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

Public Forum: None

Mrs J Pyne stated that she intended to stand down from the Parish Council and that this meeting would be her last.

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

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

Apologies: County / District Councillor W Wallace

100. Declarations of interest /dispensations: None

101. To approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 12th November – proposed by C James and seconded by M tucker.

102. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Clerk reported a quote of up to £823 had been received to install the proposed netball post in the large play area. It was agreed to put this on hold until the cheque was received from Councillor W Wallace.

103. Vacancy for Clerk:

1. Chairman reported that two applicants were to be interviewed within the next week.

104. Planning: Applications: None

Determinations:

1. 15/04571/FUL Mr & Mrs O Franklin, Hazel Cottage, Higher Road, Horsington – proposed two storey extension together with other minor works – **granted - noted.**

Other: None

105. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000992 £170.02 S Dunn – grass cutting at small play area and bus shelter.

000993 £18.00 D Chapman – two storage boxes.

000994 £65.00 Society of Local Council Clerks – 2016 subscription

000995 £150.00 S Hawkins – grass cutting.

2. Money Received: None

3. Provisional Precept 2016 - 2017 – the figures were discussed and it was agreed that the precept should be increased by £500 per year with the additional amount being used to build up a fund to deal with the Horse Pond..

106. Play Area:

1. Mrs B Mann reported that there were in instances with dog fouling. It was agreed that people should keep an eye out for the culprits.

107. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. S Hawkins reported that he still needed to trim the lower parts of the yew trees.

108. Horse Pond:

1. It was agreed that C James should raise the sluice gates to allow the pond to empty for the winter period. It was also agreed that he would warn the owners of the property downstream from the pond.

2. I Snowden offered to investigate sources of any funding available for dredging the pond.

109. Footpaths:

1. Mrs J Pyne reported that a notification of dangerous animals had been entered on the Somerset County Council website and that Eve Wynn had marked it as resolved.

110. Newsletter:

1. It was reported that Mrs A Clayton had arranged with Mrs Leaning to submit articles for March and September each year.

111. Correspondence:

1. Somerset Waste Partnership – Newsletter – **noted.**
2. Historic England – Horsington War Memorial – Clerk reported that Historic England intended to apply for the War Memorial to be added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest – **noted.**
3. Somerset Rivers Authority – Newsletter – **noted.**
4. Hastoe Housing Group – Housing Planning Bill – **noted.**
5. SSDC – Annual Meeting with Town & Parish Councils – **noted.**

112. Any other business of importance:

1. Mrs B Mann asked what was happening about the caravan. Mrs J Pyne stated that the highways Department were applying for a court order to have it removed.
2. C James reported that he had details of the Community Speed Watch. It was thought that some people were interested in setting one up.
3. C James asked District Councillor T Inglefield if anything could be done about varying speed limits on the A357 through Horsington and South Cheriton.
4. It was reported that the tree had been cut down in the Cemetery. Councillors offered to take the logs away.
5. I Snowden asked if Mrs Pyne would stay on the Parish Council. She agreed to stay on until the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 8:45pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 14th January 2016