

**Draft Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting**

**On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Margaret's Hall, Horsington**

**Public Forum - none**

**County / District Councillors Reports**

William Wallace reported that, despite the recent reports of NHS hospitals failing to meet their A&E targets, the Somerset Hospitals (Yeovil, Bath, Taunton and Weston-Super Mare) had performed well. This has been achieved by working closely with Social Service to free up hospital beds as soon as possible.

**123. Members Present and Apologies**

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

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

**125. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Proposed by Mrs J Pyne and seconded by Mrs J Hodges as a true record.

**126. Matters arising from minutes**

Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to the local resident who was enquiring about support for a proposed application for a single storey barn style house.

It was reported that around 10 trees were placed in the recycling pound erected by SSDC at the Half Moon.

Clerk reported that the Annual Town and Parish meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February had been postponed.

**127. Planning**

**Applications:**

18/00297/FUL Mr Marcus Fergusson, Feltham Farm, Horsington BA8 0EN – demolition of barn and the erection of a building to be used for food production – no objections.

**Determinations:**

17/0544/TPO Mr Richard Case, Melchester House, Church Lane, Horsington BA8 0EG – application to carry out tree surgery works to a chestnut tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order. Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to 4 No. trees and fell 1 No. trees all within a conservation area – permission refused – noted.

17/04776/FUL Mr & Mrs Peter Holmes, 22 Duck Lane, Horsington BA8 0EG – demolish existing store and the erection of a single storey rear extension single storey extension – granted – noted.

**Other:**

**128. Finance**

**a. Authorised Cheques**

1087 - £153.00 - Somerset Association of Local Councils – subscription

1088 - £134.40 – D Chapman - Clerk's salary February 2018

1089 - £34.47 – D Chapman – Clerk's expenses

1090 - £33.60 – HMRC – PAYE on Clerk's salary February 2018

**b. Monies Received**

£50.00 – donation for Play Area project

£75.00 - S Folkes Memorials Ltd – memorial stone for P J Hix (plot H18).

### **c. Other**

Clerk reported that it is likely that, under the new audit rules, it is likely that the Parish Council will be able to declare itself exempt from the PKF Littlejohns limited assurance review. The other existing accounts notifications and internal audit rules still apply.

#### **129. Play Area**

It was reported that the Blackmore Vale Lions Club had agreed to donate £1,000 towards the project. Further donations of £150 had also been received (£50 cheque and £100 bank transfer). Unfortunately the bid to the Big Lottery Fund had been turned down.

Mrs J Pyne reported that the new equipment and surfacing had been ordered and work has been scheduled for early April 2018. It was also reported that the surfaces under the swings would be covered with the new Matta surfacing instead of repairing the edging. It was also agreed that the swing cross bars would not be replaced at this time. It was agreed that the purchase and installation of the rotation (roundabout) piece of equipment would be a separate project that would be done in the future.

William Wallace left the meeting at 17:55

#### **130. Cemetery / Church Yard**

Mrs Pyne reported that Steve Collins, who has maintained the cemetery to a very high standard for many years, had given in his notice. Various options were discussed including approaching other people who may be interested. A quote from a company that had recently contacted the Clerk on a speculative basis was reviewed. It was agreed that further quotes should be obtained and an advert should be placed in the Blackmore Vale magazine.

It was also reported that the Clerk had been in touch with Diocesan Office regarding the last cemetery extension.

#### **131. Horse Pond**

Nothing to report.

#### **132. Footpaths**

Nothing to report

#### **133. Newsletter**

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

#### **134. Correspondence**

SSDC – Funding of CAT bus – it was confirmed that the Parish Council would not be contributing towards the cost of this service.

SSDC – Support for Great British Spring Cleaners – noted.

Somerset Waste Partnership – Newsletter - noted.

Somerset County Council – Somerset Library Services Consultation – it was reported that the Wincanton library would not be effected by noted by the proposed changes – noted.

Somerset County Council – Fingerpost Restoration Project – Clerk reported that three people had been booked on this training – noted.

#### **135. Any other business of importance - none**

Meeting closed 20-35

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7-30pm**