

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting

On Thursday 12th October 2017 at Margaret's Hall, Horsington

Draft

Public Forum

County / District Councillor W Wallace suggested that an item should be included on the monthly agenda for County / District Councillors reports.

Councillor Wallace reported that, at a recent surgery held in the Village Hall, a member of the public raised concerns about the abandoned caravan on Horsington Marsh. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the SSDC Enforcement Officer for an update and ask for to be removed as soon as possible. Councillor Wallace also apologised that his apologies for not attending were not received until after the meeting.

District Councillor H Burt reported that Business Rate Relief would not be available for the Chapel in the Cemetery but that some relief was available to local Pubs.

71. Members Present and Apologies

- a. Members present: Mrs J Pyne (Chair), I Snowden, Mrs B Mann, Mrs J Hodges and Mrs D Gray
- b. Public present: D Chapman (Clerk), County / District Councillor W Wallace & District H Burt
- c. Apologies: Mrs A Clayton

72. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

I Snowden declared an interest in planning application 17/03918/FUL as he owns the property.

73. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 14th September 2017

It was reported that Mrs Hodges had purchased the football net and collected some donation cheques for the Play Area and spoken to Hastoe and not Mrs Gray as reported in the draft minutes.

Agreed by Mrs B Mann and Mrs D Gray as a true record.

A revised copy of the minutes were signed.

74. Matters arising from minutes

Mrs J Pyne reported that she had asked R Peters to cut the more often and that she had purchased bin bags for the Play Area and given them to K Wigley.

75. Planning

Applications:

I Snowden left the meeting.

17/03918/FUL Mr & Mrs I Snowden, Pond House, Church Lane, Horsington – the construction of a veranda (Retrospective) – no objections. I Snowden re-joined the meeting.

Determinations - none

76. Finance

a. Authorised Cheques

- a. 1071 - £168.00 - D Chapman - Salary October 2017
- b. 1072 - £280.00 – R J Peters – Grass cutting
- c. 1073 - £292.50 – S P Collins – Cemetery & Village Hall upkeep

b. Monies Received

£50.00 Mrs P Candy internment of ashes in Grave 159

c. Review of Accounts as at 30TH September 2017

The accounts as at 30th September were reviewed. I Snowden requested a comparison of grass cutting over the last two financial years. Clerk to provide figures for the next meeting.

77. Play Area

Mrs Pyne reported that, although further quotes were being sought, quotes had been received for an activity centre, grass hopper, see saw and cross bars for the existing swings at trade price less 15%. Quotes had also been received for fitting the equipment and repairing the wetpour surfaces. Due to the cost of the surfaces the activity centre being considered would fit on to the existing wetpour. Quotes had also been received for roundabouts ranging from around £3,000 to £7,000. Pictures of the equipment being considered were distributed.

Mrs Hodges disagreed with the size and specification of equipment being considered and left the meeting.

Councillors agreed that the Parish Council did not have unlimited funds and an activity centre that would mean laying additional surfacing would be too expensive. It was agreed that replacing the equipment that had been removed was the priority. It was also agreed that it would be good to install a roundabout if funding could be found.

The costs of the equipment including fitting but excluding the roundabout would be just over £15,000.

It was reported that the Parish Council could fund this using the current play area capital fund, SSDC grant, recent donations already received following K Wigley's appeal and money from reserves and next year's precept.

Councillors agreed that the cost of providing a roundabout would need to be funded by further fund raising and possible grants from the Clarkes Foundation and the Somerset Community Fund. I Snowden said that an application could be made for a Lottery Grant but this would take up to six months to come through. Further ways of raising funds were discussed.

It was agreed that, when all the quotes had been received, details should be made available on the website, notice boards and Villager magazine.

Councillors thanked Mrs Pyne for all the hard work she had done and thought that the prices being quoted were a good deal.

78. Cemetery / Church Yard

Nothing to report.

79. Horse Pond

Clerk confirmed that a photographer from the Blackmore Vale magazine has been arranged for 14th October at 10:30. It was suggested that, as the late Tim Inglefield had been involved in the Project, it would be good if his wife was invited to attend. Clerk to contact Mrs Inglefield.

80. Footpaths

Nothing to report

81. Newsletter

It was agreed that an article about the Play Area project should be included.

82. Correspondence

Somerset County Council – Temporary closure of B3145 – noted.

Charlton Horethorne Parish Council - visit of Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner – noted.

SSDC – Request for funding for the CAT bus – Councillors thought that the Cat bus provided a good service and donating towards the cost would be discussed when the precept was set later in the year.

SWP – Newsletter – noted.

SSDC – Area East Bulletin – Changes to the Data Protection Regulations – Clerk to attend course.

SALC – October Bulletin – It was agreed to order a copy of the Local Council Administration Handbook.

83. Any other business of importance

Mrs B Mann reported that the work to repair the wall bordering The Grange was taking longer than expected but it should be finished soon.

Meeting closed 21-05

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th November 2017 at 7-30pm

