

**DRAFT**  
**Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on**  
**Thursday 10th October 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 was still trying to argue the case. He reported that limited were funds available for road safety schemes. Options to make children waiting for the bus at Horsington Dip were discussed and it was thought that planting shrubs to stop them standing in the most dangerous places may be the best option.

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

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

**Apologies:** C James & District Councillor T Inglefield.

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

**74. Approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September** – Proposed by S Hawkins and seconded by Mrs B Mann. Passed unanimously.

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

1. S Hawkins reported that he had painted the picnic bench.
2. Clerk reported that the Churchwardens had been warned that some strangers had been seen around the Churchyard but they were confident that the oil could not be stolen.
3. Clerk reported that the Churchwardens were not aware of any topping stones missing from the Church wall. S Hawkins thought that the first three stones on the car park side were missing.
4. Clerk reported that a letter regarding the issues at the primary school had been sent to the Education Department and the Head Teacher and that when a representative from the Highways Department visited they reported that they had not encountered any problems. It was agreed that there were still problems and if lines were painted in the car park more cars could park and this would reduce the number of cars parking in the road. It was agreed that Tarmac would have to be laid in the car park for the lines to be painted. County Councillor W Wallace reported that, as this was a safety issue, he may be able to obtain funds for the work. Mrs Mann offered to get an idea of the price for the works from a contractor who recently laid Tarmac at the Half Moon public house. A gap in the car park wall allowing pedestrian access from the car park to the school entrance was also thought to be a good idea.

**76. Planning:**

**Applications:**

1. 13/03506/FUL Stowell Hill Partners, Throop Farm , Horsington – conversion of barn to dwelling and erection of garage / log store – **Councillors noted that the SSDC Conservation Officer had strong concerns about the work that already been done and the proposed further works, and agreed with his concerns. Councillors felt that the barn would not be in keeping and that the original character of the barn would be destroyed. Some Councillors considered it to be a partly retrospective application because of the work done in 2012. It was noted that the Parish Council questioned this work with SSDC Planning Department in 2012 but were told that planning permission was not required at the time. The photographs of the barn supplied with the application were felt to be misleading as they did not show the full extent of the work already carried out.**
2. 13/03920/FUL Mrs G Miles, Freshford, Lower Lodge Road, Horsington – erection of glass green house at rear / side of building – **no objections.**
3. 13/03920/DPO Mr & Mrs G Taylor, Feltham Farm, Marshbarn Farm Lane, Horsington – discharge of planning obligation to amend Section 52 Agreement dated 11/01/1988 – **Councillors considered that no sufficient reason had been put forward to justify the removal of the agricultural tie on the property.**

**Determinations:**

1. 12/04445/FUL & APP/R3325/A/13/2133993 Solar Park Generation Ltd, Land OS4250, 0080 and 7700 SW of A371 Holbrook, Wincanton – construction of a 15MW photovoltaic park with associated PV equipment – Granted on appeal – **noted.**

**Other: none.**

**77. Finance:**

1. Cheques authorised:

000898 £270.00 S Hawkins – mowing and strimming at the large play area, church yard and memorial during September and October.

000899 £275.00 S P Collins – mowing, strimming and hedge cutting at Cemetery during August and September and digging grave.

2. Money Received: £80.00 from MR D Sanger for the interment of ashes in grave G6.

3. Clerk reported that he had attended a meeting at SSDC and that, as with last year, there would be a shortfall in funding from Central Government that would mean that either the Parish Council would receive less money or that the precept would need to be raised to meet the shortfall. Last year this was £127 but the exact figure for this year would not be known until December.

4. The Clerk issued a copy of the accounts up to September 2013. It was agreed that Councillors would review them and raise any questions at the next meeting.

**78. Play Area:**

1. The report from SSDC on the quarterly play area inspection was reviewed and its contents were noted.

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

3. Mrs B Mann reported that a Parishioner had complained about dogs fouling the play area and a path approaching it. Clerk to inform the Dog Warden at SSDC and obtain some posters.

**79. Cemetery / Churchyard:** nothing to report

**80. Horse Pond:** nothing to report.

**81. Footpaths:**

1. S Hawkins reported that he had done some maintenance on a path leading from Cabbage Lane.

2. Mrs J Pyne reported that a ditch had been dug across a footpath near Maltkiln. It was thought that this may now have been resolved but Mrs Pyne would check.

**82. Newsletter:**

1. Items for inclusion in the next edition were discussed including the speed of traffic driving through the villages, problems with dogs fouling in various locations, the need for volunteers for clearing footpaths and a warning about dogs and buzzards in the area being poisoned.

**83. Proposed Defibrillator:**

1. Clerk reported that the Chairman had offered not to take her annual allowance of expenses for £100 and donate the money to the fund.

2. Clerk reported that Mr James had received some more donations.

3. It was agreed that if County Councillor W Wallace could not obtain funding some other forms of fund raising would be needed.

**84. Correspondence:**

1. Mrs J Jones – St John’s Church notice board – Clerk reported that Mrs Jones had been able to find a notice board that met the Parish Council’s requirements.

2. Somerset Waste Partnership – Newsletter – **noted.**

3. Community Justice Panel – Funding Request – **it was agreed the Parish Council would not donate money to this scheme.**

4. Connecting Devon & Somerset Broadband – Update - **noted.**

5. Somerset County Council – Invitation to Local Choices Event – **noted.**

**71. Any other business of importance:**

1. A Councillor reported that the driver of a tractor driving too fast down Cabbage Lane was stopped and asked to slow down. It was reported that vehicles wider than 2.65 metres should not exceed 20mph along that lane. The Councillor would try and measure the vehicle and its trailer to see if either of them exceeded this width.

2. It was reported that there had been an incident of Huskies attacking sheep. It was thought that they should be muzzled.

3. It was also reported that dogs and buzzards in the area had been found poisoned. It was thought that this was probably caused by slug pellets but not a time or place where such pellets would normally be used.

**Meeting Closed at 9:40pm**

**Date of next meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013.**