

Draft Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting
On Thursday 8th March 2018 at Margaret's Hall, Horsington

Public Forum - none

County / District Councillors Reports

Hayward Burt reported that the SSDC element of the Council Tax would increase by just over 3% due to a reduction in funding from Central Government.

Mr Burt also reported that the deadline for responding to the consultation for the A303 dualling between Sparkford and Ilchester was 9th March 2018.

136. Members Present and Apologies

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

137. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations - none

138. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 8th February 2018

The draft minutes were altered to reflect that W Wallace left the meeting at 19:55 and were then signed as a true record. Proposed by M Tucker and seconded by Mrs J Hodges.

139. Matters arising from minutes - none

140. Planning

Applications: none

Determinations: none

141. Finance

a. Authorised Cheques

- 1091 - £100.00 – Mrs J Pyne – Chairman's allowance
- 1092 - £3,428.04 – Matta Products – new safety surface beneath swings at Play Area
- 1093 - £33.60 – HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE on Clerk's salary March 2018
- 1094 - £134.40 – D Chapman - Clerk's salary March 2018

b. Monies Received

- £1,000.00 – donation for Play Area project from the Blackmore Vale Lions Club
- £125.00 - donation from John Sansom from the Cheese & Beer event.

c. Other

It was agreed that the Parish Council would apply for exemption from the PKF Littlejohn limited assurance review as the turnover was less than £25,000.

Clerk reported that a claim had been submitted for reimbursement of VAT covering the 2017 – 2018 financial year for £678.29.

142. Play Area

Mrs J Pyne reported that the new Matta surfacing below the swings has been installed instead of repairing the edging. It was also agreed that the swing cross bars would not be replaced at this time.

Clerk reported that the event organised by John Sansom raised £125.00. Councillors expressed their thanks for all the hard work done by Mr Sansom in organising the event.

Councillors hoped that further money would be raised from future events.

143. Cemetery / Church Yard

Three quotes for the maintenance of the Cemetery were discussed. Councillors agreed to accept the quote from S Hawkins.

Clerk will write to Steve Collins to thank him for all his hard work over the years.

144. Horse Pond

Nothing to report.

145. Footpaths

Mrs B Mann reported that the stile on a footpath opposite Pevlings Stables in Cabbage Lane was in need of repair. This will be reported on the Somerset County Council footpaths website.

146. Newsletter

It was reported that brief update about the Play Area project had been included in the current edition.

147. Correspondence

SSDC – Somerset Strategic Housing Framework consultation – noted.

Local Council Public Advisory Service – Data Protection Officer Service – Councillors agreed to wait and see what the final requirements are before proceeding.

SSDC – Proposed Annual Town and Parish Council Meeting on 23rd April 2018 - noted.

SSDC – A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Scheme Consultation – noted.

Local Council Public Advisory Service – Ethical Standards in Local Government Consultation – noted.

An enquiry regarding the 'There But Not There' campaign to place silhouettes in the Church was discussed. Councillors supported initiatives to raise the profile of people who lost their lives during both World Wars but felt that they could not support the project financially.

148. Any other business of importance

Clerk to arrange for the date and time for the Annual Parish Meeting to be advertised in the Villager Magazine.

It was reported that cars were parking in the spaces allocated for the users of the Play Area and that this would cause problems when the contractors came to install the new equipment. It was agreed, that before the contractors arrive, notes should be placed on the windscreens of the cars warning them that they are causing an obstruction.

Mrs A Clayton asked where W Candy's records and photographs were now that he had passed away. Mrs Pyne reported that she had them but that they are incomplete.

Meeting closed 20-45

Date of next meeting: Thursday 12th April 2018 following the Annual Parish meeting.