



# HORSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



## DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

### Held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

#### **77. Present and apologies:**

**Present:** Adrian Pratt (Chairman), Mark Tucker, Angela Clayton, Belinda Mann, Gillian Miles and John Sansom.

Barry Druce (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Judy Hodges; Nicola Clark and Sarah Dyke (County Councillors)

**78. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations:** Adrian Pratt declared his interest in PA/22/03999/HOU.

**79. County / District Councillors Reports:** The written report received previously was taken as read and noted.

**80. Public Forum:** No members of the public were present.

**81. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022:** were taken as read and as PROPOSED by Gillian Miles, SECONDED by Belinda Mann, approved unanimously.

#### **82. Matters arising from minutes**

a) Referring to Minute 67(a), the Chair stated that further discussions had been held with the church and they have agreed that the room there could be made available as a warm space if required.

b) Referring to Minute 76(b), Gillian Miles reported that enquiries concerning the supply of electricity to the phone box in South Cheriton to accommodate a second defibrillator had proved too costly and would not go ahead. However, she reported that the owner of the local pub opposite had agreed to have the defibrillator fixed to the wall of the pub so that would resolve the problem.

#### **83. Planning - a) : Applications:**

22/03099/HOU Lawnside, Cheriton Street, South Cheriton, Templecombe - Demolition of existing side extensions and erection of new enlarged single storey side extension. The Chair, having declared his interest, stated that he had no problems with what was being proposed, but then withdrew from the discussion on this Application. Mark Tucker stated that he had visited the property and could not see any problems with what was being proposed and following a brief discussion, it was DECIDED that **NO OBJECTIONS be submitted.**

**b) : Decisions:** The following planning decisions were reported and noted:-

22/03210/TCA 53 Barbary Close South Cheriton Templecombe - Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area. - **Application Permitted**

22/03206/TCA Bay Tree Cottage Barbary Close South Cheriton Templecombe - Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area.- **Application Permitted**

**c) : Other:** The Chair reported that he had met with District Councillor Hayward Burt who reported that the planning application for 9 houses next to White Cat Cottages had been rejected by District Planners and referred to County planners

**84. Play Area –** Review Play Area Inspection Report. This matter was deferred to the meeting to be held in January 2023.

**85. Footpaths –** The Chair stated that he had not yet been able to deal with the problem over the stile in Cabbage Lane, but would get round to it shortly.

It was reported that the direction sign for the footpath opposite the stile required attention.

**86. Cemetery –** a). The Chair stated that at a previous meeting it had been agreed that a new burial receipt book should be purchased at the cheaper rate and that a stamp should be purchased to personalise the documents.



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b). Referring to Minute 71(c), Angela Clayton stated that she and the Clerk had been redesigning the Permissions Form to be sent to interested parties in matters associated with the cemetery, and that was nearing completion.

c). Angela Clayton raised the question over whether the Cemetery Fees could be advertised on the website, along with all relevant details concerning the cemetery, and it was felt that this could be done. Clerk to follow up. Mark Tucker queried why the details could not be advertised at the Cemetery and discussion followed on the possibility of purchasing a notice board for that location.

d) The Clerk raised the question over whether this was an appropriate time to review the cemetery fees. He undertook to review the fees being charged by other local councils and refer back to the meeting to be held in January 2023.

## **87. Finance**

a. The accounts as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were reviewed and noted.

b. The following cheques were authorised for payment:-

1319 - £208.39 – B Druce – Clerk Salary and expenses to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022

1320 - £44.20 - HMRC – Payment of PAYE deduction from clerk's salary

1321 - £15.00 - Somerset Playing Fields Association – Annual Membership Fee

1322 - £80.00 - Rory Shaw – Christmas Trees for village (2021 and 2022)

c. Monies Received: none

## **88. Clarke Foundation Community Grants**

Belinda Mann reported that she had discussed the possibility of applying for grant funding from the Clarke Foundation with the previous Parish Clerk and it was felt that there was scope for doing this. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Clarke Foundation and apply for the maximum grant available with a view to replacing or providing new noticeboards.

**89. Correspondence:** The Clerk reported that items of interest that had been received through email had been circulated to all councillors and that there was no other correspondence of note to report.

## **90. Any other business of importance:**

a). John Sansom stated that a Coronation Event was being planned locally, to be held in May 2023 at the Village Hall, and he outlined the details on what was being planned. This was met with full approval.

b) The date of the next meeting is the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**The Meeting closed at 20:00**

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