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

Public Forum: None

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

Public present: D Chapman (Clerk).

Apologies: Mrs A Clayton, S Hawkins & District Councillor T Inglefield.

86. Declarations of interest /dispensations: None

87. To approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 8th October – proposed by C James and seconded by Mrs J Pyne.

88. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. It was reported that to the owners the Grange had cut back the vegetation from their property alongside the road entering the Village from the Dip and that they had done a very good job. Clerk to write and thank them.

2. Clerk reported that a quote of £6,750 + VAT had been received from SSDC to do all the work to remove the silt from the pond and transport it to a field within the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council would need to get grants to help towards the cost.

3. It was reported that the caravan on the verge along the road to Wincanton had been served with 3 eviction notices but had still not been moved. A court order was being progressed. The Parish Council had been asked for any information that would help.

4. Clerk reported that a quote of £1,260.00 had been received to supply and install a new basket ball post. This included £810.00 for installation. Councillors thought that this was high and it was agreed that other ways of installation should be investigated. Clerk to contact SSDC to see what could be done. County Councillor W Wallace offered to grant £750.00 from the Health & Wellbeing budget.

89. Vacancy for Clerk:

1. Chairman reported that a number of applications had been received. It was agreed that the Chairman, C James and I Snowden would conduct the interviews.

2. It was agreed that Mrs J Pyne and C James would deal with the administration for the Cemetery for the time being.

90. Planning: Applications:

1. 15/04571/FUL Mr & Mrs O Franklin, Hazel Cottage, Higher Road, Horsington – proposed two storey extension together with other minor works – **no objections**.

Determinations:

1. 15/03358/FUL Ian Rumbelow (Headteacher), Horsington Church School, Lower Road, Horsington – the demolition of temporary wooden storage shed and erection of a replacement wooden building for use as a learning and meeting space – **granted - noted**.

2. 15/04410/TCA Mr I Snowden, Rookes House, Church Lane, Horsington – notification of intent for 2 ash trees and a sycamore tree within a conservation area to be coppiced down to ground level – **granted – noted**.

Other: None

County / District Councillor W Wallace left the meeting.

91. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000989 £70.60 H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE on Clerk's salary.

000990 £505.73 D Chapman – Clerk's fees and expenses (including adverts in for replacement Clerk).

000991 £210.00 S P Collins - grass cutting and strimming at Cemetery and hedge trimming.

2. **Money Received:** £84.00 for a monument on grave I4 S Clements.

3. **Review Accounts to 30th September** – the accounts were reviewed.
4. **Update Bank Mandate** – It was agreed that C James and Mrs J Pyne should be set up to use telephone banking for enquiries. It was also agreed that I Snowden and M Tucker should be added as signatories but to hold back sending the form back until the new Clerk is in place.

92. Play Area:

1. The SDC quarterly inspection report was discussed.

93. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. The design of a monument on grave I4 for S Clements was agreed.
2. It was agreed to set a charge of £75 for all monuments up to a height of three feet.
3. It was agreed that M Tucker would produce an electronic version of the linen copies of the Cemetery plans. Clerk confirmed that these will be handed over to Mrs J Pyne with all other Cemetery books and documents.

94. Horse Pond: nothing to report.

95. Footpaths: nothing to report.

96. Newsletter:

1. It was reported that Mrs A Clayton had arranged with Mrs Leaning to submit articles for March and September each year.
2. It was agreed that the Annual Parish meeting should be advertised in the March edition.

97. Correspondence:

1. SSDC – Health & Wellbeing - Newsletter – **noted.**
2. Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner – Newsletter – **noted.**
3. SSDC – Parish Environmental Warden – **Mrs J Pyne confirmed that she is the PEW for**
4. **SSDC – 2016 / 17 Council Tax Setting Workshop – it was agreed that M Tucker and C James would attend.**
5. Somerset County Council – Council's Single Telephone Number – **noted.**
6. Somerset Waste Partnership – Newsletter – **noted.**
7. SSDC – Bus subsidy & discretionary Concessionary Fares Consultation – **noted.**

98. Any other business of importance:

1. It was reported that there had been a case of fly tipping and dog fouling at the hedge at the Village Hall.
2. It was agreed that the posts at the War memorial were rotting and needed to be replaced. It was agreed that C James would replace with new hard wood posts.
3. C James reported that there had been problems with cars speeding through the village and that PCSO John Winfield had been informed. Some villagers were considering setting up a Speed Watch Scheme.
4. M Tucker reported that he had been asked about the bollards along Lower Road in Horsington. Councillors thought that they had since been removed.

Meeting Closed at 9:35pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 10th December 2015