

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting

On Thursday 13th September 2018 at St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

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Public Forum

The applicants on planning application 18/02075/FUL provided some background information regarding their application.

The neighbours of the property on this application expressed concerns about the loss of light that the proposed copse would cause.

A number of residents from Horsington House expressed their concerns and strong objections to planning applications 18/02220/LBC & 18/02218/FUL.

Their concerns included the fact that the proposed property is out of keeping with the area, too close to the Church and the access would mean a loss of privacy to some residents.

Also the Churchwardens feel that the residents of the new home would complain about the bells.

The residents of Horsington House reported that they had not been informed by the SSDC Planning Department of the applications and were worried that they may have missed the deadline to respond. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Planning Officer at SSDC and inform him that the residents would be submitting their responses.

County / District Councillors Reports

Hayward Burt reported that, now recycling centres are now accepting hard plastics, the amount being recycled has risen by 50%.

Mr Burt also confirmed that trains at Templecombe station would be replaced by busses between 24th September and 10th November to enable engineering works are completed.

Mr Burt also reported that SSDC has seen a large reduction in central government grants and had reduced its staff numbers and will introduce a website to deal with customer enquiries. Any problems encountered with this service or any problems, particularly with planning, should be reported.

60. Members Present and Apologies

- a. Members present: Mrs J Pyne (Chair), M Tucker, Mrs A Clayton, Mrs D Gray, Mrs J Hodges & I Snowden.
- b. Public present: D Chapman (Clerk), W Wallace & 12 members of the public.
- c. **Apologies:** Mrs B Mann & William Wallace

61. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

I Snowden declared an interest in planning application 18/02781/TCA as he owns the property and applications 18/02220/LBC & 18/02218/FUL as he is a neighbour.

62. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 9th August 2018

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

63. Matters arising from minutes

Mrs A Clayton gave an update on the restoration off the finger post signs. Mrs J Pyne confirmed that a Parishioner is going to repair the sign at Mead Lane before it is painted.

64. Planning

Applications:

18/02220/LBC & 18/02218/FUL Land South of St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Horsington – demolition of outbuildings, the erection of a dwelling with associated works and landscaping – I Snowden declared an interest and left the meeting.

The remaining Councillors took note of the neighbours' concerns and were unanimously opposed to the proposed development. Councillors felt that the property is out of keeping with the area - a modern building in a listed wall and listed house environment, is too close to the Church, under policy SS2 it does not meet an identified housing need and the proposed access would lead to a loss of privacy.

Councillors noted the concerns expressed by the neighbours.
I Snowden returned to the meeting.

18/02075/FUL The Hollies, Cabbage Lane, Horsington BA8 ODA – the demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling together with change of use land to domestic garden with the formation of a new access and driveway – 3 Councillors had no objections and 3 were opposed due to the size of the building, the new entrance (large splay needed) and the effect of the copse on the near neighbours.

Councillors noted the concerns expressed by the neighbours.

18/02781/TCA Pond House, Church Lane, Horsington BA8 0EG – application to carry out tree works to a Yew Tree within a designated conservation area. I Snowden declared an interest and did not vote. The remaining Councillors had no objections.

Determinations:

18/02430/PAMB Land OS 5231, Tower Hill, Horsington – notification for prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building into 1 No. dwelling – refused - **noted**.

18/02273/AGN Feltham Farm, Horsington – notification of intent to erect an agricultural building for storage of hay and sheep in lambing season – prior approval is required – **noted**.

18/01878/FUL Old Well Cottage, Cheriton Street, South Cheriton BA8 0BH – the erection of a conservatory to the rear of dwelling – granted – **noted**.

18/01773/FUL Meadow Bank, Broadmoor Lane, Horsington BA8 0EQ - replacement of existing dwelling with new 3 bedroom cottage – granted – **noted**.

18/1632/LBC 43B Cheriton Street, South Cheriton BA8 0BG – the carrying out of internal alterations to restore inglenook fireplace – granted – **noted**.

Other:

Charles James gave an update on the type of development that he was considering for his paddock in Horsington.

This may involve a terrace of three affordable two bedroomed houses, to be offered for sale at around £148,000 each (market value less 20%), a bungalow and three or four detached houses.

Mr James asked what, if any, houses would the Parish Council prefer to see on the site. Councillors felt that they would not like to see any houses built on the site.

Councillors thought that, under SSDC policy SS2, permission for houses in villages would not be granted unless a specific housing need for affordable houses had been identified. This may involve a housing needs survey to demonstrate if there is a need.

Mr James stated that he would consider his options.

65. Finance

a. Authorised Cheques

1120 - £168.00 – D Chapman – Clerk’s salary September 2018

1121 - £286.00 – S Hawkins – maintenance of Cemetery and Village Hall grass August 2018

1122 - £280.00 – R J Peters – grass cutting at Play Area, Churchyard & Bus Shelter August 2018

1123 - £91.40 – R Worsley – reimbursement of costs for paint etc. for the restoration of the finger post signs.

1124 - £8.47 A Parsons – reimbursement of costs for paint etc. for the restoration of the finger post signs.

b. Monies Received

£75.00 – monument for T Inglefield’s grave.

66. Play Area

Clerk reported that SSDC has performed the annual inspection / risk assessment checks but that the reports have not yet been received.

67. Cemetery / Churchyard

It was agreed that S Hawkins should paint the roadside gate and railings at the Cemetery.

Mrs Pyne confirmed that a service would take place on 28th September to consecrate the strip of land at the bottom of the Cemetery. The service will be performed by a retired Bishop.

The cost of this will be £850 + VAT and the retired Bishop’s travelling expenses.

68. Horse Pond

Nothing to report.

69. Footpaths

Nothing to report.

70. Newsletter

An article about the project to restore the finger post signs was discussed.

71. Correspondence

South Somerset District Council – South Somerset Leisure Needs Assessment – **Clerk to complete.**

72. Any other business of importance - none

Meeting closed 21:55

Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th October 2018