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**Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Hall on
Thursday 14th March 2013**

Open Forum: County / District Councillor W Wallace reported that he had not received answers regarding the problems in Hull Lane and Marsh Lane that were raised at the last meeting.

Chairman reported a pothole on the A357 between Landseer and the egg farm. Councillor Wallace offered to contact the Highways Department.

134. Members present: Mrs J Wood (Chairman), C James (Vice Chairman), Mrs A Clayton (arrived at 8.15pm), Mrs B Mann, W Candy, S Hawkins & D Chapman (Clerk).

Public present: County / District Councillor W Wallace & S Baker.

Apologies: Mrs J Pyne & District Councillor T Inglefield.

135. Declaration of Interest / Dispensations: Mrs A Clayton declared an interest before the meeting as she had a planning application to be discussed at the meeting. Mrs Clayton did not enter the meeting room until after her application had been discussed.

136. To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 14th February as a correct record - Proposed by S Hawkins and seconded by Mrs B Mann. Passed unanimously.

137. Matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Clerk reported that a reply had been received from the Mr C Bailward regarding the posting of minutes on the Village Hall. See item 2 under 'Correspondence' below.

138. Planning:

Applications:

1. 13/00761/FUL Mr & Mrs D & A Clayton, Land Behind Lower Bank Cottage, Behind Hayes, South Cheriton – construction of a detached dwelling with garage and parking - **It was felt by the majority of Councillors that, to aid visibility, a condition should be placed on any permission that no shrubs or trees exceeding 900mm (or allowed to grow above 900mm in the future) should be planted forward of the visibility line as shown on the plan. Subject to this 4 Councillors were in favour and 1 opposed (due to concerns about the siting of the entrance onto the road). Mrs A Clayton, who had declared an interest, returned to the room after the application had been discussed and the vote taken.**

Determinations:

1. 12/03914/FUL Land at Higher Hatherleigh Farm, Grove Lane, North Cheriton – construction of a 1.8 hectare solar park as an extension of the consented 9.08 hectare scheme to the south, to include solar panels, transformer housing, security fencing and cameras, landscaping and associated works – granted – **noted.**

Other: none.

139. Finance:

1. Cheques authorised:

000871 £50.00 Wincanton Sports Centre – donation.

000872 - not used

000873 £25.00 Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance - donation.

000874 £25.00 Wincanton Community Centre – donation.

000875 £25.00 Soth Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau – donation.

2. Money Received: £30.00 additional inscription monument - PG Wilby.

3. It was agreed that an advert for the Annual Parish Meeting in April should be advertised in the Blackmore Vale Magazine. Clerk estimated the cost to be between £15 and £20.

140. Play Area:

1. Mrs B Mann reported that she had inspected the play area and there were no problems.
2. Chairman reported that the verge leading from the large play area down towards the village and the area on top of the wall was overgrown and needed cutting. S Hawkins offered to cut it back when the weather was better and C James offered to help.

141. Cemetery / Churchyard: nothing to report.

142. Horse Pond:

1. Chairman reported that the reeds near to the Lodge end of the pond were missing. C James reported that they had been swept away as a result of the heavy rain.
2. Chairman reported that the silt levels in the pond have increased. It was noted that the water level in the pond was lower due to the new sluice gates but it was agreed that the silt would probably need to be removed within the next few years.

143. Footpaths:

1. The footpath alongside the Church in Horsington was discussed. It was reported that the flat stones were uneven and may need resetting. It was confirmed that it was the land owner's responsibility to keep paths on their land useable. It was decided to monitor the situation and that Eve Wynn at Somerset County Council Footpaths Department could be contacted if required.
2. It was reported that a Mr Colebatch had installed gates on some footpaths and it was agreed that this was helpful to walkers.

144. Newsletter:

1. Mrs A Clayton reported that the April edition would include an article about the precept being held at the same level.

145. Correspondence:

1. Somerset County Council – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – **noted.**
2. C Bailward – Posting of Parish Council minutes on the internet – **it was agreed that a copy of the draft minutes should be sent to Mr Bailward, for posting on the Village Hall website, on the same day that they were put up the Parish notice boards and circulated to the Parish Councillors. It was agreed that future agendas should read 'Approve draft minutes from meeting'.**
3. South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau – Newsletter – **noted.**
4. South Somerset Together – Assembly 8th April – **noted.**
5. Came & Company (Insurance Brokers) – Newsletter – **noted.**
6. Somerset County Council – Adoption of Waste Core Strategy – **noted.**
7. SSDC – Young Peoples Groups – **It was thought that there were no young people's groups in the Parish.**
8. The Somerset Crane Chronicle – Newsletter – **noted.**

146. Any other business of importance:

1. Chairman reported that someone had been putting plastic bags containing dog waste in the rubbish bin at the cemetery. It was also reported that there was a problem with people throwing plastic dog bags in gardens and hedges along Cabbage Lane.

Meeting Closed at 9:05pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 11th April 2013 following the Annual Parish Meeting.