

**Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on
Thursday 14th February 2013**

Open Forum: County / District Councillor W Wallace reported that the amount that Somerset County Council had available for repairing roads had been increased.

Problems along Hull Lane were discussed. The problems with flooding along Marsh Lane, caused by blocked ditches and gullies, were also discussed. Councillor Wallace offered to contact the Highways Department. Concerns were also raised about a number of issues including the damage to verges being caused by large farm machinery travelling up Cabbage Lane.

121. Members present: Mrs J Wood (Chairman), Mrs A Clayton (arrived at 8pm), Mrs B Mann, Mrs J Pyne, S Hawkins & D Chapman (Clerk).

Public present: County / District Councillor W Wallace.

Apologies: C James, W Candy & District Councillor T Inglefield.

122. Declaration of Interest / Dispensations: none.

123. To approve as a correct record of meeting held on 10th January - Proposed by Mrs J Pyne and seconded by Mrs B Mann. Passed unanimously.

124. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Clerk reported that a reply had been received from the Head of Planning at SSDC stating that the garage being built in the garden of a bungalow at South Cheriton did not require planning permission as it was covered under the 'permitted development' rules.

125. Planning:

Applications:

1. 13/00348/FUL Mr & Mrs J Burney, Woodside, South Cheriton – erection of a garage / plant room. **Councillors had no objections in principle to the erection of a garage but felt that the design was not in keeping with the area as the proposed building was too high. It was reported that the Parish Council was still receiving complaints from Parishioners about the design of the main house.**

Determinations: none.

Other: none.

126. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000869 £370.04 D Chapman – Clerk's fees and expenses January – March 2013.

000870 £73.20 H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE on Clerk's fees.

2. Money Received: £75.00 internment in grave 154 (Michael Honeysett).

3. Precept 2013 - 2014 – Clerk reported that the final figures issued by SSDC were as discussed at the last meeting and so the precept charge for Council tax would remain at be £9,500.

127. Play Area:

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

128. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. Chairman reported that one of the hedges had not been cut on one side due to the poor weather and would be done when the land became drier.

2. Chairman reported that work would need to be done on the gable at the Chapel.

3. The problems caused by rabbits at the Church Yard and Cemetery were discussed.

129. Horse Pond: It was noted that the pond was looking nice.

130. Footpaths:

1. It was reported that a number of new faults had appeared on the website and that Eve Wynn had been around recently.

2. It was reported that a Parishioner had offered to repair a broken stile at the footpath near Townsend, Marsh Lane. It was agreed that it would be alright for him for him to make the repairs.

131. Newsletter:

1. Mrs A Clayton reported that there would not be a report from the Parish Council in the latest edition. Future topics were discussed including and the precept being held at the same amount for another year and a note of thanks to everyone who had helped with the footpaths over the years including John Cross.

132. Correspondence:

1. SSDC – Area East Bulletin – **noted.**
2. Yeovil District Hospital – Newsletter – **noted.**
3. Connecting Devon & Somerset Broadband – Update – **noted.**
4. SSDC – Submission of South Somerset Local Plan 2006 - 2028 – **Clerk to find the cost of purchasing a hard copy.**
5. South Western Ambulance Service – Newsletter – **noted.**
6. SSDC – Annual Playground Inspection Offer – **It was agreed to use this service again for 2013.**
7. SSDC County Wide Review of recent flooding events – **noted.**
8. SSVCA – Funding Request – **Councillors agreed not to contribute.**
9. S Baker – Footpath at Horsington Church – **noted but it was felt that, due to the recent wet weather, all footpaths in the area were muddy. It was also reported that the path was owned by the adjacent landowner.**
10. C Bailward – Posting of Minutes and Agendas on the internet – **it was agreed that the Village Hall website was the best place to post these documents. It was agreed that the agendas should be sent and that the minutes should be sent after they had been agreed at the monthly Parish Council meetings.**
11. Somerset Waste Partnership – Newsletter – **noted.**

133. Any other business of importance: none.

Meeting Closed at 9:10pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 14th March 2013.