PC.

12. Planning Matters.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

MC/21/2849 Church Farm No 1 , Church Farm , Main Road, Hoo St Werburgh
Construction of a 15.0m High EE/H3G Phase 8 street pole on new "root foundation to replace existing EE/H3G 8.5m High Phase 4 Monopole fixed "on root foundation and associated ancillary works.

No objections – comments to have painted green.

MC/21/2990 69 Stoke Road, Hoo St Werburgh, Rochester, Medway, ME3 9BE
Construction of single storey rear extension, single storey side garage extension and fenestration changes.

No objections

MC/21/3184 The Elms Medical Centre, Main Road, Hoo St Werburgh, Rochester
Construction of a single storey extension.

No objections

APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY MEDWAY COUNCIL - OCTOBER

MC/21/2551

153 Main Road Hoo St Werburgh Rochester Medway ME3 9EY

Construction of a first-floor rear and side extension

Refusal

MC/21/2484

Grass Verge Fronting 1 Farm Cottages Lodge Hill Lane Chattenden Rochester Medway ME3 8NS

Prior approval under Part 16 Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended) for the installation of a H3G Phase 8 20m high street pole, c/w wrap-around cabinet and 3 additional equipment cabinets

Prior Approval Required – Approved

MC/21/2235

Deangate Ridge Golf Course Deangate Ridge Sports Complex Dux Court Road Hoo St Werburgh Rochester Medway ME3 8RZ

Temporary change of use (until 31 October 2023) to a ground's maintenance depot involving the parking of vehicles/grounds maintenance equipment and 17 shipping containers for storage, parking for workers and ancillary office use of the first floor of the former clubhouse together with the parking of minibuses

Approval with Conditions

MC/21/2187

Land Rear Of 7 And 8 Sturdee Cottages Stoke Road Hoo St Werburgh Rochester Medway ME3 9LT
Construction of detached 2 storey garage with hobby room above (demolition of existing storage unit)
Approval with Conditions

MC/21/1889

Unit 1A London Medway Commercial Park James Swallow Way Hoo St Werburgh Rochester Medway
ME3 9GX
Site alterations including widening of access road, provision of new gatehouses, new speed gates and
new bypass lane, and resurfacing works together with an increase of 26 HGV parking spaces.
Approval with Conditions

MC/18/0477

Wylie House Elmwood Road Chattenden Rochester
Construction of a part four storey part five storey block comprising of three 1-bedroomed and fifteen
2-bedroomed flats with associated parking, access, refuge, and cycle storage (demolition of existing
block of flats)
Refusal

Planning Consultant Update

The Chairman confirmed that a meeting had been arranged with Planning Consultant, Dave Chetwyn,
to discuss his work for the parish.

13. Neighbourhood Plan Report.

No matters were reported regarding the NHP.

14. Ward Councillors report.

CLlr Sands gave his report as Ward Councillor.

15. Date of next meeting.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 2nd December 2021 @ 7pm.

***There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting to the press
and public at 9.10pm.***