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Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at ST Margaret's Hall on

Thursday 14th January 2016

Public Forum: None

120. Members present: Mrs J Pyne (Chairman and Acting Clerk), C James, Mrs A Clayton, M Tucker, Mrs B Mann and I Snowden

Public Present: District Councillor T Inglefield

Apologies: S Hawkins and District Councillor W Wallace

121. Declarations of interest / dispensations: None

122. To approve draft minutes as a correct record of meeting held on 10th December 2015

Proposed by I Snowden and seconded by C James. A correction of name was made to say Mrs B Mann in item 99.

123. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Cheque has been received from Councillor W Wallace for basketball post.
2. C James has opened the sluice gates.

124. Vacancy for Clerk:

1. Mrs Pyne explained that the chosen candidate Mrs Margaret Miles had accepted the position of clerk only for her to change her mind at the last minute. This left the chairman covering as clerk for the meeting this evening. Mrs Pyne suggested that she would take on the job on an unpaid basis but it would mean her resigning as a councillor. There has to be a year between her being a councillor and being paid as the clerk. Councillors also discussed going back the unsuccessful interviewee and the possibility of re-advertising the position.

125. Planning: Applications: None

Determinations: None

Other: None

126. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000996 £460-00 M S Crabb - cutting down trees in cemetery.

000997 £155-00 S P Collins - upkeep of cemetery.

000998 £100-00 Mrs J Pyne – chairman's remuneration.

000999 £23-99 Mrs J Pyne – printer ink.

2. Monies Received: None

3. Precept 2016 – 2017 – the form filled in by D Chapman with the figures as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

127. Play Area:

1. The Play Area Inspection Report hi-lighted areas that might need some attention. It was agreed that M Tucker and B Mann would assess the situation so that action can be taken if needed.

128. Cemetery / Church Yard:

Mrs Pyne reported there are some clerical errors in the burial books that need rectifying and that a new Burial Ledger would need to be purchased soon at the cost of £150-00 + vat.

129. Horse Pond:

1. C James is looking into the environmental developments that could help manage future silt and the lessen the impact and need for future silt removal.
2. I Snowden reported that he had been investigating quotes for cleaning out silt and had received one from Gartells for £2310-00 + VAT. This did not include licences and soil testing.
3. I Snowden also suggested asking residents and businesses for donations towards the funding of the project. Councillors discussed this at length and suggested he look further into the possibility.

130. Footpaths:

1. Fault reported on path ref: WN 14/3 has been closed by Eve Wynn as needing no action.

131. Newsletter: A Clayton is preparing thoughts for the March issue.

132. Correspondence:

1. SSDC - Area East Bulletin - **noted**
2. SCC - Speed Indicator Device Dates - **noted**
3. SSDC – Parish Environment Officers Meeting – too late for meeting – **noted**
4. SSDC- Sorted Newsletter – **noted**
5. Edition 7 & 8 Somerset Equalities Officer Group Newsletter – **noted**

133. Any other business of importance: None

Meeting closed at 9:30pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 11th February 2016