

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting
Including the Annual Parish Council Meeting
On Thursday 10th May 2018 at St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

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Public Forum - none

1. Election of Chairman

Mrs J Pyne was elected unanimously.

Mrs Pyne signed the Acceptance of Office form.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

M Tucker was elected unanimously.

3. Election of Committees

It was agreed that all Councillors would be on all committees as and when required.

County / District Councillors Reports

Hayward Burt reported that the, following the Boundary Review, the Blackmoor Vale ward would continue to have 2 ward members. The ward would now include Sutton Montis and South Cadbury.

4. Members Present and Apologies

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

b. Public present: D Chapman (Clerk) & District Councillor H Burt.

c. Apologies: County / District Councillor W Wallace

5. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations - none

6. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 12th April 2018

Proposed by Mrs D Gray and seconded by I Snowden as a true record.

7. Matters arising from minutes - none

8. Planning

Applications:

18/0990/FUL Land OS7183 High Road, Horsington – the erection of a detached single storey dwelling with associated landscaping. No objections.

Determinations: none

Other: none

9. Insurance Renewal

Clerk reported that the policy was the same as last year and the premium had increased by 4% in line with the 3 year agreement that runs until June 2019.

10. Finance

a. Authorised Cheques

1098 - £60.00 – D Vanstone – Internal Audit of accounts 2017-2018

1099 - £770.32 – Came & Company – Insurance 2018-2019

1100 - £168.00 – D Chapman – Clerks salary May 2018

1101 - £1,950.00 – Play UK Playgrounds Ltd – Fitting of Play Area equipment

1102 - £227.50 – Mr S Hawkins – maintenance of Cemetery April 2018

1103 - £39.57 – D Chapman – Clerk's expenses May 2018

1104 - £435.00 – R J Peters – grass cutting at Play Area, Church and bus shelter April 2018

1105 - £6,156.48 – Matta Products – new Play Area surface under new activity tower.

b. Monies Received

£10,480.00 SSDC – precept for 2018-2019

c. Review Internal Controls

The internal controls document was reviewed and agreed.

d. Complete and sign the Annual Governance Statement 2107-2018

The statement was completed and signed by the Clerk and Chairman

e. Complete and sign the Accounting Statements 2017-2018

The statements document was completed and signed by the Clerk and Chairman

11. Play Area

Mrs J Pyne reported that the new equipment has now been installed and the Play Area now looks good.

It was noted that the new gates had not yet been fitted. Mrs Mann will speak to the Parishioner who had promised to supply and fit the gates.

12. Cemetery / Church Yard

It was noted that the bad weather earlier in April had caused problems with the grass cutting at the Cemetery. Now the weather has improved it should be easier.

13. Horse Pond

Nothing to report.

14. Footpaths

It was confirmed that the problem with the stile on a footpath opposite Pevlings Stables in Cabbage Lane has been reported on the Somerset County Council website.

15. Newsletter

An article about the Play Area refurbishment was discussed.

16. Finger Posts Restoration

An email from a Parishioner who is one of the volunteers on the restoration project was discussed.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would reimburse the volunteers for the paint. Clerk reported that, in order to apply to SSDC for funding towards the cost of the project, an estimate of the costs was needed.

It was also agreed that the Highways Department would be asked to put the finger post on the junction between Stowell Lane and Mead Lane back up straight and re-fix it in the ground if necessary.

I Snowden offered to trim the cherry tree that is obscuring the fingerpost sign at the bus shelter in Horsington.

17. General Data Protection Regulations

Clerk gave an update on the changes taking place in May and reported that he would attend further training with the Somerset Association of Local Councils on 21st May 2018.

18. Correspondence

H Burt - SSDC – Public Consultation re South Western Railway’s timetable changes from 9th December 2018 – it was reported that the changes had not been confirmed yet but would be available on the Company’s website later in the year – noted.

Somerset Waste Partnership – newsletter – noted.

19. Any other business of importance

Mrs J Pyne reported that she had been through the boxes of old documents and information that I Snowden had been storing. She will keep the Cemetery books and the remaining documents will be returned to the Clerk.

Mrs Pyne also said that, amongst the documents, was information about a scheme called the Welcome Home Fund. This was a fund that raised money for people who had fought in the World War Two. Mrs Pyne’s father had kindly offered to write an article for the Villager magazine.

Meeting closed 21-05

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th June 2018