

# HILDENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2009 in the Margery Finzi Room at the Village Hall, Riding Lane.

**Present:** Mr T Barton (chairman) Mr M Baker Mr C Lewis  
Mr P Lane Mr R Mountford Mr M Nairne  
Mrs A Scally Mrs J Shaw Mr G Watts  
Mrs A Woollett

### 2009/05/01. Apologies and reason for Absence.

Mr C Smith, in hospital

### 2009/05/02. Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests

Mr. P Lane expressed an interest in item 6.2.2.3 as a member of the cricket club.

### 2009/05/03. Declaration of gifts and hospitality

There were none.

### 2009/05/04. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 May 2009

These were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

### 2009/05/05. Matters arising from 20 May 2009 not covered elsewhere in the agenda

**2009/04/07.3** It was felt another member was needed on the Planning Committee. Mr G Watts agreed to join this Committee.

**2009/04/09 6.4.2** It was agreed to write to the Borough Council's Planning Department regarding all day commuter parking on this site at the junction of Ringshill and Philpots Lane.\*

**2009/04/10.2.2.6** The clubs would be asked to notify the Clerk if the emergency keys had been used.\*

**2009/04/13** There had been little response on updating the leisure and business section of the website. Mr Barton agreed to undertake one further attempt to contact all businesses.°

### 2009/05/06. Reports from Committee Chairman

#### 6.1 Finance

##### 6.1.1 Account Balances as at 31 May 2009

National Savings Account	£22,633.43
High Interest Bond	£13,009.09
Business Money Manager	£16,812.32
Current Account Statement	£2,426.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>£54,881.11</b>

The Current Account total should be £2,667.99 (the reconciled total had been stated in the Agenda) resulting in an amended total of £55,122.83.

##### 6.1.2 Payments made since 20 May 2009

The following payments were noted:

Date	Cheque no	Payee	Reason	Amount £
20 May	756	W Mzimba	Internal Audit	255.00
20 May	757	Kent County Playing Fields Assn	Subscription	20.00
20 May	758	EDF	Electricity	44.07
26 May	759	P King	Salary/expenses	221.72
26 May	760	P A Gow	Salary/expenses	774.28
26 May	761	HM Revenue	Nl/tax	204.10
2 June	762	PFL Electrical	Lighting contract	97.18
2 June	763	KCC (KCS)	Spraying safety surfaces	569.25
2 June	764	KK Garden Construction	Churchyard mowing	201.25

2 June 765 Southern Water Water supply + drainage 46.98

### 6.1.3 Reinvestment of High Interest Investment Bonds

This had been renewed at an interest rate of 0.4%. Further reinvestment would be of these funds would be reconsidered before the renewal date.<sup>00</sup>

## 6.2 Open Spaces

### 6.2.1 Action since previous meeting

6.2.1.1 **Pavilion/Recreation Ground.** There had been three incidents of vandalism. Repairs had been carried out to the fencing, windows and downpipe and were still awaited to the safety surface and swing. Total costs were yet to be established but the safety surface repair would cost £450, the swing £64 and £30.11 had already been spent on ironmongery/wood.

6.2.1.2 **Ramps in Recreation Ground.** Requests had been made to PCSO Toni Matthews to ask the youths to remove the ramps in the Recreation Ground but this had yet to happen.

### 6.2.2 Matters for discussion or noting

6.2.2.1 **Survey undertaken by West Kent College Students of Recreation Ground** From the survey the College felt there may be leakage from the pond across the centre of the field. They had asked to repeat the survey next year but members felt that it would be more productive to undertake a survey at West Wood.\*

#### 6.2.2.2 Provision of land for cycle course.

It had been established by phone that the increase in insurance cover for cycle track/activities would cost approximately £400 + tax extra, depending on size and complexity of the area. Following discussion it was agreed to invite PCSO Toni Matthew to the Open Spaces Meeting to discuss a youth area, the date to be adjusted, if necessary, to accommodate her.\* It was left open to the Open Spaces Committee to make recommendations as to location and size of the youth area.<sup>1</sup>

#### 6.2.2.3 Use of Recreation Ground by football/stoolball/cricket clubs

The Cricket Club had again raised the question of proximity of the stoolball club pitch and cricket club square. The relative position of pitches for all clubs using the Recreation Ground had been agreed by all clubs in 2008. It was decided that the chairman of the Open Spaces Committee would discuss the matter with the Stoolball Club.<sup>00</sup>

6.2.2.4. It was agreed that **Hildenborough F.C. and the Round Table** could use the Recreation Ground on Saturday 11 July for a charity event for the Children's Wish Charity.

