

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting

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

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Public Forum

A number of residents expressed their strong objections to the amended planning applications 18/02220/LBC & 18/02218/FUL. They were particularly concerned about the access via Church Lane, which they felt was unsuitable.

R Worsley gave an update on the Finger Post project. He reported that a local resident will try and reattach the arm to the post opposite the White Horse in South Cheriton and repair and straighten the post at Mead Lane. Mr Worsley hoped that sufficient funds have been raised to cover the costs.

County / District Councillors Reports – none

100. Members Present and Apologies

- a. Members present: Mrs J Pyne (Chair), Mrs B Mann, M Tucker, Mrs D Gray, I Snowden & Mrs J Hodges.
- b. Public present: D Chapman (Clerk) & 6 members of the public.
- c. **Apologies:** Mrs A Clayton, W Wallace & H Burt.

101. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations – I Snowden declared an interest in planning applications 18/02220/LBC & 18/02218/FUL as he is a neighbour.

102. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 8th November 2018

Proposed by M Tucker and seconded by Mrs B Mann.

103. Matters arising from minutes

Clerk confirmed that Somerset Highways department will be filling grit bins this year but this will be the last year. Parish Councils will need to pay for any grit that they use themselves.

104. Planning

Applications:

I Snowden declared an interest and left the meeting.

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 (amended plans / additional information regarding alterations to roof design, revised lighting strategy & additional highways /access information) – **Councillors felt that the amendments did not address the concerns that has already been raised and were still opposed to the applications. There were particular concerns about the access from Church Lane.**

I Snowden returned to the meeting.

18/03453/HOU 27 Lower Lodge Road, Horsington BA8 0EF – alterations to fenestration to the rear elevation to include insertion of 2 No. new windows, 2 No. new roof lights and change of openings of 3 No. existing windows to match existing – **no objections.**

18/03463/HOU 26 Lower Lodge Road, Horsington BA8 0EF – the carrying out of external alterations to both create new and also block up existing windows and doors, the installation of a roof light and the removal of boundary wall and the creation of a new vehicular access and hardstanding – **Councillors had no objections in principle but would have preferred that the proposed windows were unified and felt that they are a 'mish mash'. It was also noted that the dormer window is not showing on the design and access statement.**

Some Councillors were not happy about knocking down the wall to provide the parking place.

Determinations: none

Other: none

105. Restoration of Finger Post Signs

See Public Forum above.

106. Finance

a. Authorised Cheques

1135 - £168.00 – D Chapman – Clerk's salary December 2018

1136 - £280.00 – R J Peters – cutting of grass at Play Area, Church and bus shelter

b. Monies Received – none

c. Review Budget / Precept 2019 / 2020

The income and expenditure forecasts for the current year and 2019 / 2020 were discussed. Councillors agreed to increase the precept by £500 to £10,980 to cover items including the increased audit fees and possible election costs.

107. Play Area

Mrs Hodges reported that there are no problems and that the bin is now OK.

108. Cemetery / Churchyard

It was confirmed that there was sufficient salt in the bin to grit the path.

109. Horse Pond

M Tucker agreed to talk to C Bailward about emptying the silt trap

110. Footpaths

Nothing to report.

111. Newsletter

M Tucker agreed to write an article about the Play Area project.

112. Correspondence

South Somerset District Council – Christmas Tree recycling – Clerk reported that Andrew Tarling, at the Half Moon, has agreed to host a temporary compound again this year - **noted**.

St John's Church, Horsington – items in Church quinquennial report (repairs to gate & posts to Horsington House and removal of projecting pointed railings from hedge on north side boundary) – **Councillors decided to visit the Church and check the situation.**

Somerset County Council Rights of Way Team – Parish Paths Consultation – **Mrs J Pyne will review the list provided.**

113. Any other business of importance

Mrs Pyne reported that a request has been received for the Parish Council to supply grit for Foxcombe Lane. Currently the only grit bin, maintained and filled by the Parish Council, is in the Churchyard. This is for the safety of the people using the Church. Councillors unanimously agreed to continue with its responsibility at the Church but felt that the Parish Council cannot take on any further responsibilities and cover every request to supply grit throughout the Parish.

Meeting closed 21:15

Date of next meeting: Thursday 10th January 2019