

## **Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting**

**On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at St Margaret's Hall, Horsington**

### **DRAFT**

#### **Public Forum:**

PCSO John Winfield introduced his replacement PCSO Jan Sparkes.

Mr Winfield reported that there have been cases of lead being stolen from Church roofs recently.

Mrs A Clayton reported that a chain saw has recently been stolen in South Cheriton. Mr Winfield suggested that this should be reported by calling 101.

The speed of traffic on the A357 through Horsington and South Cheriton, particularly near the White Horse public house was discussed. Mr Winfield will report it to the enforcement team and suggested that the residents should set up a Community Speedwatch.

#### **County / District Councillors Reports**

H Burt reported on the following matters:

The 'Slim my Waste' has resulted in a 30% increase in food being recycled and hundreds more food bins being requested.

Hall & Woodhouse has funds available for certain community projects.

#### **150. Members Present and Apologies**

- a. **Members present:** Mrs J Pyne (Chair), Mrs A Clayton, Mrs B Mann, Mrs J Hodges & I Snowden.
- b. **Public present:** D Chapman (Clerk), H Burt, PCSO J Winfield, PCSO J Sparkes & 1 member of the public.
- c. **Apologies:** M Tucker & W Wallace.

#### **151. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations : none**

#### **152. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

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

#### **153. Matters arising from minutes**

Clerk reported that Somerset County Council is looking into the report of quarrying taking place at land off Hull Lane.

Clerk reported that the Head Teacher at the Primary School had no objections to a gap being made in the wall at the car park at opposite the school and thought that it was a good idea. Councillors agreed to the project in principle subject to seeing details of the work including the width of the gap to allow wheel chair and pushchair access to together with the surface. Confirmation will also be needed that the work will be done at no cost to the Parish Council.

#### **154. Planning**

##### **Applications:**

20/00419/HOU Lois Farm, Goulds Farm Lane, Horsington BA8 0EW – the erection of a two single storey residential extensions to dwelling – **no objections**.

20/00517/HOU Ash Tree Cottage, Cheriton Street, South Cheriton BA8 0BG – erection of a porch to front to replace door & roof light to rear elevation – **no objections**.

##### **Determinations:**

APP/R3325/W/19/3229456 & APP/W/19/3229397 Appeals in respect of planning applications decision references 18/02220/LBC & 18/02218/FUL - Land South of St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Horsington

– demolition of outbuildings and the erection of a dwelling together with associated landscaping – dismissed – **noted.**

**Other:**

20/00678/TCA Ash Tree Cottage, South Cheriton BA8 0BG – application to carry out Tree Works within a designated Conservation Area – for information only – **noted.**

20/00470/TCA & 20/00512/TCA Paddock at Old Bailiffs, South Cheriton – applications to carry out Tree Works within a designated Conservation Area – for information only – **noted.**

20/00537/TCA Land opposite Manor Farm, South Cheriton BA8 0BG - application to carry out Tree Works within a designated Conservation Area – for information only – **noted.**

**155. Finance**

**a. Authorised Cheques**

1192 - £168.00 – D Chapman – Clerk’s salary March 2020

1193 - £100.00 – Mrs J Pyne – Chairman’s allowance 2019-2020

1194 – £378.14 - R J Peters – repairs to fence at Play Area.

1195 - £208.00 – S Hawkins – Cemetery maintenance and grass cutting.

**b. Monies Received**

£820.25 HMRC VAT recovery

£19.41 NS&I interest on Cheyney account.

**156. Play Area**

Mrs J Pyne reported that the fence on the left hand side of the car park has now been repaired but that it was a harder job than originally thought.

I Snowden reported that he still has the basketball hoop. It was agreed that this would be put back up in the summer.

Mrs Pyne reported that John Sansom is selling raffle tickets in order to raise funds for the VE Day event to be held in the Play Area.

**157. Cemetery / Churchyard**

It was agreed that Mr Peters should be asked to repair the gate posts on the gate leading from the Churchyard to Horsington House.

Clerk reported that S Hawkins found that the fallen tree in the Cemetery did not cause any damage to any of the headstones.

**158. Horse Pond – nothing to report.**

**159. Footpaths – nothing to report.**

**160. Newsletter – nothing to report.**

**161. Councillor Vacancy Update**

Clerk reported that the statutory notice has been placed on the notice boards and that SSDC has confirmed that the Parish Council can now go ahead and co-opt. Clerk reported that there has been one application so far. It was agreed that all applicants would be considered at the next meeting and co-option would take place at that meeting.

**162. Correspondence**

South Somerset District Council – Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment – SSDC is looking for new (larger) sites to be included in the Local Plan – **noted.**

Mrs Pyne read out a statement saying that the Parish Council has a policy of reading out received correspondence unless it is anonymous. In this instance it was reported that a complaint has been received about a piece of land running up towards the Church. To the best of our knowledge this land does not belong to the Parish Council nor is it maintained by the Parish Council. The Parish Council has no standing on this matter – **noted**.

#### **163. Any other business of importance**

A Councillor reported that there is an issue with dogs fouling in the Churchyard. It was agreed that, as the Parish Council do not own the Churchyard, the issue should be reported to the Church Wardens.

A Councillor reported that a resident had knocked on her door on a Sunday and strongly complained about a recent planning application. It was agreed that the Parish Council had discussed the application at the meeting and had sent its response to SSDC. It was also agreed that this type of action is not acceptable.

A Councillor reported that a resident of South Cheriton had complained about the speed of traffic through the village and asked for the Parish Council to support a request for a bollard to be installed. Councillors agreed that this would not be safe and that it is a Highways Department issue. It was suggested that placing plant pots outside the house may have the desired effect.

Meeting closed 20:40

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020**