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Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on
Thursday 13th June 2013

Open Forum: A Parishioner raised concerns about the large agricultural vehicles using Cabbage Lane. The concerns included the size of the vehicles and the speed that have been travelling and the damage being done to the verges. It was reported that it was a safety issue for residents, horse riders, pedestrians and other drivers. Although it was recognised that the farmer was entitled to drive vehicles along the lane to access the farm it was agreed that the Parish Council should write to him to ask that the contractors should reduce their speed and consider alternative routes.

17. Members present: Mrs J Wood (Chairman), Mrs A Clayton, C James, Mrs B Mann, S Hawkins & Mrs J Pyne.

Public present: F Jannoe & D Chapman (Clerk).

Apologies: W Candy & County / District Councillor W Wallace & District Councillor T Inglefield

18. Declarations of interest /dispensations: none.

19. Approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 9th May – Proposed by S Hawkins and seconded by C James. Passed unanimously.

20. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Clerk reported that the Highways Department had stated that they had exposed the gully tops by the Chicken farm in South Cheriton and that the chambers would be cleared.

21. Planning:

Applications: none

Determinations: none

1. Clerk reported that the SSDC Planning Department were investigating reports that a number of Parishioners had reported that services had been connected to the mobile living units at Woodside, South Cheriton.

22. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000882 £234.26 S Dunn – grass cutting at play area and bus shelter between 22nd April 2013 and 3rd June 2013.

000883 £35.00 Community Council for Somerset – subscription.

000884 £360.00 S Hawkins – grass cutting in large play area and Churchyard in May & June. 2013.

000885 £50.00 D Vanstone – audit of 2012 – 2013 accounts.

000886 £245.00 S P Collins – grass cutting and maintenance work at Cemetery and Village Hall in May 2013.

000887 £121.02 (including VAT) Otter Antique Restorers – reimbursement for the cost of materials for refurbishing the Parish notice board at the Primary School.

2. Money Received: Precept £10,956.74 for the closure of the account held with Santander & £90.00 from Mr & Mrs Jones for a cremation plot and monument.

3. The Audit Commission Annual Return for 2012 – 2013 was completed and signed.

4. Clerk reported that the money from the Santander account had been banked in the Lloyds current account and £15,000 would be put in a Lloyds short term deposit account to earn more interest. The short term deposit periods are 6 weeks.

23. Play Area:

1. Mrs B Mann reported that she had inspected the Play Area and that there were no issues to report.

24. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. S Hawkins reported that a number of scaffolding pipes had been left in the grass behind the Church and that he had damaged his equipment. **Clerk to write to Rev. Peter Hallett informing him that it would not be possible to cut the grass in this area of the churchyard until the roofing repairs had been completed and the scaffolding pipes removed.**

2. It was agreed that S Hawkins could cut back the small branches of the yew trees in the Church yard to help the mowing and for safety reasons as they were affecting people walking up the path to the Church.

3. Chairman reported that Steve Collins had scarified the moss in the Cemetery.

25. Horse Pond: nothing to report.

26. Footpaths:

1. Clerk reported that a Parishioner had reported that the footpath from the from the A357 and coming out near the primary school had been blocked on at the A357 end. Councillors were not aware of this. Mrs B Mann offered to check this and report back.
2. Mrs J Pyne reported that Eve Wynn from the Footpaths Department was dealing with the marker on the bridleway to Templecombe.
3. Mrs B Mann reported that she had received very positive feedback about the metal gates that Mr Colebatch had installed on his footpaths.
4. S Hawkins, Mrs A Clayton and Mrs B Mann offered to investigate the footpath over a field off Cabbage Lane that had been ploughed up to see if had been reinstated.

27. Newsletter:

1. It was suggested that an item could appear in the newsletter about the complaints that had been received regarding the large agricultural equipment using the narrow lanes in the Parish and the effect on dog walkers, horse riders and residents.

28. Highways Issues:

1. **Cabbage Lane** – As well as the discussions under ‘Open Forum’ a letter of complaint from a resident of Cabbage Lane was circulated and discussed. **Clerk to write to the farmer.**
2. **Goathill Lane** – The erection of a fence enclosing a length of verge along the lane was discussed. Although the Highways Department had reported that the verge was not common land and not maintainable by them Councillors felt strongly that land owners should not be allowed to fence off verges along side road and incorporate the verges into their land. It was felt that this could set a dangerous precedent.

29. Correspondence:

1. Somerset Crane Chronicle – Newsletter – **noted.**
2. Avon & Somerset Probation Service – Community Payback Scheme – **noted.**
3. Yeovil District Hospital – Newsletter – **noted.**
4. Hastoe Housing Association – Vacancy at White Cat Cottages – **noted.**
5. South Somerset Together – Invitation to Annual Meeting – **taken by Mrs J Wood.**
6. Somerset Waste Partnership – Newsletter – **noted.**
7. Chief Superintendent, Yeovil Police Station – Newsletter – **noted.**

30. Any other business of importance:

1. C James suggested that a defibrillator could be installed in the telephone box in Horsington. Councillors agreed that it was a good idea and asked Mr James to find out more information.
2. C James reported that the Parish notice board near the school had been refurbished and re erected.

Meeting Closed at 9:40pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 11th July 2013.