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Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on
Thursday 11th September 2014

Public Forum: none

58. Members present: Mrs J Pyne (Acting Chairman), S Hawkins, R Cotes James, Mrs J Wood & Mrs B Mann.

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

Apologies: Mrs A Clayton.

59. Declarations of interest /dispensations: none.

60. To approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 14th August – proposed by Mrs B Mann and seconded by R Cotes James.

S Hawkins joined the meeting.

61. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. It was reported that the man who wanted to start a mobile shop, and travel to the villages for up to 2 hours twice a week, had public liability insurance and would be obtaining the relevant trading licences from SSDC. It was agreed that suitable locations could be by the telephone box in South Cheriton and near the Half Moon in Horsington but that this would have to be agreed by Mr Mann with Mr & Mrs Tarling.

62. Planning:

Applications: none.

Determinations:

1. 14/002641/FUL Mr & Mrs B Gawler, Bix, Behind Hayes, South Cheriton – alterations, conversion of loft space and extension to dwelling – **granted – noted.**

Other:

1. It was agreed that the garage being built at the property in Cabbage Lane that had recently received permission for a barn conversion did have planning permission.

63. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000941 £57.60 South Somerset District Council – fee for annual inspection of play area.

000942 £315.00 S Hawkins – grass cutting at Church Yard, large play area and memorial and painting of the fences at the play area and the gate at the Church Yard.

000943 £427.00 S P Collins – cutting grass, hedge trimming and strimming at Cemetery and grass cutting at the Village Hall in August.

2. Money Received: none

64. Play Area:

1. Mrs B Mann confirmed that she had inspected the play area and there were no problems except a small spilt in the fence. S Hawkins offered to investigate and make any necessary repairs.

2. S Hawkins reported that he had sprayed the nettles and docks along the roadside edge of the play area.

65. Cemetery / Churchyard:

1. Clerk reported that M Hodges had requested and been paid £2,000 for the final payment for the repairs to the wall at the Church yard.

2. S Hawkins reported that he had trimmed some small yew tree branches and had removed the ivy from some graves.

3. The quarterly and annual SSDC inspection reports were discussed and their contents were noted.

66. Horse Pond:

1. It was agreed that the area looked more open since the felling of the oak tree.

2. Mrs J Pyne reported that she had asked Mr Faithfull to repair the railings that were damaged when the branch fell from the oak tree.

67. Footpaths:

1. Clerk reported that a request had been made to include a copy of the definitive footpaths map for the Parish could be included on the Parish Council page of the Village Hall website. It was agreed that this would be acceptable. It was noted that the copy of the plan held by the Parish Council was subject to copy right. Clerk to check with Somerset County Council that copy right laws would not be broken if a copy appeared on the web site.

2. Mrs J Pyne reported that Eve Wynn at Somerset County Council was dealing with the problems of maize blocking footpath WN14//4. District Councillor T Inglefield had also spoken to Chris Cooper at SSDC concerning the matter.

3. District Councillor T Inglefield reported that responsibility for some footpaths was now under SSDC Street Scene Department and that there had been some improvement.

68. Newsletter:

1. It was reported that an article regarding the role of the Parish Council regarding planning applications had been included in the latest newsletter.

69. Correspondence:

1. SSDC – Health & Well Being Newsletter – **noted.**

2. Somerset Community Foundation – Newsletter – **noted.**

3. SSDC – Modification to South Somerset District Council Local plan 2006 -2028 – **District**

Councillor T Inglefield reported that there were four changes that were not related to the Parish.

4. SSDC – Area East Bulletin – **noted.**

5. Somerset Waste Partnership – Newsletter – **noted.**

6. R Mann – Mobile Convenience Store – **Clerk reported that an enquiry about the demand for a mobile convenience store had been received. Councillors felt that this could be of use to older residents of the Parish. District Councillor questioned whether the person involved held the relevant licenses and permits.**

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70. Any other business of importance:

1. Clerk reported that W Candy had resigned from the Parish Council due to poor health. **Councillors expressed their thanks to Mr Candy for his work on the Council over many years.**

2. District Councillor T Inglefield gave an update on the traffic calming measures being introduced in Templecombe including traffic lights at the railway bridge, a 20 mph speed limit and ‘pinch points’.

3. S Hawkins asked if there had been any progress in making the area at the bus stop in Horsington Dip safer as it had been discussed previously. District Councillor T Inglefield offered to take the matter up with County / District Councillor W Wallace.

4. Clerk reported that the Church wardens at Horsington Church were hoping to install a servery and toilet at the Church and that the Parish Council had been asked to write a letter of support for a grant application from Viridor. It was agreed that a letter of support should be sent.

Meeting Closed at 8:40pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 9th October 2014.