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Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on
Thursday 8th January 2015

Public Forum: County / District Councillor W Wallace stated that he had nothing new to report.

111. Members present: Mrs J Wood (Chairman), Mrs J Pyne, Mrs A Clayton (from 8:10pm), I Snowden, S Hawkins & Mrs B Mann.

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

Apologies: R Cotes James & District Councillor T Inglefield.

112. Declarations of interest /dispensations: none.

113. To approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 11th December – proposed by Mrs J Pyne and seconded by Mrs B Mann.

114. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Clerk reported that the Highways Department had checked the boulders outside a property in Cabbage Lane and had decided that they were illegal. The Highways Department would write to the owners of the property.

2. S Hawkins gave the Clerk laminated copies of the Footpaths map to be put on the notice boards and will provide an electronic copy that could be posted on the Parish Council page of the Village Hall website.

115. Planning:

Applications:

1. 14/05472/FUL Land at Sutor Farm, West of Moor Lane, Wincanton – Construction of a 9.3 hectare solar park with associated works – **two Councillors had no objections, one abstained and two were opposed to the scheme. The Councillors who objected felt that it would be detrimental to the visual amenities in the area and questioned the need for another solar park, that would use more agricultural land, so close to two other solar parks recently built.**

Determinations: none

Other:

1. Clerk reported that the SSDC Planning Department were checking whether the recent development at a property in Cabbage Lane required planning permission.

116. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000951 £15.00 Somerset Playing Fields Association – subscription.

000952 £100.00 Mrs J Wood – Chairman's annual allowance.

000953 £105.00 S P Collins – cutting of grass and strimming at the Cemetery for November and December.

2. Money Received: none.

3. Review Accounts & Agree Budget / Precept 2015 / 2016 - Councillors reviewed income and expenditure to date and the forecast for the remainder of the financial year. It was reported that central government funding had not changed significantly from last year. It was agreed to set a precept of £9,480 which would mean no increase in the Parish Council element of Council Tax for 2015 / 2016.

4. Clerk reported that the Parish Council could earn interest on their money by transferring balances to a 'High Interest' account within Lloyds Bank, where the current account is held. A letter authorising the transfer of £10,000 for 6 weeks was signed by two authorised signatories.

117. Play Area:

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

118. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. Chairman reported that there was a lot of moss in the cemetery.

2. Chairman reported that the hedge bordering the field would be cut when the weather permitted.

119. Horse Pond:

1. Clerk reported that Westree had confirmed their quote of £340.00 for planting a replacement tree. It was also confirmed that Westree had been asked to do the work and liaise with I Snowden.

120. Footpaths: nothing to report.

121. Newsletter:

1. Various items for the next issue were discussed including the replacement of the tree at the pond and the footpaths maps being put on the notice boards and the Parish Council page of the Village Hall website.

122. Correspondence:

1. SSDC Health & Wellbeing – Newsletter – **noted.**
2. Somerset Community Foundation - Newsletter – **noted.**
3. Robin Mann Mobile Grocer Update – **It was reported that the mobile grocer would be stopping in Horsington and South Cheriton from 5th January onwards but it was not clear what days he would be attending.**
4. Mr P Colebatch – thank you letter for peppercorn rent for land at Village Hall – **noted.**

123. Any other business of importance:

1. Clerk reported that the Wincanton Sports Centre was now run by a private company. It was agreed that the Parish Council would no longer include this project in its' annual donations.

Meeting Closed at 8:40pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 12th February 2015.