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Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on
Thursday 12th March 2015

Public Forum: District Councillor T Inglefield reported that the Local Plan would be adopted on 6th March 2015. He also reported that the SSDC precept would not be increased for the 2015 / 2016 financial year and that the Fire Authority charge would increase by 1.99%.

124. Members present: Mrs J Wood (Chairman), R Cotes James, Mrs J Pyne, Mrs A Clayton (part of meeting), I Snowden & Mrs B Mann.

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

Apologies: S Hawkins & District Councillor T Inglefield.

125. Declarations of interest /dispensations: none.

126. To approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 12th February – proposed by R Cotes James and seconded by I Snowden.

127. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. It was reported that the pot holes where the road met the car park at the school had been repaired. It was agreed that the holes in the car park itself would be repaired as soon as possible.

128. Planning:

Applications:

1. 15/00866/FUL Mr I Skinner, Pumpkin Cottage, Cabbage Lane, Horsington – extension and refurbishment of existing garage/carport to provide additional ancillary residential accommodation incidental to the enjoyment of the main dwelling together with a small extension to residential – **Councillors noted that, if permission was granted, the applicants would enter into a legal agreement with SSDC not to sell the ancillary accommodation separately. Councillors still thought that the proposal was over development of the site as cited by SSDC when planning application 14/02405/FUL was refused in July 2014.**

Determinations: none.

Other:

1. 15/00421/AGN Goat Hill Farm, South Cheriton – Notification of intent to erect an agricultural building for housing cattle – planning permission is required – **noted.**

Mrs A Clayton joined the meeting at 8:15.

129. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000956 £25.00 Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance – donation.

000957 £25.00 South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau – donation.

000958 £25.00 Wincanton Community Venture – donation.

2. Money Received: none.

130. Play Area:

1. Mrs B Mann reported that she had checked the area and there were no problems.
2. It was agreed that to accept the SSDC offer to perform the annual play area inspection & risk assessment report for at a cost of £48.00 plus VAT.
3. It was agreed that some of the play area equipment would need painting. Councillors offered to help S Hawkins. Clerk to check with SSDC what paint could be used.

131. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. Chairman reported that some trees in the cemetery may need attention.
2. I Snowden reported that frost had affected the mortar on the wall at the Church yard but that minimal work was required to remedy the situation. Mrs Mann reported that she had spoken to Mr Hodges. Clerk to write to Mr Hodges.

132. Horse Pond:

1. I Snowden reported that the new tree had been planted.
2. I Snowden reported that a heavy tree stump had been left by the person (Mr Crabb) who had felled the holme oak. It was agreed that Mr Snowden would contact Mr Crabb.

133. Footpaths: nothing to report.

134. Newsletter:

1. Various items for the next issue were discussed including the replacement of the tree at the pond.

135. Correspondence:

1. The Pension Regulator – Auto Enrolment – **noted.**
2. SSDC – New Leisure & Youth Strategy for South Somerset – **noted.**
3. St John Ambulance – Request for Funding – **It was agreed that the Parish Council would not donate.**
4. Somerset Community Foundation - Newsletter – **noted.**
5. Community Council for Somerset – Newsletter – **noted.**
6. Somerset County Council – Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan – **noted.**
7. Lloyds Bank – Revised Opening Times at Wincanton Branch – **noted.**
8. Somerset County Council – Temporary Closure of A357 in Templecombe from 27th April 2015 – **noted.**
9. C James – Hedge Cutting – It was reported that the hedge along the road from the village hall car park was overgrown and needed cutting back – **Clerk to contact the Highways Department and the landowner.**

136. Any other business of importance: none.

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 9th April 2015 following the Annual Parish Meeting.