

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting

On Wednesday 13^h April 2022 at St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

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153. Open Forum:

John Sansom provided an update on two events that he is arranging in the village. One, a classic car show and car boot sale at the large play area in aid of the Friends of Wincanton Hospital, and the other is a celebration of the Queens jubilee. Mr Sansom requested a donation towards the mementos that are being produced. Councillors agreed to donate £150 towards the cost of these mementoes.

William Wallace reported that the Conservative party has withdrawn the whip from David Warberton.

154. Members Present and Apologies:

- a. Members present: Adrian Pratt (Acting Chair), Angela Clayton, Belinda Mann, Judy Hodges & Gill Miles.
- b. Public present: D Chapman (Clerk), W Wallace, and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Mark Tucker and Hayward Burt.

155. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations: None.

156. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 9th March 2022

The minutes were proposed by Gill Miles and seconded by Belinda Mann.

157. Matters arising from minutes

Clerk reported that the Highways Department have promised to repaint the yellow zigzag lines at the school during the 2022/2023 financial year. Councillors thought that this was too long to wait and asked the Clerk to ask to do the work as a matter of urgency.

158. Planning:

Applications:

22/00341/HOU Horsington Hill, Back Lane, Horsington – installation of dormer window to the northeast elevation of the guest accommodation and the installation of a dormer window to the southwest elevation of the carport. – amended application - **Councillors had no objections.**

Determinations:

22/00281/HOU Stantor, High Road, Horsington – installation of ground mounted photovoltaic panels – approved – **noted.**

21/03670/FUL Land OS5231 Tower Hill Barn, Horsington Park, Tower Hill, Horsington – conversion of an existing agricultural building into a residential dwelling including the change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage – approved – **noted.**

Other: A Parishioner enquired as to whether he needed planning permission to put solar panels on his roof in a conservation area. Councillors thought that he probably did need to apply for planning permission but suggested that he contact the SSDC Planning Department.

159. Play Area – It was noted that the basketball post has now been removed.

It was agreed to postpone any repairs to the wooden walkways on the activity trails for the time being.

Clerk reported that Mr Peters will be increasing his charge for visits to the village by £40 in total to cover his increased costs.

160. Cemetery / Churchyard

It was reported that Steve Hawkins has cut back the hedge but that a bit more work needs to be done. Clerk to contact Mr Hawkins so that he can meet Adrian Pratt and Angela Clayton at the cemetery to discuss their ideas.

161. Horse Pond

It was reported that there is still some scum in the pond following oil leak. Adrian Pratt will contact the Environment Agency contractors for an update.

As the offer by a local resident to cut up and remove the fallen tree in the pond has not materialised it was agreed that a local tree surgeon should be approached to get the job done.

162. Footpaths – nothing to report.

163. Finance:

a. Authorised Cheques

1287 - £100.00 – R J Peters – cutting of yew trees at cemetery

1288 - £168.00 – D Chapman – Clerk's salary April 2022

1289 - £422.50 – S Hawkins – tree and hedge cutting at cemetery.

1290 - £150.00 – J Sansom – donation towards Queen's Jubilee mementos.

b. Monies Received: £12,980 SSDC precept 2022/2023.

c. Review Internal Controls – the internal controls document was reviewed and agreed.

d. Complete and Sign Audit Exemption certificate – the form was completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

e. Defibrillator Funds: Councillors agreed to hold the money held by the Defibrillator Committee until their new bank account is set up. Gill Miles will check the progress in setting up this account, which will be administered by the Defibrillator Committee.

164. Correspondence:

a. SSDC CIL payment due for the property being built under planning application 21/01937/FUL Land at The Smithy, South Cheriton. Clerk reported that £839.02 should be received soon. **Noted.**

165. County / Parish Elections

Clerk reported that, as only 6 people had put their names forward for 7 vacancies, there will not be an election. The 6 people who put their names forward (current Parish councillors) will automatically be elected.

166. Any other business of importance:

Belinda Mann reported that she has been asked for an update regarding the purchase and deployment of a speed indicator device in the Parish. Clerk chase Crestmoor for the outstanding quote for installing the posts in the village and will the item on the agenda for the May meeting.

It was reported that a white BMW has been charging around the village at high speed. Clerk to report the matter to the Police.

It was also reported that a big truck has been abandoned near Brookside in South Cheriton. Clerk to report it to the Police.

Meeting closed 21:00