

## Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Margaret's Hall, Horsington

Draft

### Public Forum

Kevin Wigley Reported that he had received a good response regarding his letter about donations for the Play Area and gave the Chairman a large number of cheques. Mrs D Gray also handed in some cheques and reported that Hastoe Housing Association had promised a donation of £250. The matter was discussed in detail under item 64 Play Area.

### 58. Members Present and Apologies

a. Members present: Mrs J Pyne (Chair), I Snowden, Mrs B Mann, Mrs A Clayton, Mrs J Hodges and Mrs D Gray

b. Public present: D Chapman (Clerk) and Kevin Wigley

c. Apologies: District Councillor Hayward Burt

### 59. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

None

### 60. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Agreed by I Snowden and Mrs D Gray as a true record.

### 61. Matters arising from minutes

To be taken under their own headings.

### 62. Planning

#### Applications:

17/03174/LBC Mr Stephen Trundle – 7 Manor Court, Horsington, BA8 0ET – Installation of woodburner with flue through roof – no objections.

**Determinations** - none

### 63. Finance

#### a. Authorised Cheques

a. 1067 - £445.00 - R J Peters - Grass cutting

b. 1068 - £80.00 – Somerset Playing Fields Association – Play Area inspection report

c. 1069 - £120.00 – Grant Thornton UKLLP – Audit of Accounts 2016-2017

d. 1070 - £341.00 – S P Collins – Cemetery & Village Hall upkeep

#### b. Monies Received

Reimbursement of VAT - £2,862.67

34 cheques for donations towards Play Area equipment - £1,830.00

#### c. Other

Mrs Pyne reported that Grant Thornton had agreed the accounts for 2016 – 2017 and the required notice had been placed on the Parish notice boards and would be posted on the web site.

### 64. Play Area

Mrs Pyne reported that she was actively seeking quotes for the purchase and installation of the equipment. Initial investigations show that the cost of purchasing a multi-unit similar to the one removed would be around £8,000 to £9,000 with further costs for installation and repairs to the surfaces. When all the quotes are received, they will be presented to the Parish Council for discussion. Various options regarding the size and type of equipment were discussed and it was agreed that the priority should be to replace the equipment that had been removed first. The purchase of additional items of equipment may have to be part of a second phase that may need further fund raising.

Options concerning the play surfaces were discussed but it was agreed that the most cost effective option was to repair the existing wetpour surfaces.

Mrs Pyne reported that both soft close gates needed to be replaced at a cost of around £1,000 each. K Wigley offered to replace these gates as a donation. It was agreed that these gates should be yellow.

It was reported that SSDC thought that the fences would probably not need replacing.

Mrs D Gray reported that she had purchased a football net.

Concerns were raised about the length of the grass in the small playa area and it was thought that it should be cut more regularly. Mrs Pyne will talk to the contractor.

It was agreed that some large bags/ liners would be purchased for the litterbin and passed to K Wigley.

#### **65. Cemetery / Church Yard**

Mrs Pyne reported that W Candy and his mother and father's ashes are to be interred in a single plot in the Cemetery.

S Collins will be asked to cut back the nettles and vegetation around the tree stump.

#### **66. Horse Pond**

It was agreed that a photograph and article should be arranged for the Blackmore Vale magazine. Tim Cook, Charles James, I Snowden, W Wallace, H Burt, Parish Councillors and Horsington Primary School should be invited.

#### **67. Footpaths**

Nothing to report

#### **68. Newsletter**

Nothing to report

#### **69. Correspondence**

Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner newsletter – noted.

SSDC Planning training course on 5<sup>th</sup> October – noted.

Local Government Boundary Commission – Review of wards for South Somerset – noted.

#### **70. Any other business of importance**

Mrs B Mann asked if we need any more Parish Councillors, as K Wigley would be interested if we had a vacancy. Mrs Pyne stated that the Parish Council now had its full quota of seven Councillors (M Tucker is on an agreed leave of 11 months). It was agreed that Mr Wigley would be welcome to apply should a vacancy arise in the future.

Meeting closed 21-00

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7-30pm**