

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting
On Thursday 11th April 2019 at St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

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Public Forum

W Wallace reported that Council Tax bills have risen due to a lack of funding from Central Government.

157. 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: W Wallace & D Chapman (Clerk)
- c. **Apologies:** M Tucker & H Burt

158. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations - none

159. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 14th March 2019

I Snowden stated that, at the last meeting, he had said that he thought that the Church owned all the walls around the churchyard, including the boundary wall between the Church and Horsington House and asked for this to be added to the minutes. This was done and the minutes were then signed as a true record.

Proposed by Mrs J Hodges and seconded by Mrs D Gray.

160. Matters arising from minutes

Clerk reported that the Hastoe Housing Association state that it is not against the rules for a person from Milborne Port to move into one of their houses in Horsington.

It was also reported that Hall & Woodhouse state that they may be prepared to give a grant towards the cost of replacing the swings at the Play Area.

161. Planning

Applications:

19/00622/HOU The Laurels, Duck Lane, Horsington BA8 0EG – erection of a single storey rear extension and an attic conversion incorporating four roof lights in the main roof. **Concerns were raised that the extra bedroom could result in the need for parking for an extra car in an area that is already very congested.**

Councillors also would also prefer that the roof lights were on the back of the house and not the front.

19/00666/HOU Sandpit, Horsington Road, Horsington BA8 0DJ – erection of a first floor rear extension – **no objections.**

Determinations:

18/02218/FUL & 18/02220/LBC Land South of St John The Baptist Church, Church Lane, Horsington - demolition of buildings, the erection of a dwelling with associated works and landscaping – refused – **noted.**

18/03879/FUL The Old Bakery, Behind Hayes, South Cheriton BA8 0BG – change of use and alterations for the conversion of former hall building into ancillary accommodation / annexe – granted – **noted.**

Other:

W Wallace reported that the application to allow retails sales from the nursery site at Cabbage Lane (18/03282/S73A) was approved at a recent SSDC Area East meeting despite his and Hayward Burt's objections.

162. Restoration of Finger Post Signs

Mrs A Clayton reported that the donations collected by R Worsley had been paid into the Parish Council bank account and that the cheque to Cerdic to refurbish the fingerpost at Mead Lane has been released. Mrs Clayton also reported that a donation of £30 has been received and this would be passed to the Clerk so that it can be banked.

163. Finance

a. Authorised Cheques

1146 - £341.00 – S Hawkins – maintenance of cemetery March 2019 and restoration and installation of basket ball hoop at Play Area.

1147 - £168.00 – D Chapman – Clerk's salary April 2019

1148 - £54.30 – D Chapman – Clerks' expenses February – April 2019

1149 - £155.00 – R J Peters – grass cutting at Play Area, Churchyard & Village March 2019

b. Monies Received

£250.00 Hastoe Housing Association – donation towards swings at Play Area.

£1,075.64 - donations for Restoration of Finger Posts Project.

£10.00 – donation for Restoration of Finger Posts Project.

£10,980.00 South Somerset District Council – precept 2019/2020

Clerk reported that the VAT claim for £435.98 has been submitted to HM Revenue & Customs.

c. Other

The Financial Controls document was reviewed and agreed.

164. Play Area

Mrs Hodges reported that the goal net has been replaced.

Mrs Hodges also reported that the basket ball hoop has fallen forward and appears to be split. Mrs Pyne will check it.

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

Clerk reported that SSDC will no longer be providing an annual Play Area inspection and risk assessment report. It was agreed to use the Somerset Playing Fields Association to perform the checks.

165. Cemetery / Churchyard – nothing to report.

166. Horse Pond

I Snowden reported that he is looking to make arrangements for the silt trap to be cleared around July – August subject to the weather.

167. Footpaths – nothing to report.

168. Newsletter

Councillors felt that M Tucker had done a very good report about the project to install the new equipment at the Play Area. It was suggested that he may be able produce something about helping to keep the villages tidy.

169. Correspondence

Clerk referred to a letter received from a company offering to try and get a refund on the business rates being charged by SSDC on the Chapel at the cemetery for a fee of 35% plus VAT of any monies recovered. It was agreed that I Snowden would investigate whether the Parish Council could do this themselves and save money. Mrs A Clayton offered to make enquiries through her links with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

170. Local Elections May 2019

Clerk confirmed that, as 7 people had applied for the 7 positions there would not be an election and all the applicants would be automatically elected to the Parish Council. All 7 Councillors will need to sign Acceptance of Office forms at the start of the May meeting and will need to complete Register of Interest forms within one month of that meeting. Clerk to provide copies of the relevant forms at the May meeting.

171. Any other business of importance - none

Meeting closed 21:15

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th May 2019