

**DRAFT**  
**Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on**  
**Thursday 13th March 2014**

**Open Forum:** none.

**142. Members present:** Mrs J Wood ( Chairman), C James, Mrs A Clayton (from 8 pm), Mrs B Mann, S Hawkins, & Mrs J Pyne.

**Public present:** D Chapman (Clerk).

**Apologies:** W Candy, County/District Councillor W Wallace, District Councillor T Inglefield & PCSO J Winfield.

**143. Declarations of interest/dispensations:** none.

**144. Approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Proposed by Mrs J Pyne and seconded by Mrs B Mann. Passed unanimously.

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

1. Clerk reported that the Rector of St John's church had sent the request for information about the current costs and funding of the roof at the Church would be passed to the Treasurer.
2. Clerk reported SSDC had confirmed that before any wood preservative was used on the fences at the play area a CoSHH assessment would need to be made and that the product safety data would need to be checked for the product used. It was agreed that S Hawkins would progress the matter.

**146. Planning:**

**Applications:** none.

**Determinations:**

1. 14/00268/FUL – Mr & Mrs D Pitchforth, 15 Foxcombe Lane, Horsington – alterations and extension to provide new home office with room over and construction of rear entrance porch building to store agricultural equipment – **granted – noted.**

**Other:**

1. Chairman reported that Councillor W Wallace had asked the Parish Council to provide more information to SSDC about the concerns regarding the reporting and monitoring of properties with planning permission that are subject to agricultural ties.

**147. Finance:**

1. Cheques Authorised:

000909 £328.40 H. A. D. A. – Transfer of money collected for defibrillator.

000910 £50.00 Wincanton Sports Centre – donation.

000911 £25.00 Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance – donation.

000912 £25.00 Wincanton Community Centre – donation.

000913 £25.00 South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau – donation.

000914 £120.00 Cutting and clearing of fallen tree in Cemetery.

2. Money Received:

£250.00 Purchase of grave G25 and interment Sylvia Pitman.

**148. Play Area:**

1. S Hawkins reported that he would to look at the broken basket ball hoop and repair it if it was possible.
2. Mrs B Mann reported that she inspected the play area and had not found any problems.

**149. Cemetery / Churchyard:**

1. Clerk reported that three builders had been contacted to provide quotes for repairing the wall at the Church and that one had decided not to quote. The quotes from the other two were discussed. It was agreed to approach other builders, including one who lives in the Parish, to provide quotes.
2. Mrs B Mann reported that a bench in the Church yard had been removed by member of the public for renovation and that it would be returned when the renovation was complete by the end of the spring. Mrs Mann reported that the Rector had been made aware that the bench was being removed.

**150. Horse Pond:** nothing to report.

**151. Footpaths:** nothing to report.

**152. Newsletter:**

1. Various items for inclusion were discussed including a report on the fact that the precept had been held at the same amount for a further year.

**152. Correspondence:**

1. SSDC – Health & Wellbeing Newsletter – **noted.**

2. Community Council for Somerset - Newsletter – **noted.**
3. Somerset Playing Fields Association – Newsletter – **noted.**
4. SSDC – Annual Parish & Town Council Meeting – Notes – **noted.**
5. Somerset Community Foundation – Newsletter – **noted.**

**inspection as in previous years.**

**153. Any other business of importance:**

1. Chairman reported that County Councillor William Wallace had been successful in obtaining a grant of £850 towards the defibrillator.
2. Chairman read out a letter from C James stating that he intended to resign with immediate effect. Councillors were very sorry that he was leaving the Parish Council and thanked him for all the work he had done. It was agreed that the Clerk should start the process of advertising for a replacement.

**Meeting Closed at 9:15pm**

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