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Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on
Thursday 8th May 2014

Open Forum: District Councillor T Inglefield gave an update on the South Somerset Local Plan.

1. **Election of Chairman** – Mrs J Wood was proposed by Mrs A Clayton and seconded by Mrs B Mann.
2. **Election of Vice Chairman** – Mrs J Pyne was proposed by Mrs A Clayton and seconded by Mrs B Mann.

S Hawkins joined the meeting.

3. **Members present:** Mrs J Wood (Chairman), W Candy, Mrs A Clayton, S Hawkins (from 8pm) & Mrs B Mann.

Public present: D Chapman (Clerk).

Apologies: Mrs J Pyne & County / District Councillor W Wallace

4. **Declarations of interest /dispensations:** none.

5. **To approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 10th April** – Subject to minor alterations regarding the open forum, the draft minutes were proposed by Mrs B Mann and seconded by Mrs A Clayton. Passed unanimously.

6. **Matters arising from previous minutes:**

1. Clerk reported that Phil Poulton from SSDC had inspected the trees at the Horse Pond but that he had not reported back yet.

2. Clerk reported that Mr Meecham, the engineer from SSDC, had reported that the raising of the sluice gates was a reasonable practise and did not see a problem with it. Mr Meecham had also sent copies of maps that showed sluice gates at the pond dating back over 100 years. Mr Meecham had offered to attend the site on Thursday 15th May. It was agreed that District Councillor T Inglefield and Mrs J Wood would attend. It was also agreed to invite one of the members of the public, who had expressed concern at the April meeting, to attend.

7. **Confirm members of sub committees:** to be confirmed at the next meeting.

8. **Co-option of Councillor:**

1. Clerk reported that one person had shown interest but felt that they would not be able to attend enough meetings due to their work shifts.

2. It was agreed to advertise the position in the next version of the Villager magazine.

9. **Planning:**

Applications: none.

Determinations: none.

Other:

1. Clerk reported that no reply had been received from David Norris at SSDC regarding the concerns about properties with agricultural ties.

10. **Finance:**

1. Cheques authorised:

000920 £155.14 S Dunn – grass cutting small play area during April 2014.

000921 £695.42 Broker Network Ltd – insurance 2014 - 2015.

000922 £82.20 HMRC – PAYE on Clerk's fees April – June 2014.

000923 £428.02 D Chapman – Clerk's fees and expenses April – June 2014.

000924 £850.00 H.A.D.A. – transfer of grant received from SCC for the defibrillator.

000925 £395.00 S Hawkins – grass cutting at large play area, church yard and memorial and painting of large play area fence including materials.

000926 £150.00 S P Collins – grass cutting at cemetery and village hall in April 2014.

2. Money Received: Precept £9,470.00 & VAT recovery for 2013/2014 £73.21 and £850.00 Somerset County Council Defibrillator grant.

3. Review of Internal Controls – the controls were reviewed and agreed and signed.

11. **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 and waste bin 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.

12. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. Clerk reported that the local builders who had been asked to submit quotes for repairing the wall at the Church had not yet replied.

It was agreed that all the quotes received would be considered at the next meeting.

13. Horse Pond:

1. Councillors were not sure whether C James would continue to do work at the Pond. **Clerk to check with Mr James.**

14. Footpaths: nothing to report.

15. Newsletter:

1. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy on the Parish Council as soon as possible.

2. It was agreed to include an article briefly outlining the role of the Parish Council.

16. Correspondence:

1. South Somerset Highways – Temporary Road Closure - Marsh Lane – **noted.**

2. SSDC – Local Plan 2006 – 2028 - Consultation – **noted.**

3. Somerset County Council – Speed Indicator Device Installation Dates – **Clerk reported that the County Council were asking if Parish Councils wanted to take over the administration of the devices but that no details of what this involved. Clerk to ask for more details.**

4. Somerset Waste Partnership - Newsletter – **noted.**

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

6. SSDC – Health & Wellbeing – Newsletter – **noted.**

7. Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner – Newsletter – **noted.**

8. **SSDC – South Somerset Community Accessible Transport Report – noted.**

17. Any other business of importance:

1. Mrs J B Mann reported that she had received complaints about residents placing bollards outside their properties in Cabbage Lane. It was felt that the Parish Council could not stop the residents putting bollards on their own property.

Meeting Closed at 8:40pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 12th June 2014.