

Minutes of Horsington Parish Council Meeting

On Wednesday 10th August 2022 at St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

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32. Public Forum: none.

33. County / District Councillors Reports:

Sarah Dyke apologised that the monthly report had not been issued this month.

Sarah reported that a new CEO for Somerset County Council has been appointed and that the deputy CEO will cover them until they start.

Sarah also reported that the format of the new Local Community Networks is being reshaped and that new support is being made available for Somerset households to help with food and energy bills.

It was also reported that cost of living and ecological emergencies have been declared.

34. Members present and apologies:

a. Members present: Adrian Pratt (Chairman), Mark Tucker, Angela Clayton & Judy Hodges.

b. Public present: David Chapman (Clerk) and Sarah Dyke.

Apologies: Belinda Mann, Gill Miles, William Wallace, Nicola Clark, Barry Druce & Tim Russell.

35. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations: none

36. Approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 13th July 2022

Proposed by Angela Clayton and seconded by Mark Tucker.

37. Matters arising from minutes

a) Clerk reported that he had met someone from SSDC on site to discuss the installation of the bins and that bins should be installed within the next two weeks. The bins will be installed free of charge, as they are ones that have been removed for another Parish.

b) Clerk reported that the paperwork from the purchase of the land for the carpark at the school showed that the gates to the car park should be locked when the car park is not in use. Councillors agreed that the car park is not only used for the school and that the current way of leaving then gates unlocked has worked so far. It was agreed to leave the situation as it is for now.

c) Clerk reported that the cutting of the horse chestnut trees at Tower Hill has been reported to SSDC.

d) It was reported that the car park at the school has not been strimmed. Mark Tucker will talk to the local resident who offered to do the work.

38. Planning

Applications:

22/02049/COU Land at Charlton Manor Farm, Marsh Lane, South Cheriton – change of use of land for use as dog exercise area. **Councillors had no objections.**

22/01472/HOU Keepers Well, High Road, Horsington – single storey rear extension .**Councillors had no objections.**

22/01384/FUL Bow Cottage, Batchpool Lane, Horsington – single storey rear extension to the main dwelling, change of use of the workshop and conversion of the workshop to be an annexe. **Councillors had no objections subject to a condition that the annexe remains ancillary to the main residence and does not become a dwelling in its own right.**

Decisions:

22/00356/FUL Sandpit, Horsington Road, Horsington BA8 0DJ – construction of replacement agricultural barn following demolition of existing agricultural barns – **approved - noted**

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 annexe, to allow alterations to design and materials – **approved - noted**

Other: none

39. 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.

It was reported that the gate has still not been adjusted.

40. Footpaths – nothing to report

41. Cemetery

Angela Clayton reported that she has not met Steve Hawkins at the cemetery to discuss cutting back the low branches on the left hand side but hoped to do so soon.

Mrs Clayton reported that a new receipts book is needed for the sale of plots and that it would cost £110 plus VAT. Councillors agreed that she should go ahead and order the book and get the invoice sent to the Clerk for payment.

Councillors agreed that, as the charges have not been reviewed since 2016, a review should of all charges should be undertaken.

42. Horse Pond

Adrian Pratt confirmed that the removal of the fallen tree had been postponed but was due to be done on Friday 12th August.

It was also reported that, sometimes, there is still a smell of oil from the pond.

43. Finance

a. The accounts as at 31st July 2022 were reviewed.

b. Authorise Cheques

1305 - £25.00 – Somerset Association of Local Councils – Planning training fee for Adrian Pratt

1306 - £236.00 – RJ Peters – grass cutting and strimming of play area and around the village

1307 – £168.00 – D Chapman – Clerk’s salary August 2022

c. Monies Received:

£195.00 – purchase of plot J7 S Bruce

£390.00 – purchase of plot J9 for LH Barker

£250.00 – purchase of cremations plots L2 & L3 and internment of ashes in one plot

44. Possible Speed Indicator Device for Parish

Adrian Pratt circulated an article that will appear in the Villager magazine regarding a request for further donations from local residents and volunteers to erect and move the device. Councillors agreed the wording.

45. Correspondence:

a) Somerset County Council – consultation on the equalisation of Council Tax support to poorer households in Somerset. Councillors agreed that as the proposal is to make it 100% relief and that SSDC already apply that rate they were in agreement.

b) Local Resident – suggestions for a popup bar and food trucks in the garden / carpark at the Half Moon in Horsington. Councillors discussed the idea and felt they had no jurisdiction over a private business and that it is up to the owners to decide what they do on their own property.

46. Any other business of importance:

a) Mark Tucker reported that a representative of Wessex Water had asked him who owned the brook because they need to repair a leak free of charge. Mark told them to write to the Parish Council.

b) Adrian Pratt reported that he has received a request from a local resident to use the large playing field to park cars for a private party. Councillors decided to refuse the request, as there could be problems with insurance and it may set a precedent. They thought also felt that there is parking at the Village Hall and School carparks and it may be possible to ask the owners of the Half Moon to use their car park

Meeting closed 21:11