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Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on
Thursday 9th May 2013

Open Forum: none.

1. **Election of Chairman** – Mrs J Wood was proposed by S Hawkins and seconded by C James. Passed unanimously.

2. **Election of Vice Chairman** – C James was proposed by S Hawkins and seconded by Mrs J Wood. Passed unanimously.

3. **Members present:** Mrs J Wood (Chairman), W Candy, C James, S Hawkins & Mrs J Pyne.

Public present: D Chapman (Clerk).

Apologies: Mrs A Clayton, Mrs B Mann, County / District Councillor W Wallace & District Councillor T Inglefield

4. **Declarations of interest /dispensations:** none.

5. **To approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 11th April** – Proposed by S Hawkins and seconded by C James. Passed unanimously.

6. **Matters arising from previous minutes:**

1. Clerk reported that Eve Wynn had met Mr McCreey regarding the problem in Cabbage Lane and would install a sleeper and a handrail.

2. S Hawkins reported that he had cut back the verges by the Platy Area. C James offered to remove some of the old branches.

7. **Confirm members of sub committees:**

Burial Committee – as last year - Chairman, C James, Mrs J Pyne and S Hawkins.

Play Area Committee – as last year - Chairman, C James and S Hawkins.

8. **Planning:**

Applications:

1. 12/04445/FUL - APP/R3325/A/13/21933993 Land OS 4250, 0080 & 7700 SW of A371 Holbrook, Wincanton – construction of a 15MW photovoltaic park with associated PV equipment – appeal against refusal of planning application - **Councillors had no further comments to make.**

Determinations:

1. 13/00761/FUL - Mr & Mrs D & A Clayton, Land Behind Lower Bank, Behind Hayes, South Cheriton – construction of a detached dwelling with garage and parking – granted – **noted.**

Other:

1. It was reported that a number of Parishioners had reported that services had been connected to the mobile living units at Woodside, South Cheriton. **Clerk to contact the SSDC Planning Department to check whether permission was needed and, if so, whether it had been granted.**

2. It was also reported that a number of Parishioners had raised concerns about the works being carried out on the extension to a property in Cabbage Lane. **It was agreed that planning permission had been granted for the extension and any concerns were a matter for the SSDC Building Inspector.**

9. **Finance:**

1. Cheques authorised:

000877 £422.66 D Chapman – Clerk's fees and expenses April – June 2013.

000878 £82.20 H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE on Clerk's fees.

000879 £888.49 Broker Network Ltd – insurance 2013 – 2014.

000880 £220.00 S Hawkins – grass cutting at large Play Area and Church yard April 2013.

000881 £210.00 S P Collins – grass cutting and maintenance work at Cemetery.

2. Money Received: Precept £9,373.00 & VAT recovery for 2012/2013 £488.75.

3. Review of Internal Controls – the controls were reviewed and agreed and signed.

4. Clerk reported that the Santander account was now only paying 0.1% but that Lloyds, where the main account was held, was offering 0.5% for 6 weeks notice on balances above £10,000. It was agreed to close the Santander account and pay that money into the Lloyds account.

10. **Play Area:** nothing to report.

11. **Cemetery / Churchyard:**

1. C James offered to repair the paths in the Cemetery.

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.

12. Horse Pond: nothing to report.

13. Footpaths:

1. Mrs J Pyne reported that the Footpaths Department were intending to keep the path Hanglands Lane clear.

14. Newsletter: nothing to report.

15. Correspondence:

1. Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner – Policing Plan – **noted.**
2. P Colebatch - footpaths – **it was agreed to keep a look out for any one cutting fences.**
3. Somerset County Council – Speed Indicator Device Results – **the results were noted and it was agreed that the most suitable place for a device on the A357 towards Templecombe was the horse rider sign just before the dip in Horsington.**
4. South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau – Thank you letter for donation – **noted.**
5. Somerset Waste Partnership - Newsletter – **noted.**

16. Any other business of importance:

1. Mrs J Pyne reported that the Highways Department had cleared the drains in Marsh Lane but that two drains outside the chicken farm had been missed. It was agreed that the workmen should talk to Mr Hitchman so that he could point out the exact locations. Clerk to contact the Highways Department.
2. It was reported that a Councillor had been asked about the trees being cut down in a field on the A357 and whether a planning application has been submitted. It was noted that the Parish Council was not aware of any current planning applications for the site.

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 13th June 2013.