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Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on
Thursday 12th December 2013

Open Forum: none.

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

Public present: D Chapman (Clerk).

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

101. Declarations of interest /dispensations: none.

102. Approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 14th November – Proposed by Mrs J Pyne and seconded by C James. Passed unanimously.

103. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Clerk reported that the SSDC Dog Warden had replied to a request for 'no fouling' signs along Cabbage Lane but had said that she would visit the area and erect signs herself. Councillors thought that some signs should be sent to the Parish Council to put up. **Clerk to contact the Dog Warden again.**

104. Planning:

Applications:

1. 13/04791/R3C Horsington Church of England Primary School – retention of temporary building E737 (TD) following expiry of previous permission 05/02020/R3C – **no objections.**

Determinations: none

Other:

1. 13/03506/FUL Clerk confirmed that the SSDC Planning Department had reported that the Development Manager had visited the site in July 2012 and considered that the physical works to the building were mainly repairs and improvements that did not require planning permission.

105. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000904 £64.00 Society of Local Council Clerks – subscription 2014.

000905 £1,260.00 Community Heartbeat Trust – part payment for defibrillator from money raised and including £100 donated by Mrs Wood in lieu of her annual Chairman's allowance.

2. Money Received: £50.00 for monument on grave G22 R Vincent.

106. Play Area:

1. Mrs B Mann reported that she had inspected the play area and there were no faults.

2. Chairman reported that she had received a request for play equipment suitable for younger children. **It was agreed that play equipment was very expensive but that the Clerk should check whether the County or District Council could provide any grants.**

107. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. Chairman reported that the hedge on the right hand side and some trees would be cut soon.

108. Horse Pond:

1. W Candy reported that there was a lot of duck weed on the surface of the water. It was agreed that this should be washed away with the next heavy rain. W Candy thought that opening the sluice gates would help clear the weed.

2. C James reported that the No Parking sign on the tree by the bridge by the Horse Pond was missing. S Hawkins offered to produce and put up another one.

109. Footpaths:

1. S Hawkins reported that he would do some more maintenance on the paths in the Cabbage Lane area over winter.

110. Newsletter:

1. Various items for inclusion in the February edition were discussed including the Chairman's note about dog fouling in the Play Area, a request for children's books to go in the telephone box in South Cheriton and a notice advertising a meeting about the defibrillator.

111. Defibrillator:

1. C James reported that he was trying to arrange for the Ambulance Service to do a demonstration but, they had not responded to his requests, he would ask Dr Jones or Dr Beech.

2. It was also reported that John Sansom had plans for a 'Jack in the Green' style fund raising event in April 2014.

112. Correspondence:

1. Somerset Waste Partnership – Newsletter – **noted.**
2. Horsington Church of England Primary School – Conversion to academy – **noted.**
3. Community Council for Somerset – Vacancies – **noted.**
4. Somerset Waste Partnership – Refuse Collection Dates at Christmas & New Year – **noted.**
5. SSDC - Town & Parish Annual Meeting – **Clerk reported that 2 places had been provisionally booked.**
6. South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau – Funding Request – **noted.**
7. SSDC – Proposed Modifications to South Somerset District Local Plan – **noted.**

113. Any other business of importance:

1. Clerk reported that a request had been made from a lady living in Foxcombe Lane about photographs of the site before it was developed. S Hawkins offered to ask his colleagues at Thales.
2. S Hawkins reported that he had submitted a planning application to build an agricultural store at his property - **noted.**
3. The procedure for public participation at Parish Council meetings was discussed. **It was confirmed that, if any members of the public were in attendance, they were informed about the rules at the time. It was agreed the item currently shown on the agenda as 'Open Forum' should be changed to 'Public Forum'.**

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 9th January 2014