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

Public Forum: County / District Councillor W Wallace stated that there was nothing new to report.

32. Members present: Mrs J Wood, Mrs J Pyne, W Candy, Mrs A Clayton, S Hawkins & Mrs B Mann.

Public present: County /District Councillor W Wallace, Mr & Mrs Gawler & D Chapman (Clerk).

Apologies: District Councillor T Inglefield

33. Declarations of interest /dispensations: Mrs J Wood, declared an interest in planning application 14/02641/FUL as the applicant was her grandson.

34. To approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 12th June – proposed by S Hawkins and seconded by Mrs A Clayton. Passed unanimously.

35. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Clerk reported that SSDC had decided not to change the Behind Hayes Lane street signs.

36. Planning:

Applications:

1. 14/02641/FUL Mr & Mrs B Gawler, Bix, Behind Hayes, South Cheriton – alterations, conversion of loft and extension to dwelling – **Mrs J Wood declared an interest and did not take part in the discussions or vote. The remaining Councillors had no objections.**

Determinations:

1. 14/01871/AGN Mr & Mrs P Phillips, New Park Farm, Marsh Lane, Horsington – erection of a calf rearing shed and general purpose building – application withdrawn – **noted.**

Other:

1. 14/02405/FUL – Mr & Mrs Skinner, Pumpkin Cottage, Cabbage Lane, Horsington - **Clerk reported that the Planning Officer felt that the plans provided with the application were adequate and would not grant an extension to the deadline. Clerk confirmed that a response had therefore been sent that raising the Parish Councils concerns about over development on the site and the creation of a separate dwelling and new access.**

37. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000929 £435.00 S P Collins – grass cutting and maintenance at the Cemetery and Village Hall.

000930 £3,000.00 M Hodges – first payment for repairs to the wall at the Churchyard in Horsington.

000931 £460.00 S Hawkins – cutting grass at large play area, church yard, memorial & brook. Also replacing fence rails at the large play area.

2. Money Received: £50.00 for a monument on grave F29 M Rendle and £75 for the interment of G Honeysett in grave 152.

38. Play Area:

1. Mrs B Mann confirmed that she had inspected the play area and there were no problems.

2. Mrs J Pyne reported that she and Mrs Wood had met a representative from a company that provides play area equipment at the play area to discuss the current equipment and the possible need for more equipment in the future. Mrs Pyne reported that the representative was impressed with the current equipment. They did quote £1,200 for a new basket ball hoop. It was agreed that S Hawkins should repair and reinstate the hoop that had recently been removed.

39. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. Clerk reported that any application for funding for the wall by Viridor would not be decided until November 2014 and even then it was not guaranteed that any money would be made available. It was also reported that Viridor would not grant money for works that had already been done. Councillors decided that, as this would mean that the works would be delayed by up to 12 months, not to pursue the application and to ask Mr Hodges to start the work as soon as possible.

40. Horse Pond:

1. Clerk reported that that Southern Electricity had attended to look at the fallen tree and stated that it did not pose a threat to their lines. Three surgeons had inspected the tree and had provided quotes to remove the fallen branch and remove the remaining tree. All three surgeons had reported that the tree's roots were damaged and that the best option was to remove the whole tree. It was also reported Matthew Crabb, who

had provided the cheapest quote (£1,050.00) had already removed the fallen branch and would return to fell the tree around 12th August as he needed to liaise with Southern Electricity and SSDC. Mr Crabb had quoted a further £160 to grind out the stump but Councillors decided not to take up this offer at present.

41. Footpaths:

1. Mrs J Pyne reported that there were a number of complaints about footpath number WN14/4 where maize is blocking the path and that Eve Wynn was dealing with it.
2. W Candy asked if anything was being done about the brambles growing out into the road at the bridge on the road to Wincanton. Mrs J Pyne reported that she had asked S Collins to cut it back. It was agreed that the cost of this (around £25) should be included on Mr Collins' next invoice.

42. Newsletter:

1. It was agreed to include an article briefly outlining the role of the Parish Council.
2. It was also agreed that a welcome to the new Parish Councillor, Richard Cotes – James, should be included.

43. Correspondence:

1. C James - First Aid Courses - **it was reported that Mr James was arranging first aid courses in the Village Hall – noted.**
2. SSDC – Area East Bulletin - Newsletter – **noted.**
3. Somerset County Council – Speed Indicator Device Results – **noted.**

44. Any other business of importance:

1. Mrs J Wood reported that she had a young oak tree that she had brought on since the jubilee and wondered if it could be used to replace the tree that would be felled at Horse Pond. Councillors thought that its roots may be too deep for it to be planted in exactly the same location as the tree to be felled but that a suitable alternative location should be found.
2. Mrs B Mann reported that C James was organising a raffle to raise funds to enable the defibrillator to be used on infants.
3. Mrs B Mann reported that the new tenants at the White Horse wanted to cut down a leylandii that was damaging a fence at the property. Councillors had no objections.
4. It was agreed that Mrs J Pyne would ask Mr Faithfull to repair the rail at the Horse Pond that had been damaged by when the tree fell on it.
5. It was agreed that S Hawkins would deal with the nettles on the road side of the play area.
6. It was agreed that S Hawkins would cut back the verge on the wall on the road alongside the play area.

Meeting Closed at 8:35pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 14th August 2014.