

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall
on Thursday 10th March 2016

Public Forum

T Inglefield advised that Precept is due to arrive for 2016-2017. There will be 3¼% increase on District Council budget. Somerset Rivers Authority – will have rates demand of 1¼ %. County Council budget is also up 5¼%.

T Inglefield reported that the District Council will have a £4m deficit over next 5 years. To address this, there is an ongoing process review within the District Council. To date they have had some success in finding efficiencies in processes. Combining council shared services is being investigated. Governmental Devolution Policy may provide an added incentive to combine regions. South Somerset & Sedgemoor Councils are looking at options to work together

T Inglefield advised that the Parish views on the Community infrastructure levy are to be submitted by 23rd March - draft proposal to be reviewed.

C James raised concern regarding the speed limit being exceeded near the school. T Inglefield advised that the temporary sign outside School in Charlton Horethorne seemed to be effective. It was agreed to speak to PCSO to do a speed run again – Clerk to contact PCSO to request this.

148. **Members Present & Apologies**

Members Present: J Pyne (Chair), C James, B Mann, M Tucker, A Clayton, S Hawkins

Public Present: District Councillor T Inglefield, N Locke (Clerk)

Apologies: I Snowdon

149. **Declaration of Interest/Dispensations**

None

150. **Approve the draft minutes of meeting on Thursday 11th February 2016**

Proposed by S Hawkins and seconded by C James

151. **Matters arising from previous minutes**

None

152. **Clerk position update**

Natasha Locke has been appointed as Clerk to the Parish Council, effective from 1st March 2016

153. **Planning (as below plus others received by 10th March)**

- a. Applications: 16/00803/FUL Mr Barry Benjafield, Erection of a two storey side extension to dwelling house – Barley Lands, Cabbage Lane – **No objections**
- b. Determinations: None
- c. Other: 16/00493/TCA Mrs Lucinda Colebatch, Horsington Manor, Horsington – Notification of intent to carry out surgery works to Yew trees and Holly trees within a Conservation area – **Approved, Noted.**
- d. J Pyne to follow up on the issue of Hedge Cutting by Mr Colebatch to get an update on latest status on this matter – will aim to have an update by the Annual Parish Meeting.

T Inglefield left the meeting – 8.00pm

154. **Finance**

- a. Authorise Cheques - None
- b. Money Received
 - i. £50 Cheque received for the Interment of ashes (For Raymond Tom Parsons, Plot F7) on 24th March, 11am. S Collins to mark the grave.
- c. Other
 - i. Notification of Rates for Cemetery received - £468.40 for 2016-17 will be paid by Direct Debit.
 - ii. NS&I – change of signatories noted
 - iii. Llyods – Form incorrectly provided by Lloyds & re-sent with corrections. Needs to be countersigned by C James & S Hawkins – Done. J Pyne to return completed form to Lloyds.

155. **Play Area**

- a. Most faults can be sorted for £545 + VAT + CARRIAGE, excluding installation. This does not include a replacement Perspex window.
- b. C James has investigated gate hinges and reported that Truclose hinges can be purchased for £50/pair. It was agreed that these should be fitted to the small play area gate.
- c. It was noted that the service gates are not padlocked – this was raised as a concern as quad bikes were using the area but this is not an issue at present. It was agreed not to padlock the gates as this is a good landing place for emergency helicopter.
- d. It was noted that vehicles are still being parked regularly on Parish Council land outside of the play area.
- e. It was agreed that M Tucker is to arrange replacement signage for the play area - . Total cost for like for like replacement - £141.60 + VAT. Additional no parking sign is required for other side of the small gate. Agreed no contact details required, just 'Horsington Parish Council'. Proforma invoice to be supplied so that this can be paid via cheque
- f. The rotting wood area on main play equipment is very expensive to buy a replacement section – suggestion to make a softwood replacement rather than purchase this item.
- g. Play area inspection is due in May. C James to request that they give notice of inspection so that a councillor can also attend.
- h. Small caps for top of posts– sample being sent to J Pyne.

156. **Cemetery / Church Yard**

- a. Defra exemption certificate for burning waste in the church yard and the cemetery has been received. This is valid for 3 years.

157. **Horse Pond**

- a. C James meeting with Willowbank from Taunton for 3rd estimate for dredging, silt trap and gabion cages. Two quotes have already been received. Awaiting feedback from Viridor re first stage of planning who may provide 100% funding. Tim Cook will not give funding for dredging but will fund 50% if turning it into a living pond.

158. **Footpaths**

- a. Report of broken plank on bridge on footpath at Monarchs way. A dog had fallen through the plank in bridge. M Tucker to investigate further details regarding location and nature of fault.
 - b. J Pyne reported that footpath WN1412 is overgrown. J Pyne to speak to R Vincent to get this cut back
 - c. It has been reported that there is a large round bale up cabbage lane, which will roll down into the brook. S Hawkins & B Mann to address with the landowners.
159. **Newsletter**
- a. A Clayton to contact the editor to amend the contact details of the Clerk – N Locke’s contact details to be included on this.
160. **Correspondence**
- a. Annual Parish Meeting - does this have to be published in BMV? C James to investigate whether this is a requirement.
 - b. Somerset Playing Fields Association are offering a free course for two members in May on how to assess play equipment on Tues 10th May 9am in Woolavington. Councillors to advise the Clerk if they are interested in attending.

J Pyne left the meeting - 8.35pm

- c. Received commemorative coin for Queen’s 90th Birthday which can be purchased for £1.99. Agreed not to take any further action on this.
161. **Any other business of importance**
- a. It was agreed that the Clerk should send letter to be sent to the owner of the vehicle who is regularly parking on parish council land outside the play area, requesting that the vehicle is not parked here.
 - b. Additional sign required on the large main gate – advising to keep clear - emergency access required at all times. M Tucker to add this to the order for signage.
162. **Items for next agenda**
- Annual Parish Meeting – 7pm on 14th April 2016. Apologies from B Mann, T Ingelefield & M Tucker.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Date of next meeting: 14th April 2016