

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting

On Thursday 9th November 2017 at Margaret's Hall, Horsington

Draft

Public Forum

Members of the public raised concerns that the Parish Council had already finalised the details regarding the purchase and installation of the Play Area equipment and that they had not been kept informed. Mrs J Pyne reported that nothing had been finally decided, as quotes had been obtained over the last two months and were available to be discussed at this meeting. It was also reported that updates had been sent to the Horsington blog and the Villager magazine and a copy of what had been sent was handed out.

Mrs Hodges handed in a cheque for £250 from Hastoe Housing Association towards the Play Area Project.

Mrs Pyne stated that the Parish Council were very grateful and would like to thank everyone who had donated money however large or small.

K Wigley handed in 7 cheques totalling £250 from residents towards the Play Area Project.

District Councillor H Burt reported that SSDC was undertaking restructuring and was looking for ways of raising money.

85. Members Present and Apologies

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

b. Public present: D Chapman (Clerk), District Councillor District H Burt & 5 members of the public

c. Apologies: Mrs D Gray & County / District Councillor W Wallace

86. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations - none

87. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 12th October 2017

Agreed by Mrs B Mann and I Snowden as a true record.

88. 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.

89. Planning

Applications:

17/03641/FUL Mrs Ford, Peckholds Ash Farm, Lower Road, Horsington – conversion of farm buildings to holiday lets – no objections.

17/04326/FUL Mr Tony Maynard, Old Well Cottage, South Cheriton – installation of 1 No. first floor window on east elevation – no objections.

Determinations - none

90. Finance

a. Authorised Cheques

1074 - £67.20 – H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE on Clerk's salary

1075 - £100.80 – D Chapman – Clerk's salary November 2017

1076 - £25.02 – D Chapman – Clerk's expenses

1077 - £15.00 - Somerset Playing Fields Association – annual subscription

1078 - £490.00 - R J peters – grass cutting

1079 - £150-00 - S P Collins - maintenance at Cemetery

b. Monies Received

£250.00 Hastoe Housing Association – donation toward Play Area Project

£100.00 donation towards Play Area Project from a resident of Cabbage Lane

£75.00 interment of Mrs D Sanger plot B28

£50.00 interment of P J Hix plot H18

£250.00 7 cheques for donations towards Play Area Project

91. Play Area

The quotes were discussed. Members of the public asked if a larger activity tower could be installed. It was agreed that Ludus (Lappset) would need to be contacted to see if this tower would fit onto the existing wetpour surface. If the unit would not fit there would be an additional cost of extending the current surfacing. Ludus (Lappset) would also be asked to provide a quote for supplying the larger tower.

Mrs Pyne reported that, as the deadline to apply for a grant of £5,000.00 was within one week, the quotes for the smaller tower, which would fit on to the existing surface, would have to be used in the application and a decision about what tower to buy could be made at a later date. It was agreed that further fundraising would be needed and a number of events were discussed.

Mrs B Mann reported that the Lions Club might be prepared to donate. Clerk to contact the Chairman of the Lions Club.

92 Cemetery / Church Yard

Nothing to report.

93. Horse Pond

Clerk confirmed that a photograph and article had appeared in the Blackmore Vale magazine.

94 Footpaths

Nothing to report

95. Newsletter

It was reported that an article about the Play Area project had been submitted.

96. Correspondence

SSDC – Local Plan Consultation – noted.

Somerset County Council Highways Department – offer of bags of grit. It was decided not to take up the offer as the Parish Council has a number of bags collected in previous years. It was agreed that a grit bin should be purchased for grit to be spread on the path near the Church.

R Worsley – Refurbishment of Finger Posts – Clerk reported that Somerset County Council is arranging for training courses for the maintenance of finger posts but no dates were available yet. It was reported that the finger posts in Charlton Horethorne had been refurbished. Clerk was asked to contact Charlton Horethorne Parish Council to see what process they had followed.

SWP – Newsletter and Revised collection dates over Christmas period – noted.

SSDC – Recycling of Christmas trees – Mrs B Mann offered to ask Andrew Tarling if he was prepared to have a pound for residents old Christmas trees in the car park at the rear of the Half Moon Inn at Horsington.

97. Any other business of importance

It was reported that the caravan at Horsington Marsh has been moved.

Mrs J Pyne reported that the Blackmore Vale magazine would be prepared to publicise any fund raising events for the Play Area project.

Meeting closed 21-10

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th December 2017 at 7-30pm