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Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on Thursday 10th September 2015

Public Forum: County / District Councillor W Wallace reported that he had funds available under a Health & Wellbeing budget for helping with sports activities and helping old, lonely and vulnerable people in rural areas. Councillors discussed whether this fund could help purchase equipment at the Play Area.

District Councillor T Inglefield reported that SSDC were in discussions with Augusta Westland about their closure of the leisure centre on their site in Yeovil. There was a possibility that SSDC would take it over but it would be very expensive and the costs may prove to be prohibitive.

Councillor Inglefield also reminded Councillors about the upcoming meeting about the funding of flood prevention works.

59. Members present: Mrs J Pyne (Chairman), I Snowden, Mrs B Mann, C James, M Tucker & Mrs A Clayton.

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

Apologies: S Hawkins.

60. Declarations of interest /dispensations: None

61. To approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 13th August – proposed by M Tucker and seconded by I Snowden.

62. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Clerk reported that PCSO John Winfield had promised to contact the relevant person about using speed camera vans in Horsington to help reduce the speed of traffic using the A357 through Horsington and South Cheriton.

2. Clerk read out a reply received from Helen Rutter at SSDC regarding any funding available for removing the silt from the Horse Pond. It was agreed that a meeting should take place with Chris Cooper from SSDC as she had suggested. County / District Councillor W Wallace reported that, although he had obtained funds to clear the pond some years ago, there were currently no funds available from Somerset County Council.

63. Planning: Applications:

1. 15/03886/HDG Mr N Spellissy, Land at Stowell Lane, Horsington – the removal of 4 No. 5 m sections of hedgerow to enable access so that the existing water supply pipeline can be replaced as it is badly degraded causing frequent bursts – District Councillor T Inglefield declared an interest. **There were no objections as long as the hedges are replaced after the works have been done.**

Determinations: None

Other: None

County / District W Wallace & District Councillor T Inglefield left the meeting.

64. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000981 £352.46 S Dunn – grass cutting at the small play area and bus shelter April – August.

000982 £175.00 S Hawkins – painting and staining of bench and fencing at play area including materials.

000983 £270.00 S Hawkins – grass cutting at large play area, Church yard and memorial.

000984 £342.50 S P Collins - grass cutting and hedge trimming at Cemetery and woodworm treatment of furniture at Chapel.

2. Money Received: None.

3. Update Bank Mandate – the bank mandate form was signed. I Snowden and M Tucker to take their identification to the local branch and then return the form to the Clerk.

65. Play Area:

1. Mrs B Mann reported that that she had checked the play area and there were no problems.
2. It was agreed that, as County / District Councillor W Wallace may have funds available for play area equipment under Somerset County Council's Health and Wellbeing budget, prices should be obtained for a new netball hoop and five a side goal.

66. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. Clerk circulated draft regulations for the Cemetery. It was agreed that an electronic version should be sent to all Councillors so that they could review them and suggest any changes.
2. Clerk reported that a surveyor from Timberwise had inspected the Chapel roof at the Cemetery and felt that, although there were signs of woodworm being present years ago there was no evidence of recent activity. His recommendation was that treatment of the timbers was not necessary.

67. Horse Pond:

1. It was suggested that Viridor may grant funding towards clearing the silt when it is done.

68. Footpaths:

1. It was reported that a stile on a footpath off Cabbage Lane was damaged. It was thought that this had already been reported to Eve Wynn.
2. It was also reported that a footpath off Cabbage Lane was overgrown.

69. Newsletter:

1. It was agreed that a photograph of the Parish Councillors and Clerk should be included. It was agreed to meet at I Snowden's house on 15th September to take the photograph
2. A draft list of the roles of the Parish Council was discussed. M Tucker agreed to finalise the article and send to Mrs a Clayton.

70. Correspondence:

1. SSDC Health & Wellbeing - Newsletter – **noted.**
2. SSDC – Area East Bulletin – **noted.**
3. Avon & Somerset Police & Crime commissioner Public Forum – **noted.**
4. D Chapman – Pensions Regulations – Clerk reported that he had confirmed in writing that he did not want to be enrolled in any pension scheme with the Parish Council - **noted.**
5. Somerset Waste Partnership – Newsletter – **noted.**
6. SSDC- Statement of Community Involvement Consultations – **noted.**

71. Any other business of importance:

1. It was reported that the verges along the road leading from the Dip towards Horsington Village were overgrown. S Collins would cut back as much as he could and C James offered to do any work that S Collins could not manage. Mrs B Mann offered to speak to the owners of the Grange concerning the vegetation growing from their property.
2. Clerk reported that a parishioner from Horsington House had called about some ducks that had appeared at his property. It was reported that they originated from Blackacre Farm and had been put on the pond by a member of the public but that they were not wild ducks and would not stay on the pond.
3. It was reported that the caravan parked on the side of the road from Horsington to Wincanton was due to be moved on by the Police.

Meeting Closed at 9:30pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 8th October 2015