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

Open Forum: none.

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

Public present: D Chapman (Clerk).

Apologies: Mrs J Pyne, County / District Councillor W Wallace, District Councillor T Inglefield & PCSO John Winfield, who attended the meeting but was called away before it started.

59. Declarations of interest /dispensations: none.

60. Approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 8th August – Proposed by S Hawkins and seconded by C James. Passed unanimously.

61. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Clerk reported that Colin Fletcher at Somerset County Council was investigating the verge that has been fenced off in Hull Lane.

2. Clerk reported that Eve Wynn from the Footpaths Department would investigate the footpath in leading from Cabbage Lane that was overgrown. S Hawkins reported that some of the vegetation had been cut back but there was still further work to be done.

62. Planning:

Applications:

1. 13/03116/OUT Mead Realisation Ltd, Land at Slades Hill, Templecombe – mixed development comprising up to 75 dwellings, B1, a, b & c employment, D1 multi use community building and associated development – adjacent Parish – **The principle of development was not opposed but there were concerns raised about the increase in traffic and access and egress from the site. There were also concerns that the current problems with parking, particularly around the station would be exacerbated.**

Determinations: none

Other: none.

63. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000894 £120.00 Grant Thornton – External auditors' fees for 2012/13 accounts.

000895 £56.40 South Somerset District Council – fee for annual play area inspection report.

000896 £203.00 C James – cutting the brook and repair work to path at the cemetery.

000897 £270.00 S Hawkins – mowing and strimming at the large play area, church yard and memorial and trimming yew trees at church yard.

2. Money Received: £750.00 from SSDC towards the defibrillator. C James also handed the Clerk cheques amounting to £250.00 as private donations towards the defibrillator.

3. Clerk reported that Grant Thornton had signed off the accounts for 2012 – 2013 and that the necessary close of audit notices had been placed on the Parish notice boards.

64. Play Area:

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

2. S Hawkins reported that the picnic bench will need staining to prevent them from rotting. It was agreed that he should go ahead and do the work.

65. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. S Hawkins reported that the yew trees had been trimmed. He also reported that he had seen some suspicious people in the Church yard. It was agreed that the Clerk should inform the Churchwardens.

2. S Hawkins reported that some of the coping stones on the boundary wall were missing. Clerk to ask the Churchwardens if they knew where they had gone.

3. Chairman reported that some ashes were being interred in an existing grave on 13th September.

66. Horse Pond: nothing to report.

67. Footpaths:

1. It was reported that the entrance to footpath that leads from the A357 was overgrown.

68. Newsletter:

1. Clerk reported that Mrs Malting was writing an article about the War memorial near the School and had asked to look at the old Parish Council minutes for background information.

69. Proposed Defibrillator:

1. C James reported that, with the grant form SSDC and promised private donations, around £1,200.00 had been raised so far. He also reported that it was hoped that County / District Councillor W Wallace would be able to provide funding but that this was yet to be confirmed.

2. Mr James handed the Clerk two cheques totalling £250.00 for donations received.

70. Correspondence:

1. SSDC – Empty Property Update – **noted.**

2. South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau – Annual Public Meeting – **noted.**

3. Mrs J Jones – St John’s Church notice board – **a request for a notice board was discussed but Councillors considered that the suggested size was too large and would be out of keeping with the area. It was agreed that a notice board large enough to accommodate 2 A4 sheets side by side would be acceptable.**

4. Mrs A Jones – St John’s Church boundary wall – **It was agreed that the wall was not in any imminent danger but that it was included in the future budget. Clerk reported that a revised quote had been received from the builder who had submitted a quote.**

5. SSDC – Area East Bulletin – **noted.**

6. SSDC – South Somerset Together 2013 Assembly – **noted.**

71. Any other business of importance:

1. It was reported that there had been problems with members of the public encountering problems when driving past the school. **Clerk to write to the Education Authority at Somerset County Council and send a copy to Mr Rumbelow, the Head Teacher.**

Meeting Closed at 9:00pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 10th October 2013.