

**Draft Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting**

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

**Public Forum - none**

**97. Members Present and Apologies**

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

**98. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations - none**

**99. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Proposed by I Snowden and seconded by M Tucker as a true record.

**100. Matters arising from minutes**

The cost of grass cutting and cemetery maintenance for the previous and current financial years was reviewed.

Clerk reported that Charlton Horethorne Parish Council underwent training before refurbishing their finger post signs and had received a grant from SSDC. Clerk had asked SSDC if a grant was available to all Parish Councils.

It was reported that a grit bin has been purchased and placed in the Churchyard. M Tucker has filled the bin with grit left over from previous years.

**101. Planning**

**Applications:**

17/04487/FUL Mr & Mrs Jamie and Sarah Burnett, Cheriton House Cottage, Higher Road, Horsington BA8 OBS – demolish single storey extension and two outbuildings. The erection of a two-storey extension - no objections.

17/04544/TPO Mr Richard Case, Melchester House, Church Lane, Horsington BA8 OEG – notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to 4 No. trees and fell 1 No tree all within a conservation area – no objections.

**Determinations:**

17/03918/FUL Mr & Mrs Snowden, Pond House, Church Lane, Horsington BA8 OEG – construction of veranda (retrospective) – granted – noted.

17/03641/FUL Mrs Ford, Peckholds Ash Farm, Lower Road, Horsington BA8 OBW – conversion of farm buildings to holiday lets – granted – noted.

17/03274/LBC Mr Stephen Trundle, 7 Manor Court, Tower Hill, Horsington BA8 OET – installation of wood burner with flue through roof – granted – noted.

17/04326/FUL Mr Tony Maynard, Old Well cottage, South Cheriton, BA8 OBH – installation of first floor window on east elevation – granted – noted.

Mrs A Clayton joined the meeting at 19:45

**102. Finance**

**a. Authorised Cheques**

1080 - £449.20 D Chapman – Clerk's salary (including £281.20 tax rebate)

1081 - £108.34 – D Chapman – Clerk's expenses (including grit bin for Churchyard)

1082 - £75.00 – Lexis Nexis – Local Councils administration book

**b. Monies Received**

2 cheques for £50 each for donations for the Play Area project and £121 collected from the Stavordale WI carol concert, also for the Play Area project.

£281.20 HMRC PAYE relating to a tax refund for the Clerk.

### **c. Review Budget / Precept for 2018 – 2019**

The budget for 2018 – 2019 was discussed and it was agreed to increase the precept for 2018 – 2019 by £500 to £10,480. The extra amount will be used for the Play Area project in 2018 and to increase the Play Area Capital fund in subsequent years.

#### **103. Play Area**

The latest quotes, including a larger activity tower, were discussed. Mrs Pyne confirmed that the larger activity tower would not fit on the existing safety surface and so quotes for the additional costs involved had been obtained. A good quote had been received from the Lapsett suppliers with a discount of 25% had been received. This is dependent on placing the order before the end of January and so a decision will need to be made at the January meeting. The total additional cost of purchasing and installing the larger unit was around £2,000.

Clerk reported that SSDC have agreed to application for £5,000 and that the Lions Club has agreed to make a donation but that the amount was not yet known.

Mrs Pyne stated that, if necessary, Somerset Playing Fields Association offered interest free loans of one year or for longer times at very competitive rates. This may be useful to cover any timing differences with funding. It was agreed that further fundraising will be needed and a number of events were discussed, including an offer from a Parishioner to hold a Film Event Screening.

#### **104. Cemetery / Church Yard**

Nothing to report.

#### **105. Horse Pond**

Nothing to report.

#### **106 Footpaths**

Nothing to report

#### **107. Newsletter**

It was suggested that an update about the Play Area project should be submitted for the next edition.

#### **108. Correspondence**

SSDC – Christmas Tree recycling poster – noted.

Somerset County Council – termination of the provision of Speed Indicator Devices – noted.

Somerset Waste Partnership – Newsletter - noted.

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

Corton Denham Parish Council (via H Burt) - Neighbourhood Watch – noted.

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

It was agreed that the basket ball equipment should be moved from C James to I Snowden's house.

It was also agreed that C James could dispose of the old multi- unit.

It was reported that the road in Marsh Lane near the chicken farm was in a poor condition.

It was reported that a Parishioner had complained about a person putting dog poo bags in her bin.

Meeting closed 20-45

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7-30pm**