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Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on
Thursday 9th January 2014

Open Forum: County / District Councillor W Wallace reported that he had initially been turned down for funding to paint white lines in the car park at the School because the car park belongs to the Parish Council but would try again. Chairman asked if funding could be sought for kerbing to be laid in Behind Hayes following the damage caused by heavy traffic particularly during the recent diversion when the A357 was blocked when the electricity were brought down by a branch. Councillor Wallace promised to investigate.

114. Members present: Mrs J Wood (Chairman), Mrs A Clayton (part of meeting), Mrs B Mann (part of meeting), W Candy, S Hawkins, & C James.

Public present: D Chapman (Clerk).

Apologies: Mrs J Pyne & District Councillor T Inglefield.

115. Declarations of interest/dispensations: S Hawkins declared an interest in planning application 13/05062/FUL as it was for his property.

116. Approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 12th November – Proposed by C James and seconded by S Hawkins. Passed unanimously.

117. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Clerk reported that the SSDC Dog Warden had stated that she would erect 'no fouling' signs along Cabbage Lane. It was reported that these signs had now been erected in the correct locations. It was also reported that there was a need for such signs by the Horse Pond in Horsington and along the brook leading from the pond. **Clerk to request the erection of signs.**

2. S Hawkins reported that he had put the no parking sign back up at the path by the Horse Pond.

118. Planning:

Applications:

1. 13/05062/FUL Mr M Holden, 2 Pear Tree Cottage, South Cheriton – two storey rear extension – **no objections although there were concerns that the amount of glass in the design of the property may affect the privacy of the neighbouring properties.**

2. 13/04655/FUL Mr S Hawkins, Throop Farm Cottage, Cabbage Lane, Horsington – erection of a building to store agricultural equipment – **S Hawkins left the room and did not partake in the discussions or voting. Councillors thought that there should be a condition preventing the building from being used for residential use in the future otherwise there no objections.**

Determinations:

1. 13/03506/FUL Stowell Hill Partners, Throop Farm, Cabbage Lane, Horsington – conversion of barn to dwelling house and erection of a garage / log store – **granted – noted.**

2. 13/03920/DPO Mr & Mrs G Taylor, Feltham Farm, Marshbarn Farm Lane, Horsington – discharge of planning obligation to amend Section 52 agreement dated 11/01/1998 – **granted. Councillors asked County/District Councillor W Wallace for an explanation of the reasons why this was granted. He stated that it was following discussions with the SSDC Planning Officer but promised to find out more details and report back to the next meeting.**

S Hawkins returned to the meeting.

Other: none.

119. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised: none

2. Money Received: £50.00 for ashes interred in grave F29 – Mr Rendle and a £10 donation for defibrillator.

3. Clerk circulated schedules showing forecast income and expenditure for 2013 – 2014 and a forecast for the next financial year. It was agreed to set the precept for 2104 – 2015 at £9,470. This would mean that there was no increase for Council Tax payers. It was agreed that quotes should be obtained for making repairs to the wall that runs along the footpath at the Church.

120. Play Area:

1. The SSDC quarterly play area inspection report was discussed. S Hawkins and C James offered to look at the broken basket ball hoop and repair it if possible.

2. Clerk reported that a length of rail had been cut from the fence along the large play area. Chairman thought that she may have some wood to repair the fence. It was also agreed that PCSO John Winfield should be informed.

121. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. Chairman reported that the moss was growing quickly at this time of year.

122. Horse Pond:

1. C James reported that the sluice gates had been raised during the heavy rain to avoid flooding and that the levels of silt in the pond had now reduced.

123. Footpaths:

1. Mrs A Clayton she had been contacted by someone offering to help with occasional work on footpaths in the Parish. It was agreed that any help was always welcome.

124. Newsletter:

1. Various items for inclusion in the February edition were discussed including problems with dog fouling in the Parish and especially the Play Area. C James reported that the newsletter would include a full page regarding the defibrillator.

125. Defibrillator:

1. C James reported that there would be a meeting on at the Half Moon Inn on 20th February to demonstrate the defibrillator and ask for volunteers. This would be taken by Dr R Jones.

2. C James reported that that Horsington Primary School held a collection at their recent carol service and raised over £300 towards the defibrillator. It was also reported that John Sansom had plans for an event with live bands at the Half Moon in April.

126. Correspondence:

1. Life Education Wessex – Funding Request – **it was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to support the usual charities.**

2. Connecting Devon & Somerset Broadband – **noted.**

3. Somerset Crane Chronicle – Newsletter – **noted.**

4. Somerset County Council – Speed indicator Device Installation Dates – **noted.**

127. Any other business of importance:

1. S Hawkins reported that the owners of Hazelcroft House in Horsington wanted to know what was happening with land opposite where a number of trees had been felled. Councillors did not know of any planning applications at present.

2. Chairman reported that as a result of the branch falling off a tree at a property on the A357 near the garage the electricity was off for up to 12 hours and traffic was diverted down Behind Hayes Lane and past the School. This caused a lot of disruption and damaged the verges around the diversion route. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the owners of the property where the trees are situated suggesting that they be cut to a level below the height of the electricity cables.

Meeting Closed at 8:55pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 13th February