6.2.2.5 **Update on West Wood play area.** The seeding of the old goal area and specification for upgrading the area around the old slide was referred to the Open Spaces Committee.<sup>1</sup>

## 6.3 Planning

The following planning applications were noted:

App. No	Address	Details	PCAction
1035/LB	Nizels Knoll Nizels La	sunpipe, storage cupboard	no comment
502/FL	14 Riding Park	extension/self contained dwelling	comment
687/FL	44 Greenview Cresc	new roof/dormer/balcony	comment
1017/FL	18 Coldharbour Lane	demolition of conservatory + Extension	no comment
1046/FL	Trench Farmhouse Coldharbour La	double garage + log store	no comment
966/FL	Greencroft Nizels La	extension + chimney removal	no comment
831/FL	7 Birch Close	roof extension	no comment
1060/FL	The Oast Hse Hill View Rd	conversions to dwellings	comment
1061/LB	The Oast Hse Hill View Rd	conversions to dwellings	comment
1104/TNCA	Virgina Cott 24 Mount Pleasant	fell holly tree	comment
1079/LB	Trench Farmhouse Coldharbour Lane	double garage + log store	no comment
1097/FL	1 Selbys Cott Leigh Rd	extension/roof conversion	comment
865/FL	Durhams Farm Eggpie La	detached pool house	comment

## 6.4 War Memorial Maintenance

It was agreed that Me King should tidy the area even though KCC had yet to make contact regarding its maintenance.<sup>11</sup>

## 2009/05/07. Reports from representatives on outside bodies

7.1 **Parish Partnership Representative** – Mr Mountford had been unable to attend, but he would attend the next meeting in September.<sup>2</sup>

7.2 **Village Hall Representative.** The Annual Report and Accounts had been received. It was noted that they reported a loss on the year and a downturn in rentals. It was agreed to return these to the Charity Commission.\*

7.3 **Highways Coordinator**

7.3.1 **Spreadsheets for May** These were noted.

7.3.2 **Consideration of speed control in Philpots Lane following resurfacing.** It was felt that speed was a more general problem affecting all the minor roads used as 'rat runs' to the station as well as along the B245. It was agreed to write to KCC again asking stating that there should be a 30mph speed limit along the B245 and surrounding roads.\*

#### **2009/05/08. Correspondence**

##### **8.1 Correspondence requiring action not covered elsewhere**

8.1.1 Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2012 – Mrs Scally would look at this.<sup>20</sup>

8.1.2 Warners Client Survey – the clerk would respond.\*

8.1.3 Kember Loudon Williams Ltd – Housing Needs Survey. The Borough felt this proposal could replace that planned by them, but it was agreed the Parish Council would prefer an independent survey. The Borough Council would be informed of this and asked how they could ensure an unbiased survey given that it was sponsored by a developer.\*

8.1.4 KCC – Involvement in town and country planning consultation – Mr Nairne agreed to look at this.<sup>21</sup>

8.1.5 There was a proposal on the Agenda of the Joint Transportation Board to amend parking in Foxbush but it had not been possible to establish exactly how, KCC would be contacted on this matter.

##### **2009/05/09. Russet Homes – report on car park position**

A response to our suggestion of a meeting in the second half of June was still awaited.

##### **2009/05/10. Arrangements for visit to Blaise Farm**

Details would be sent to those attending and the clerk would arrange who was to provide transport, time etc.

##### **2009/05/11 OAB**

11.1 Mrs Woollett would write a short appreciation of Anita Fleming's contribution to the village to be incorporated in Centre Piece for July.<sup>3</sup>

11.2 Mr Barton would draft a piece for the Courier Hildenborough correspondent on the leisure and business update on the website.<sup>9</sup>

##### **2008/09/13 *The Council went into private session to discuss staff salaries.***

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

#### **Public Session**

A request was made on behalf of Hildenborough FC and the Round Table to use the Recreation Ground for a Charity event on behalf of Children's Wish.

A long standing resident of Philpots Lane expressed concern over the potential increased speed of cars using the Lane to the station following resurfacing in a few month's time. He said that traffic continues to increase along the road which regularly used by children and horse-riders and felt this was a safety issue. He asked the Council to consider what could be done about this issue.

Residents from Riding Lane expressed concern about the erection of the proposed youth shelter on the Recreation Ground. The chairman told them details of the proposed site and said that the youth group themselves would provide the funding and would also need to obtain planning permission from the Borough Council. The Residents agreed that this age group did need some provision but felt that a youth shelter without other associated activities would lead to further problems with noise late at night, bad language and vandalism. Many of the residents had young children and were bringing them up to respect others and their property and did not want them exposed to such bad behaviour and language. They also felt that large groups of youths were often intimidating to others. They asked the Parish Council to reconsider the location.

There was a large representation from the Youth Group and their leaders. They asked the Parish Council to consider providing space for a shelter to have a shelter for them to gather together and for other activities. They said there was little for them to do in the Village, apart from football and sit on swings provided for younger children. When it was raining they used bus shelters which they admitted may be intimidating to the general public. It was stated there was a big gap of facilities for this age group. They had the youth group but this only met once a week.

PCSO Toni Matthews requested that some Parish Councillors could meet with her to take the matter further and produce a workable solution to all. She said the Recreation Ground may not be the most suitable location but that should a cycle track be included it need not be exclusively for youth use as many younger children and adults enjoyed the challenge of cycle ramps.

PCSO Toni Matthews said there was a slight increase in the crime figures for the past month to 15 incidents. Among this was theft of number plates. There would be a Safer Number Plate event at the Hilden Golf Centre on 23 June. The police continued to have the Recreation Ground on their list to patrol late at night but visits were irregular.