

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

Open Forum: County / District Councillor W Wallace reported he was having problems in securing funds for the defibrillator from Somerset County Council's Health and Wellbeing fund but that he hoped that some money would be available around March / April. Councillor Wallace also reported that he was confident that funds were available for laying tarmac at the school car park and painting white lines.

N Grace questioned whether the marking parking bays in the car park was cost effective. Councillor Wallace stated a safety audit would need to be done by Somerset County Council. Chairman stated that the Parish Council had already made the decision, partly after talking to the police, to have the parking bays marked. However the Parish Council was always open to suggestions to improve the situation at the school. Councillor Wallace stated a safety audit would need to be done by Somerset County Council.

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

Public present: County / District Councillor W Wallace, N Grace & D Chapman (Clerk).

Apologies: W Candy & District Councillor T Inglefield.

87. Declarations of interest /dispensations: none.

88. Approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 10th October – Proposed by S Hawkins and seconded by Mrs A Clayton. Passed unanimously.

89. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Clerk reported that the SSDC Dog Warden had visited the play area and saw someone with a dog running loose. She put up some 'no fouling' signs on the approaches to the play area but could not put them on the fences because there were already 'no dogs' signs. Chairman read out a notice, regarding dog fouling, and it was agreed it should be included in the next edition of the Villager newsletter.

2. It was reported that there was a problem with dog fouling in Cabbage Lane. Clerk to obtain some signs from SSDC Dog Warden.

90. Planning:

Applications:

1. 13/03506/FUL Stowell Hill Partners, Throop Farm, Horsington – conversion of barn to dwelling and erection of garage / log store – Amended Plans. **Clerk reported that the SSDC Planning Department had stated that the work done to the barn in 2012 did not need planning permission. Councillors wanted to know the reasons for that decision. Concerns were raised that the proposed work, together with the work already done, would spoil the character of the original barn. Following discussions a vote was taken resulting in one Councillor strongly objecting, one Councillor abstaining and four Councillors not objecting.**

S Hawkins left the meeting at 8.30pm.

Determinations:

1. 12/03277/OUT – APP/R3325/A/13/2196919 Mead Realisation Ltd, Land at Slades Hill, Templecombe (Adjacent Parish) Outline application for mixed use development comprising of up to 100 dwellings, retail unit, employment area, community building, area for potential school expansion, public open space, allotments together with new access – **Appeal Allowed for 75 dwellings – Councillor W Wallace reports that SSDC were applying for the appeal decision to be taken to a Judicial Review – noted.**

2. 13/03920/FUL Mrs G Miles, Freshford, Lower Lodge Road, Horsington – erection of glass green house at rear / side of building – **noted.**

Other: none.

91. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000900 £343.20 S Dunn – grass cutting at the small play area between June and October 2013.

000901 £73.20 HMRC – PAYE on Clerk's fees October – December 2013

000902 £378.29 D Chapman – Clerk's fees and expenses October – December 2013-11-24

000903 £182.00 S P Collins – mowing and strimming at Cemetery during October.

2. Money Received: £50.00 for monument on the Honeysett grave. £160.00 for donations and fund

raising towards the cost of the defibrillator.

92. Play Area:

1. Mrs B Mann reported that she had inspected the play area and there were no faults.
3. Mrs B Mann reported that a metal tube had been wedged on the gates. Chairman offered to check.

93. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. Chairman reported that the hedge on the right had side and some trees would need attention.

94. Horse Pond: nothing to report.

95. Footpaths: nothing to report.

96. Newsletter:

1. Mrs A Clayton gave details of what would be appearing in the next edition including control of dogs and problems with dog fouling. It was agreed that the Chairman's note about dog fouling in the Play Area should be included in the next edition.

97. Proposed Defibrillator:

1. C James reported that a further £160.00 had been raised by donations and fund raising.
2. It was agreed that if County Councillor W Wallace could not obtain funding some other forms of fund raising would be needed. It was thought that John Sansom had some plans for something in April 2014.
3. C James reported that he was trying to set up a demonstration from the Ambulance Service. It was agreed that a leaflet drop should be done, possibly with the village newsletter. Mrs B Mann suggested that leaflets could also be handed out with the Blackmore Vale Magazine at the Half Moon.

98. Correspondence:

1. Somerset Waste Partnership – Newsletter – **noted.**
2. SSDC – Area East Bulletin – **noted.**
3. Horsington Primary School – Conversion to Academy – **noted.**
4. CFBS – High Speed Broadband in Rural Areas – Clerk reported that a company had been in contact regarding the provision of solutions for slow broadband speeds but that further information was awaited - **noted.**
5. Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner - Newsletter – **noted.**
6. The Somerset Crane Chronicle – Newsletter – **noted.**

99. Any other business of importance:

1. It was reported that de-icing material would be available to collect from the Highways Department in Yeovil. Chairman stated that Steve Collins would collect it on behalf of the Parish Council. C James offered to spread the salt near the Horse Pond, for people walking to the Church, when needed.
2. It was reported that a caravan had been left on the Marsh. It was also reported that a fairly local person was occasionally living in the caravan but that they were looking for somewhere more permanent to live. Chairman reported that the District Council had been informed.

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 12th December 2013.