

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting

On Wednesday 13th July 2022 at St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

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John Sansom signed his acceptance of office form.

17. Public Forum – The agent for planning application at 43B Cheriton Street gave an update of the proposed development. Some neighbours reported that they were opposed to the application because they felt that it would lead to a loss of privacy and light for their property. Councillors noted their concerns but had no objections to the application.

18. County / District Councillors Reports - Clerk referred to Councillor's Report as provided by Sarah Dyke and Nicola Clark that had been circulated prior to the meeting.

19. Members present and apologies:

a. Members present: Adrian Pratt (Chairman), Belinda Mann, Mark Tucker, John Sansom, Angela Clayton & Gill Miles

b. Public present: David Chapman (Clerk) and 5 members of the public (including Barry Druce – new Clerk from October).

Apologies: Judy Hodges, Hayward Burt, William Wallace, Nicola Clark & Sarah Dyke.

20. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations: none

21. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Proposed by Gill Miles and seconded by Belinda Mann.

22. Matters arising from minutes

a) Clerk reported that he hoped to meet someone from SSDC on site to discuss the installation of the bins in the next week.

b) Clerk reported that the SSDC Tree Officer had suggested that cutting of the horse chestnut tree at Tower Hill should be reported on the SSDC website. This has now been done.

c) Clerk reported that the SCC Highways Department state that mirrors at road junctions can only be installed on private land.

23. Planning

Applications:

22/01815/LBC & 22/01814/HOU 43B Cheriton Street, South Cheriton – demolition of existing extension and erection of new single storey extension – **Councillors had no objections.**

22/01750/S73 The Old Forge, High Road, Horsington – S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of approval 21/02484/HOU, for demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of residential annex, to allow alterations to design and materials – **Councillors had no objections**

Decisions:

22/00992/HOU Sandpit Cottage, Horsington Road, Horsington – erection of a one and a half storey extension to existing detached dwelling and enlargement of detached garage with home office within enlarged roof over the existing garage – approved – **noted.**

Other: none

24. Play Area – Adrian Pratt reported that he has met Mr Peters and agreed that the grass will be cut twice a month from now on.

25. Footpaths – nothing to report

26. Horse Pond

Adrian Pratt confirmed that the removal of the fallen tree has been postponed because the moorhen had laid some more eggs but it is hoped that it should be removed on 5<sup>th</sup> August.

Mark Tucker will arrange for the sluice gates to be raised to reduce the water level in the pond.

#### 27. Finance

a. The accounts as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were reviewed. Councillors were concerned about the cost of grass cutting in the Parish and a discussion took place about the cost of maintaining the curtilage of the Village Hall compared to paying rent for the monthly meetings. It was agreed to continue with the current agreement whereby the Parish Council cut the grass at the side and rear of the hall and do not pay for hiring the hall each month.

#### b. Authorise Cheques

1301 - £1,633.25 – Horsington Defibrillator Fund – return of funds temporarily lodged with Parish Council

1302 - £530.00 – RJ Peters – grass cutting and strimming of play area and around the village

1303 – £168.00 – D Chapman – Clerk’s salary July 2022

1304 –£292.50 - S Hawkins – cemetery maintenance and grass cutting and strimming at village hall

#### c. Monies Received:

£195.00 – purchase of plot J8 Mr R Case

£100.00- internment of Mr R Case

£195.00 – purchase of plot J6 Mr R Franklin

#### 28. Possible Speed Indicator Device for Parish

Belinda Mann reported that she had discussed the costed proposal with a local resident, who had offered to contribute towards the cost, and that he had offered to pay some of the cost. It was agreed that an article should be placed in the Villager magazine asking if any other residents would be prepared to contribute towards the costs before proceeding.

#### 29. Correspondence: none

#### 30. Vacancy for Clerk – update.

Chairman introduced Barry Druce, who has been appointed as the new Clerk from October 2022. Mr Druce reported that he has some pre-booked holiday between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October. It was agreed to move the October meeting to the third Wednesday of the month (19<sup>th</sup> October). Clerk will change the date with the Village Hall.

Clerk will also meet Mr Druce during August for training.

#### 31. Any other business of importance:

a) Angela Clayton reported that the purchase of graves receipts book is running low. It was agreed that she should order a new book from the specialist suppliers.

b) Angela Clayton also reported that a grave digger had suggested that the land, previously used for graves, many years ago may be available for re-use if graves were dug between the existing ones. This would require a survey of the land first. Councillors agreed to keep this in mind for the future as it may remove the need to extend the cemetery. It was agreed that Angela would meet S Hawkins to discuss cutting back the low branches on the left hand side of the cemetery.

c) John Sansom reported that the grass etc around the school car park needs cutting. Gill Miles stated that a local resident has previously offered to do this work and she offered to remind him.

d) John Sansom reported suggested that the barriers to the school carpark should be locked when the school is not in use and thought that the school had agreed to do this many years ago. Clerk will check the records relating to when the Parish Council purchased the land.

Meeting closed 21:05