

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2009
AT HUNTON PARISH HALL

PRESENT : Cllr R Sawtell in the Chair, Cllrs K Eatwell, R Porter and Mrs V Stancombe, Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Cllr J Wilson was in attendance to Item 7.4 and Borough Cllr B Mortimer and two parishioners were in attendance throughout the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Were received and accepted from Cllrs D Heaton, L Leonard, G Thomas and M Walter.

2. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations made.

3. MINUTES of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING held on 14th MAY 2009

The Minutes of the meeting had been previously distributed and were unanimously **Agreed** to be an accurate record. The Chairman signed off the official copy.

4. POLICE BUSINESS

There were no official crime figures to report, however, Members **Noted** there has been problems in the Parish with break ins and troublesome groups around the village.

5. HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY MATTERS

5.1 Footpath – Benstead Close to Village Hall

The Chairman reported progress to date to try and obtain permission to install a footpath on the land adjacent to West Street and the Chairman will continue to follow up with the landowners concerned. Borough Cllr Wilson offered to arrange for the Chairman of the Forge Lane Action Group to attend a meeting with the Council.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

Members **Noted** a meeting had been held with the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership to discuss the plans and the MVCP would not want to see a reduction in height of the full length of the hedgerow.

5.2 West Street

Members **Noted** KHS has confirmed that a bid will be submitted next April for improvements to West Street encompassing pedestrian safety, signage and gateways. It was further **Noted** that it will be Summer 2010 when the result of the bid will be known. Members **Agreed** that a meeting with KHS should be arranged as soon as possible to highlight the problems on West Street.

ACTION: CLERK/CLLRS PORTER & SAWTELL

5.3 Triangle George Street/Redwall Lane

It was **Agreed** to defer this item to the next meeting in order that a site meeting can be arranged with the resident near to the triangle at George Street/Redwall Lane to establish the problems.

ACTION: CLERK/CLLRS PORTER & SAWTELL

6. RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

6.1 King George's Field Charity

Cllr Eatwell reported the AGM had been held on 18th June preceded by a walk of the field. All committee members had been re-elected for the forthcoming year. The litter bins had been a problem as were not emptied for some time and a contractor has replaced the top rail of the fence and strengthened the remainder of the fence. The problem of the Football Club's leaking roof was raised and three quotations had been obtained. Members discussed and suggested ways of raising funds/getting the work carried out.

6.2 Football Club Repairs

Members considered the costs incurred by the Football Club in replacing the boiler and it was proposed by Cllr Porter and seconded by Cllr Sawtell "**that the Council contribute £300 towards the repair costs**". This was **Agreed** and cheque 963 was signed.

7. MATTERS OF REPORT

Reports were received from:

7.1 County and Borough Councillors

County Cllr Paulina Stockell was unable to be present.

Borough Cllr B Mortimer raised the problems of potholes in Hunton and the surrounding areas and gave a brief overview of the current position regarding the traffic calming scheme in Coxheath.

Borough Cllr J Wilson reported a forthcoming meeting with the new Highways and Environmental Member for KCC and the next meeting of KALC when the Chairman of Thurnham will be attending to talk about KIG.

7.2 Chairman

The Chairman had nothing further to report.

7.3 Individual Councillors

There was nothing specific to report.

7.4 Clerk

7.4.1 Annual Report and Audit 2008/09

Members received the report from the Internal Auditor following the Year End Audit and **Noted** there are no issues raised.

7.4.2 Annual Leave

Members **Noted** the Clerk's vacation dates.

8. FINANCE

8.1 Budget Monitoring Report

The Budget Monitoring Report to 30th June 2009 was **Noted**.

8.2 Income received since the last meeting

Cllr Porter perused the records and was satisfied that the balances in hand agreed with the Clerk's records.

Actual payments received since the last meeting were:-

MBC – Precept	£13,500.00
MBC – 1 st Half Concurrent Functions	£2680.00
Natwest Capital Deposit Account Interest	£0.30
MBC – Devolved Budget Grant – Flower Festival	£200.00

8.3 Confirmation of payments already made

It was proposed by Cllr Eatwell, seconded by Cllr Porter “**that the following payments made since the last Meeting are approved**”. This was **Agreed**.

S/O - Mrs V Stancombe – Net salary & Office Allowance for May	£297.00
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8.4 Cheques for signature

It was proposed by Cllr Porter, seconded by Cllr Eatwell “**that the Council approve the following payments**”. This was **Agreed** and the cheques were signed:-

950 – EDF – Streetlighting	£6.89
951 – KCS Landscape Services – 1 st Half Grounds Maintenance (KGF)	£504.48
952 – BTCV – Tree Warden Scheme Annual Payment	£100.00
953 – K Funnell – Audit Fee	£60.00
954 – KCPFA – Annual Sub	£20.00
955 – Hunton Parish Hall Committee – Insurance contribution	£1800.00
956 – HMRC – PAYE	£108.54
957 – MBC – Litterpicking June & July (KGF)	£119.60
960 – V Stancombe – Reimbursement of Expenses	£124.51
959 – Acaster Arboriculture – Treework (KGF)	£180.00
961 – S W Yorke & Sons – Fence Repairs (KGF)	£527.39
962 – South East Water – Cricket Water Charges (KGF)	£125.46

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full Council Meeting is on Thursday 10th September 2009 at 8.00 pm at Hunton Parish Hall.

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.