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**Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on
Thursday 10th April 2014**

Open Forum: Some members of the public stated that they were concerned about the water being released from the Horse Pond and the water being held in the pond when the sluice gates were closed. They asked if the gates could be raised during the winter so that or preferably for the whole year. It was stated that the pond used to be a stream many years ago. Councillors thought that the pond had there had been a pond there for many years and that sluice gates had been there for many years. Some members of the public reported that the water being held in the pond and the water being released was causing damage. District Councillor T Inglefield offered to ask an engineer from SSDC to inspect the site and report back on whether damage was being caused and recommend any action required.

155. Members present: Mrs J Wood (Chairman), Mrs A Clayton, Mrs B Mann, S Hawkins, & Mrs J Pyne.

Public present: 4 members of the Public, District Councillor T Inglefield & D Chapman (Clerk).

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

156. Declarations of interest/dispensations: none.

157. Approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 13th March – Proposed by Mrs J Pyne and seconded by Mrs A Clayton. Passed unanimously.

158. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Clerk reported that Philip Poulton, the Trees Officer at SSDC would have a look at the trees around the Horse Pond and report back.
2. Clerk reported that SSDC had given permission for the Parish Council to co-opt a replacement for Charles James and that notices had been posted on the notice boards. It was also agreed that a notice should be placed on the Parish Council page of the Village Hall website.

159. Planning:

Applications: none.

Determinations:

1. 14/00246/COL – Mr & Mrs G Taylor, Felthams Farmhouse, Marshbarn Farm Lane, Horsington – application for lawful development certificate for the existing use of Felthams Farmhouse without compliance with condition 6 (occupancy restriction) of planning permission 872615 – **granted – noted.**

Other:

1. Clerk reported that no reply had been received regarding the Parish Council's requests for more information and monitoring of properties with planning permission that are subject to agricultural ties.

Clerk to contact David Norris (Head of Planning) at SSDC.

160. Finance:

1. Cheques Authorised:

000915 £35.00 Community Council for Somerset – subscription.

000916 £127.20 SSDC – play area inspection fees 2013-2014.

000917 £25.00 Wincanton Community Venture – donation – replacement for cheque 000912

000918 £270.00 S Hawkins – grass cutting at large play area, churchyard & memorial.

000919 210.00 S P Collins – mowing and rubbish clearing at cemetery.

2. Money Received: none

161. Play Area:

1. The SSDC quarterly inspection report was reviewed and its contents noted.
2. It was agreed that S Hawkins would remove the broken basket ball hoop and post.
3. Mrs B Mann reported that she inspected the play area and had not found any problems.

162. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. Clerk reported that two local builders had reported that a number of the topping stones would also need replacing and that they would provide quotes that included this additional work. It was agreed to carry forward the item to the next meeting when all available quotes could be compared.

163. Horse Pond:

1. Councillors were unsure whether Charles James would continue to help with the maintenance of the pond.

164. Footpaths:

1. Mrs J Pyne reported that Somerset County Council had added the bridge over the stream at Broadmoor Lane to their list of works.

165. Newsletter:

1. It was agreed that an article should be put in about the fact that the precept had been held at the same amount as the last 5 years.

166. Correspondence:

1. Somerset Waste Partnership – Newsletter– **noted.**

2. Somerset Waste Partnership – Revised Bank Holiday Collection Dates – **noted.**

3. South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau – Thank you letter for donation – **noted.**

4. Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance – Thank you letter for donation – **noted.**

5. **SSDC** – Submission of Modifications to South Somerset Local Plan – **District Councillor T Inglefield gave an update on the current situation.**

167. Any other business of importance:

1. District Councillor T Inglefield reported that County Councillor W Wallace had received a cheque for funding towards the defibrillator.

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 8th May 2014