

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting

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

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Public Forum

PCSO John Winfield reported that there have been problems with vehicles damaging green lanes and verges in the area but not in Horsington Parish. There have also been problems with dogs chasing and, sometimes, killing sheep in the area.

County / District Councillors Reports

H Burt reported the following:

- SSDC has purchased properties in Bristol and Newport in an attempt to make up for lost revenue from Central Government.
- There is a 'Savour The Flavour' event to be held in Wincanton.
- Hall & Woodhouse have a 'Community Chest' project that gives grants of up to £500 for local projects. Clerk to investigate whether a grant could be obtained towards the cost of replacing the swings at the Play Area.

142. Members Present and Apologies

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

143. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations - none

144. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 14th February 2019

Proposed by Mrs A Clayton and seconded by I Snowden.

145. Matters arising from minutes

Clerk reported that the Highways Department say that work is scheduled to do some patching work to the road in Marsh Lane near the chicken farm.

146. Planning

Applications: none

Determinations:

18/03953/OUT Land Adjoining Barley Lands, Cabbage Lane, Horsington – the erection of 1 No. new dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved) - refused – **noted**.

Other:

H Burt reported that the application to build a new dwelling in the walled garden at Horsington House has been refused.

147. Restoration of Finger Post Signs

Mrs A Clayton reported that enough money has been raised to pay for the refurbishing of the post at Mead Lane and that the money would be paid to the Parish Council. A cheque made Payable to Cerdic Foundries Ltd for the repairs was raised. The cheque will be released once the money has been paid into and cleared through the Parish Council bank account.

148. Finance

a. Authorised Cheques

1141 - £100.00 – Mrs J Pyne – Chairman's allowance

1142 - £168.00 – D Chapman – Clerk’s salary March 2019

1143 - £15.00 - Somerset Playing Fields Association – annual subscription

1144 - £182.00 – S Hawkins – maintenance of Cemetery February 2019

1145 – £1,290.77 - Cerdic Foundries Ltd – restoration of finger post sign at Mead Lane

b. Monies Received

£390.00 Mr & Mrs C Everett purchase of graves H25 & H26.

149. Play Area

Mrs Hodges reported that there were no problems except that the goal net is damaged.

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

It was reported that Steve Hawkins intends to put the basket ball hoop back up.

150. Cemetery / Churchyard

Clerk reported that a letter has been sent to the owners of Horsington House asking if they would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of repairing the gate and posts leading from the Churchyard to Horsington House. The owners will discuss the request at their next board meeting.

Clerk reported that the Diocesan Office in could not confirm the ownership of all the walls around the Churchyard. The Churchwardens and a local resident, who has many years experience with the Church, think that the wall that forms a boundary wall with the walled garden at Horsington House, belongs to Horsington House but were not certain. Further enquiries are being made.

Clerk confirmed that Came & Company, the Parish Council’s insurance agents, state that the Parish Council’s insurance policy covers public liability for any of the Churchyard walls that are the responsibility of the Parish Council but not accidental damage. Councillors agreed not to add accidental damage cover at this time.

151. Horse Pond – nothing to report.

152. Footpaths

It was reported that the problems regarding the stiles on paths leading from Cabbage Lane had been reported by M Tucker on the Somerset County Council website and had now been resolved.

Mrs Pyne reported that the footpaths closure notices on some paths in the Parish are misleading and actually relate to the closure of a bridge in Holton.

153. Newsletter

Mrs Pyne reported that her father has written an article about the Welcome Home Fund, which helped the families of soldiers coming home after World War 2. Mrs Mann stated that her father has a lot of information about life in the 1940’s at Barnardos at Horsington House.

154. Correspondence

South Somerset District Council – burial plot capacity and Muslim funerals information gathering – Councillors agreed that burials of people of the Muslim faith who lived in, or had a connection to the Parish would be accommodated in the Cemetery. However, due to restrictions on capacity, only Parishioners or people with connections to the Parish can be buried in the Cemetery.

National Association of Local Councils Affordable Housing Commission Call for Evidence – consultation – **noted.**

Sarah Mageean – paranormal television series – search for properties – **noted.**

155. Local Elections May 2019

Clerk handed out copies of the application forms and provided an update on the procedures for completing and submitting the forms. It was agreed that he would take the forms to SSDC on the morning of 2nd April. Any forms not received by that time would be the responsibility of the applicant to take into Yeovil themselves.

Clerk will give a copy of the form to M Tucker.

156. Any other business of importance

A Councillor reported that they had been told that the person who had moved into one of the Hastoe Housing Association houses recently has arranged a swap with someone from Milborne Port. Clerk to check with Hastoe whether this is permissible.

Meeting closed 20:50

Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th April 2019 starting with the Annual Parish Meeting