

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting

On Thursday 13th February 2020 at St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

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Public Forum:

A local resident raised concerns about planning application 20/00027/FUL for the change of use of paddock from agricultural to residential and the erection of a dwelling. The concerns include access to a road near the school, drainage problems and the possibility of newts in the field.

The applicants responded saying that there are no newts in the field and addressed other concerns.

County / District Councillors Reports

W Wallace reported that Somerset County Council would be making a small increase in the Council Tax to cover adult social care.

H Burt reported on the following matters:

The SSDC Churchfields office in Wincanton has been put up for sale but that the car park would not be included in the sale. SSDC Area East meetings would take place in the Memorial Hall in Wincanton and there would be a community access point for SSDC services at the Balsam Centre.

THE SSDC element of the Council Tax will increase by 2.99%.

A planning application for 49 new houses in Templecombe has been rejected but would that it would now be considered by the SSDC Regulations Committee who may approve it.

A grant of £12,000 has been awarded to the CAT Bus project towards a new bus.

136. Members Present and Apologies

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

Chairman reported that Mrs J Godson has resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect.

137. Declarations of Interest / Dispensation

Mrs A Clayton declared an interest in planning application 20/00027/FUL as she is a friend of the applicants.

138. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 9th January 2020

Proposed by I Snowden and seconded by Mrs B Mann.

139. Matters arising from minutes

Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been successful with its application for 50 small trees from SSDC and I Snowden had collected them (see 'any other business' below).

Clerk also reported that the Highways Department is still looking into the cleaning of the signs along the A357. W Wallace reported that he had recently adjusted the sign post to Stowell so that it points in the right direction again.

W Wallace reported that he has been trying to speak to contact at Somerset County Council about the works being done at Hull Lane and provided the Clerk with the contact details.

140. Planning

Applications:

19/03346/LBC&19/29890/FUL Barn Adjoining Horsington Manor, Lower Road, Horsington- carrying out of alterations/repair and extension to existing agricultural building – **no objections**.

19/03497/FUL Cheriton House, High Road, Horsington BA8 OBS – erection of a new agricultural barn, horse arena with lighting columns, lunge and horse walker and access track (revised/part retrospective application) – **no objections subject to the inclusion of a clause preventing the use of the floodlights after 10pm.**

20/00027/FUL Part Land OS 8518 Lower Road, Horsington – change of use of paddock to residential incorporating the erection of 1No. dwelling – **Mrs A Clayton declared an interest and did not take part in the discussions or vote. One Councillor had no objections to the principle of a house on that site but had concerns about the design of the proposed dwelling. The other two Councillors were opposed to the development as they felt that the proposed property would out of keeping for the area.**

20/00038/FUL & 20/00039/LBC Cheriton House, High Road, Horsington BA8 OBS – relocation of entrance piers and new electronic gates, new parking area to main house, internal and external alterations to include new glazed canopy to stable yard and alterations to rear entrance of main house – **no objections.**

Determinations:

19/02525/FUL The Hollies, Cabbage Lane, Horsington BA8 ODA – the erection of an agricultural building – granted – **noted.**

Other: none

141. Finance

a. Authorised Cheques

1191 - £168.00 – D Chapman – Clerk's salary February 2020

b. Monies Received - none

142. Play Area

Mrs B Mann reported that she had inspected the Play Area and there did not seem to be any problems.

Mrs J Pyne reported that she had spoken to R J Peters about repairing the fence on the left hand side of the car park by inserting some additional posts alongside the existing fence. This would cost around £200. Councillors agreed to ask Mr Peters to go ahead with the work.

Mrs Pyne reported that she understands that Mr Peters will not increase his charges for the next grass cutting season.

143. Cemetery / Churchyard

Mrs Pyne stated that S Hawkins reported that the limb of tree has fallen down. Mr Hawkins will cut up the branch but is worried that it may have damaged some headstones when it fell. Councillors thought that if any damage has been done the Parish Council may have to claim on it's insurance. Mr Hawkins will check for any damage and report back.

144. Horse Pond

M Tucker sent in a report that the upstream tree works discussed at the previous meeting appear to have been completed with no adverse impact on the pond.

It was also reported that some silt has appeared in the pond that has probably been caused by the exceptional stormy weather recently but some of it may have been caused when the road was washed with water from the pond by contractors. Councillors felt that it would be difficult to get them to contribute to the next clearance of silt from the pond.

145. Footpaths

It was reported that the footpaths are currently very muddy making them hard to use.

146. Newsletter

M Tucker reported that an item had gone into this month's issue referring residents to the website for Parish Council information and news regarding such things as road closures, revised refuse collection dates etc.

147. Road & Local Signage

Clerk reported that one of the new 'please drive carefully through our villages' signs that has been put up in the wrong place will be moved to the correct location by the Highways Department.

148. Correspondence

South Somerset District Council – Service / Council Tax Update – SSDC have reported that the increase in the Council Tax for the year beginning 1st April will be 2.99% but there will be no reduction in services – **noted**.

Wessex Community Assets – Community –led Housing Event – **noted**.

NHS Somerset – Consultation on the future of acute mental health inpatient beds for people of working age- **noted**.

South Somerset District Council – Climate Emergency Event – **noted**.

149. Any other business of importance

Mrs A Clayton reported that the new landlords of the White Horse in South Cheriton are concerned about the speed of traffic on the A357 past the public house and were interested in a Community Speed Watch scheme.

It was reported that other speed watch schemes in other villages nearby had folded. Clerk to ask the new PCSO about the possibility of the mobile speed cameras visiting this stretch of road.

A local resident asked if the wall along the school car park could be altered to make a gap to provide a separate access / exit for pedestrians. He said that he and other parents would do the work at no cost to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Councillors would give it some thought.

Mrs Clayton reported that some trees in South Cheriton have grown close to the electricity lines. I Snowden reported that the owners would need to contact the utility companies themselves to get them cut back.

I Snowden reported that he had collected the 50 small trees from SSDC and supplied a list of the different type of trees collected. Various locations for the trees were discussed and Mr Snowden was confident that he could find a home for all of them.

Meeting closed 21:05

Date of next meeting: Thursday 12th March 2020