

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting

On Thursday 14th February 2019 at St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

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Public Forum

Some local residents and the owners of a neighbouring property to planning application 18//03879/FUL raised concerns about the application and the effect it would have on the neighbouring property.

County / District Councillors Reports

H Burt reported that there were communication problems with Somerset Waste Partnership regarding the revised collection times after the recent snow.

Mr Burt also reported that part of the extra money raised through an increase in the amount that SSDC can retain from business rates will be spent on a project to regenerate Wincanton town centre. The District Council is seeking comments by March.

128. Members Present and Apologies

- a. Members present: Mrs J Pyne (Chair), Mrs B Mann, M Tucker, Mrs A Clayton, Mrs D Gray & I Snowden.
- b. Public present: D Chapman (Clerk), H Burt & 4 members of the public.
- c. **Apologies:** Mrs J Hodges & W Wallace.

129. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

Mrs B Mann declared an interest in planning application 18/03879/ FUL as she knows the applicant.

130. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 10th January 2019

Proposed by Mrs A Clayton and seconded by Mrs B Mann.

131. Matters arising from minutes

Clerk reported that a the diocesan office does not have details of which walls at the Churchyard the Parish Council have the responsibility to maintain.

132. Planning

Applications:

18/03879/FUL The Old Bakery, Behind Hayes, South Cheriton BA8 0BG – change of use for the conversion of former hall building into ancillary accommodation /annex – **Councillors strongly recommended that the design is changed to reduce the negative impact on the neighbouring property.**

Mrs B Mann did not vote.

Determinations:

19/00246/TCA Cheriton House Farm, South Cheriton BA8 0BG – application to carry out tree works within a conservation area – granted – **noted.**

18/03463/HOU 26 Lower Lodge Road, Horsington – 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 a boundary wall and the creation of a new vehicular access and hardstanding – granted – **noted.**

18/03565/FUL Coombe Cross Farm, Horsington – creation of agricultural access – granted – **noted.**

19/00028/TCA The Mead, South Cheriton BA8 0BG – notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to 1 No. tree within a Conservation area – granted – **noted.**

Other: none

133. Restoration of Finger Post Signs

Mrs A Clayton reported that a local resident has repaired the 'Templecombe' arm for the finger post opposite the White Horse Inn in South Cheriton and has reinstated it.

Mrs Clayton also reported that a company in Chard has quoted to repair the sign at Mead Lane. She said that a further £250 needs to be raised to cover the cost. Mr R Worsley will try to raise the additional amount.

Councillors agreed that, once all the money has been raised, it could be paid to the Parish Council. This would enable the Parish Council to pay the invoice and claim back the VAT.

134. Finance

a. Authorised Cheques

1139 - £168.00 – D Chapman – Clerk's salary February 2019

1140 - £116.25 – S P Collins – cutting Yew trees at Cemetery

b. Monies Received

£17.47 NS&I interest on the Cheyney account.

135. Play Area

Mrs Pyne reported that it is the intention to replace the swings and the surface under the springer.

It was noted that the basketball hoop is still missing. Mrs Mann will contact S Hawkins to get the hoop back or reinstated. M Tucker offered to reinstate it if necessary.

136. Cemetery / Churchyard

Mrs Pyne reported that Steve Collins has cut the Yew trees in the Cemetery.

I Snowden reported that he has dealt with the railings in the Churchyard.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the owners of Horsington House regarding a contribution towards the cost of repairing gate and posts leading from the Churchyard to the grounds of Horsington House.

The Clerk will also check with the Mrs Anne Jones whether she knows if the Church own the wall in the Churchyard that forms a boundary with the walled garden at Horsington.

137. Horse Pond

M Tucker reported that he had cleaned the information board and picked up the litter.

138. Footpaths

Mrs B Mann reported problems on the stiles on paths leading from Cabbage Lane. M Tucker confirmed that he had reported one of the fault several months ago but would report both problems on the Somerset County Council website.

139. Newsletter

An article by M Tucker handed out an article regarding the Playa Area project. This was reviewed and agreed.

140. Correspondence

South Somerset District Council – latest statement on the future of Local Government in South Somerset – the leaders of the six councils in Somerset to consider progress on research in to the options for the future of services delivered by Local Government in Somerset. Research is ongoing - **noted**.

South Somerset District Council – request to display posters promoting District Councillor's Role – Clerk reported that posters have been put up in the notice boards – **noted**.

Dorset Lengthsman – offer of service for highways and other jobs at an hourly rate - **Clerk to hold details on file**.

141. Any other business of importance

M Tucker reported that he has received a comment about the poor state of Marsh Lane by the chicken farm with potholes and the surface of the road. The current works do not seem to have made a difference. Clerk to contact Highways Department.

Meeting closed 21:10

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th March 2019