

## **DRAFT**

### **Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on Thursday 13th August 2015**

**Public Forum:** New Councillors C James and M Tucker signed their acceptance of office forms. The Chairman welcomed them to the Parish Council.

**46. Members present:** Mrs J Pyne (Chairman), I Snowden, Mrs B Mann, C James, M Tucker & S Hawkins.

**Public present:** District Councillor T Inglefield & D Chapman (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Mrs A Clayton & County / District Councillor W Wallace.

**47. Declarations of interest /dispensations: None.**

**48. To approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July** – District Councillor T Inglefield reported that under Matters Arising 35.3 the minutes stated that he was not allowed to tell the Council the contents of the report regarding the hedge but that the situation was that he was not prepared to reveal the contents as it was still a Police matter. The minutes were amended to reflect this. The minutes were then proposed by S Hawkins and seconded by I Snowden.

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

1. Chairman reported that Mr Cartwright from Natural England had sent a map and asked her to mark the hedges that had been cut by Mr & Mrs Colebatch.
2. District Councillor T Inglefield reported that he had not heard back from David Pepper at Avon & Somerset Police regarding the hedges.
3. It was reported that a Mr Colebatch had cut the inside of a number of hedges in August. It was agreed that, if the landowner had applied for the relevant licences, this was allowed.

**50. Planning: Applications: None**

**Determinations:**

1. 15/02712/S73 Mr & Mrs P J & M Phillips, New Park Farm, Marsh Lane, Horsington – Section 73 application to remove conditions 2 & 3 of planning approval 14/02810/FUL dated 12/05/2015 to allow the use of stone instead of externally cladding the building in concrete work – **granted – noted.**

**Other: None.**

**51. Finance:**

**1. Cheques authorised:**

000975 £57.60 South Somerset District Council – annual play area inspection.

000976 £395.28 D Chapman – Clerk's fees and expenses July – September 2015.

000977 £70.60 HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE on Clerk's fees July – September 2015.

000978 £270.00 S Hawkins £270.00 grass cutting at large play area, church yard and memorial during July 2015.

000979 £298.00 S Hawkins – painting fences and bench at play area and refurbishing the horse springer.

000980 £315.00 S P Collins – mowing and strimming at Village Hall and Cemetery during July 2015.

2. **Money Received:** £50.00 for a monument on grave E18 - J Wismayer.

**52. Play Area:**

1. S Hawkins reported that he had painted the fences and refurbished the horse springer.
2. The SSDC annual inspection report was discussed. It was agreed that some of the issues raised had now been resolved.
3. Mrs B Mann reported that she regularly checks the play area and empties the bin if necessary.

**53. Cemetery / Churchyard:**

1. Clerk reported that only one quote had been received regarding the roof at the cemetery. The quote of £150 + VAT from R Spicer to replace the cement fillet was accepted.

2. Mrs J Pyne reported that Steve Collins had treated the furniture in the chapel for woodworm and that further work was needed. Councillors decided that the chapel roof should be checked for woodworm and quotes obtained for treatment from wood worm treatment specialists.
3. S Hawkins reported that a plastic cover at the Church yard was a trip hazard.
4. It was reported that a tree in the cemetery had spilt and needed removing. Clerk to ask Mr Crabb, the man who removed the oak tree at the pond, and Westree to quote for the works.
5. Mrs B Mann reported that she had not been able to speak to the family of the baby in the grave where the white cross had been erected.
6. It was agreed that rules regarding the Cemetery should be drawn up.

#### **54. Horse Pond:**

1. C James reported that the level of silt in the pond had risen over the years since it was last cleared and that it was reducing the amount of the water that would be available to fire fighters in the event of a fire in the village. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate if any grants were available. District Councillor T Inglefield suggested contacting Helen Rutter at SSDC.

#### **55. Footpaths: Nothing to report.**

#### **56. Newsletter:**

1. It was agreed that an article listing the role of the Parish Council should appear in the newsletter. I Snowden offered to draft something for circulation to the other Councillors.
2. An item introducing the two new Parish Councillors could also be included.
3. An item listing a few details of all the Parish Councillors with photographs was also discussed.

#### **57. Correspondence:**

1. SSDC Health & Wellbeing - Newsletter – **noted.**
2. Somerset Waste Partnership – Monthly Briefing & Newsletter – **noted.**
3. Somerset County Council – Speed Indicator Devices Results – Councillors were concerned about the speed of the traffic on the A357 in through the Horsington – **Clerk to contact PCSO John Winfield to see what could be done.**
4. SSDC – Flood Risk Management Event – District Councillor T Inglefield reported that changes are going to be made to the way flood prevention work is funded from next year and recommended that someone from the Parish Council should attend the event - **noted.**
5. Somerset County Council – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – **noted.**
6. Somerset County Council – Somerset Choices Website – **noted.**
7. Furnicare – New Website - **noted.**
8. Wessex Water – Temporary Closure of Broadmoor Lane – **noted.**

#### **58. Any other business of importance:**

1. Mrs B Mann reported that S Collins had encountered problems with gaining access to the side of the Village Hall. Mrs J Pyne stated that this problem had now been resolved.
2. It was agreed that S Hawkins would collect the salt / grit from Mrs Wood's old house and deliver some of it to I Snowden and C James.
3. Mrs J Pyne reported that there had been a number of lawn mower thefts in the Parish recently and that the Police had been informed.
4. It was reported that there was a caravan parked on the side of the road from Horsington to Wincanton and that the Police were aware.
5. It was reported that residents were concerned about the level of noise during a recent private birthday party at the Grange in Horsington. Councillors thought that this was hopefully a one off incident and would not happen again. It was agreed to monitor the situation.
6. I Snowden referred to the Police and Crime Commissioners' priorities that were listed in the recent Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's newsletter.

**Meeting Closed at 9:45pm**

**Date of next meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015**