

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting
On Wednesday 7th June 2017 at Margaret's Hall, Horsington

Draft

Public Forum

17. Members Present and Apologies

- a. Members present: Mrs J Pyne (Chair and Acting Clerk), C James, I Snowden, M Tucker, Mrs D Gray and Mrs A Clayton
- b. Public present: District/County Councillor William Wallace
- c. Apologies: District Councillor Hayward Burt

18. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

None

19. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 13th April 2017

Proposed by C James and seconded by Mrs A Clayton and passed unanimously.

20. Matters arising from minutes

7/347. Notice board in South Cheriton – M Tucker and C James agreed to discuss joint effort.

21. Planning

17/02249/FUL Mr Robin Worsley - Wayside Stables, Stowell Lane, Horsington, BA8 0DD – Formation of access off Stowell Lane for agricultural vehicles to gain access to equestrian holding - **No objections**

Determinations

17/01272/FUL Burton – Bay Tree Cottage, South Cheriton, BA8 0BG – proposed erection of new garden room within the front garden of the property – **Granted**

William Wallace left the meeting @ 7.45pm

22. Finance

a. Authorised Cheques

- a. 1057 - £400.00 - R J Peters - Grass cutting
- b. 1058 - £50.00 - Dawn Vanstone - Internal Audit
- c. 1059 - £380.00 - S P Collins

b. Monies Received

None

c. Review Internal Audit Controls: The internal audit controls were reviewed and agreed.

d. Complete Annual Audit Return: The Audit Return and Governance Statement was completed and signed. C James signed as vice Chairman.

23. Play Area

C James accompanied the Inspector on his Annual Play Area Inspection. The news was not good, with it being the Inspector's recommendation that the multi-unit and the seesaw and spring horse should be removed immediately as they were, in his opinion, dangerous. We have the spares to keep the spring horse and the swings in operation for the time being but the play equipment despite it having been maintained, has outlived its life expectancy because it is made of wood. It had been hoped that we would not get this kind of report until next year by which time we would have been able to put in place a funding package for new equipment. With the safety of the children who use the play area foremost in mind, it was reluctantly agreed by all councillors to remove the dangerous pieces at once and make the necessary repairs to the other pieces rather than close the whole play area. We have previously discussed the costs of replacing rotten bits of the multi-unit but because of the overall age of the equipment, this is not an economic option. The repairs will, hopefully enable the rest the play area to survive until next year. The Inspector's written report will follow. C James, Mrs J Pyne and Mrs A Clayton volunteered to meet to remove dangerous equipment if possible, to save on costs. Further discussions will take place as how to proceed.

24. Cemetery / Church Yard

Clerk to contact Westree to go ahead with topping of tree in churchyard.

Email from Rev. Hallett re: cemetery chapel and the possibility of holding an annual service there unhelpful.

25. Horse Pond

Lectern has arrived.

26. Footpaths

None

27. Newsletter

Waiting for photos of completed pond project before article is ready for publication.

Explanation of the removal of the Play Equipment.

28. Correspondence:

SWP Monthly Briefing - noted

Crime and Police Commissioner's newsletter - noted

29. Any other business of importance

Fallen tree limb by the bus shelter in Horsington has been removed free of charge for firewood.

Clerk to research the purchase of two salt bins for storing some of the road salt.

Meeting closed 20-50

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th June 2017 at 7-30pm