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Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on
Thursday 12th June 2014

Public Forum: None

18. Members present: Mrs J Wood (part of meeting), Mrs J Pyne (Acting Chairman), W Candy, Mrs A Clayton, S Hawkins & Mrs B Mann.

Public present: D Chapman (Clerk).

Apologies: District Councillor T Inglefield

19. Declarations of interest /dispensations: none.

20. To approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 8th May – proposed by S Hawkins and seconded by Mrs B Mann. Passed unanimously.

21. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Clerk reported that David Norris from SSDC Planning Department had sent a list of properties in the SSDC area with planning applications subject to agricultural occupancy ties.

2. Clerk reported that Mr Meecham, the engineer from SSDC, had visited the Horse Pond and written a report on the situation. The contents of the report were discussed.

3. Clerk reported that Charles James had confirmed that he would be prepared to raise the sluice gates at the Horse Pond if and when instructed to by the Parish Council. Mr James had also stated that he would not be doing any other voluntary work at the pond. Mr James also thanked the members of the Parish Council who helped with the fund raising for the defibrillator.

22. Co-option of Councillor:

1. Clerk reported that Richard Cotes – James, who had previously served as a Parish Councillor for Horsington in the past wished to be considered. It was unanimously agreed to Co-opt Mr Cotes – James on to the Parish Council

23. Planning:

Applications:

1. 14/02405/FUL Mr & Mrs I Skinner, Pumpkin Cottage, Cabbage Lane, Horsington – extension and refurbishment of existing garage / car port to provide additional ancillary living accommodation and erection of a new garage together with alterations to access – Although there were concerns about the over development on the site and the creation of a separate dwelling on the site Councillors thought that the plans were wholly inadequate as they did not show any boundaries or clear details of the access. Clerk to write to SSDC requesting more information and the chance to respond after the next meeting on 10th July.

Determinations: none.

Other: none

Mrs J Wood left the meeting.

24. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000927 £50.00 D Vanstone – audit of 2013 – 2014 accounts.

000928 £370.00 S Hawkins – grass cutting at large play area, church yard and memorial, area around pond and painting of large play area gate including materials.

2. Money Received: £425.00 purchase of graves G26 & G27 and interment A Faithfull.

3. Complete Annual Audit Return – the return form was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

25. Play Area:

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

2. S Hawkins reported that he and his wife had treated the entire fence along the roadside of the large play area and removed the basket ball post.

3. Mr Hawkins also reported that the fence at the small children's play area needed treatment It was agreed that he should go ahead with this and to purchase the wood for the three missing rails and repair the fence.

26. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. Four quotes ranging from £15,976 to £7,455 were discussed. It was agreed to accept the quote of £7,500 from M Hodges, a builder from the village. Clerk reported that it may be possible to get a grant from Viridor towards the costs of the work and that an application would be submitted.

27. Horse Pond:

1. The situation with the fallen tree at the pond was discussed. It was agreed to see if local people could be used to clear the fallen part of the tree but that expert advice would be needed to see if the remaining part of the tree needed to be felled. Mrs J Pyne reported that Southern Electricity were going to attend to see if the tree was a danger to their lines. If this was the case they would fell the standing tree at no charge. If Southern Electricity would not fell the tree it was agreed that the Clerk should contact three Tree Surgeons to check on the safety of the standing tree and quote for its removal if necessary.

28. Footpaths:

1. Mrs J Pyne reported that some finger posts had been erected.
2. S Hawkins reported that someone had done some clearance work on a path off Cabbage Lane.
3. Mrs A Clayton reported that a man had offered help in clearing paths. It was agreed that the Parish Council welcomed anyone wishing to help and may have limited funds to pay small amounts for materials but could not pay any labour costs.

29. 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.

30. Correspondence:

1. Community Council for Somerset – Newsletter – **noted.**
2. SSDC – Health & Wellbeing - Newsletter – **noted.**
3. Somerset Wildlife Trust – Funding Request – **Councillors decided not to donate any money to this project at this time.**
4. Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner - Newsletter – **noted.**
5. Somerset County Council – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – **noted.**
6. Somerset Waste Partnership – Newsletter – **noted.**

31. Any other business of importance:

1. Mrs J Pyne reported that the proposed temporary closure at Marsh Lane had been postponed until October. **Clerk to inform the Primary School.**
2. Clerk reported that Denise Wallace from the SSDC Street Naming department had called to say that although the street name plate at Behind Hayes said Behind Hayes Lane the name should be Behind Hayes. SSDC had offered to change the name back to Behind Hayes at each end of the road and to add a new sign at the bend where it merged with Lower Road at no cost to the Parish Council. Although Councillors had no strong opinions either way, one Councillor thought that, as the signs had shown Behind Hayes Lane for many years, it was probably best not to change them now.
3. It was agreed that S Hawkins should cut the grass and vegetation in the brook.

Meeting Closed at 9:40pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 10th July 2014.