



HORSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

91. Present and apologies:

Present: Adrian Pratt (Chairman), Mark Tucker, Angela Clayton, Belinda Mann, Gillian Miles, Judy Hodges and John Sansom.
Barry Druce (Clerk)

Apologies: none

92. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations: none

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

94. Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

95. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December 2022: were taken as read and as PROPOSED by Gillian Miles, SECONDED by John Sansom, approved unanimously.

96. Matters arising from minutes: a) Referring to Minute 88, the Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the Clarke's Foundation and they had advised that as this application had been made too soon after a previous grant which had been made, they were unwilling to consider an application at this time and had recommended that the application should be renewed during the Spring of 2024. After a short discussion it was agreed to follow that advice and 'nurse' the notice boards through the next 12 months.

97. Planning - a): Applications:

22/03427/DOC1/ 21/02474/LBC - Rookes House Church Lane Horsington Templecombe Somerset BA8 0EG - Discharge of Conditions No. 4 (Porch), No. 5 (Requested Details) and No. 6 (Windows) of Planning Application 21/02474/LBC. – **NO COMMENTS NEEDED**

22/03420/DOC1 & 22/01750/S73 - The Old Forge, High Road, Horsington, Templecombe, Somerset, BA8 0DN - Discharge of Conditions No. 3 (Materials), No. 5 (Bats), No. 6 (Bats), No. 7 (Bats), No. 8 (Swallows), No. 9 (Lighting for Bats) and No. 11 (BEP) of Planning Application 22/01750/S73 **NO COMMENTS NEEDED**

22/03534/FUL – Tower Hill Barn, Tower Hill, Horsington, Templecombe – Demolish existing agricultural building and erect one C3 dwelling and residential curtilage (part retrospective application) – **It was decided that** as this was only just received in time for the meeting, the Chair would liaise with the other councilors following the meeting and agree comments to be forwarded by the imminent deadline, and report back at the meeting to be held in February.

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

22/00167/HOU - Rookes House Church Lane Horsington Templecombe BA8 0EG - Convert existing garage and reconstruct detached single storey stable outbuildings to form residential annex and convert former trailer store to double garage for Rookes House. - **PERMISSION GRANTED**

22/00168/LBC - Rookes House Church Lane Horsington Templecombe BA8 0EG - Convert existing garage and reconstruct detached single storey stable outbuildings to form residential annex and convert former trailer store to double garage for Rookes House. - **GRANT OF LISTED BUILDING CONSENT**

22/02827/HOU - Sandpit Horsington Road Horsington Templecombe Somerset BA8 - Construction of new outbuilding following demolition of existing to provide storage, garaging and home office space. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

c) : Other: None

98. Play Area – Review Play Area Inspection Report. The Chair stated that the Report had now been considered fully and that there was nothing of absolute concern and no immediate action necessary. He stated that the Report recommended that a padlock should be considered for the wooden gate at the far end adjacent to the field, but had decided that there was no



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reason to take any action on that for the moment. The Chair stated that he would review the situation in finer weather and any works that were then identified would be undertaken. The Councillors agreed with this action.

99. Footpaths – The Chair stated that he had still to inspect the problem in Cabbage Lane, but would dealing with it when the weather improved. It was reported that the direction sign for the footpath opposite the stile required attention.

100. Cemetery – a). Angela Clayton stated that she and the Clerk had redesigned the Permissions Form to be sent to interested parties in matters associated with the cemetery, and the new form was agreed for use.

b) The Chair referred to the cemetery fees that were currently being charged, and the comparative information that had been obtained for other cemeteries in the County. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the fees being charged compared favourably and should remain unchanged except in one regard. It was felt that the level of the burial fee for children being £zero, should be applied to all children up to the age of 16 and it was unanimously APPROVED that the Scale of Fees should be amended accordingly.

c) Angela Clayton, referring to Minute 86(a), stated that she had obtained information on where to purchase the agreed stamp for over-stamping Burial Receipts, at a reasonable cost. It was PROPOSED by the Chair, SECONDED by Mark Tucker, and unanimously AGREED that the stamp should be obtained. Angela Clayton undertook to formulate the wording to be used on the stamp and report back at the February meeting before placing the order.

101. Finance

a. The accounts as at 31st December 2022 were reviewed and noted.

b. The following cheques were authorised for payment:-

1323 - £196.60 – B Druce – Clerk Salary and expenses to 31st December 2022

1324 - £44.20 - HMRC – Payment of PAYE deduction from clerk's salary

1325 - £375.00 - R J Peters for November 2022

c. **PRECEPT for 2023-2024** – The Chair referred members to the projections that had been provided in respect of the precept for the ensuing financial year. He stated that in the current economic climate, he felt reluctant to impose any further cost on the residents of the parishes, and after a brief discussion it was PROPOSED by the Chair, SECONDED by Mark Tucker, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED that the precept for the 2023-2024 financial year should be raised at the current level of £12, 980. The Clerk was instructed to notify the Local Authority accordingly.

d. Referring to the current maintenance contracts, the Clerk was instructed to write to the present incumbents and identify their willingness to continue at the current price levels.

e) Monies Received - None

102. Correspondence: The Clerk reported that items of interest that had been received through email had been circulated to all councillors. He referred to the latest Crime Report that had been distributed and drew members' attention to the fact that the police officer who was responsible for the area had left and had been replaced by new officers. The Clerk was instructed to invite the new officers to the next meeting.

103. Any other business of importance:

a). John Sansom referred to Minute 90(a) and reminded members that a Coronation Event was being planned locally, to be held on the 6th May 2023 at the Village Hall, and ran through the details that had been planned for the occasion. He asked if the Parish Council would support the event by offering part sponsorship, and it was AGREED that would be considered for later approval. Jon Sansom went on to report that a Classic Car Show was being planned to take place on the weekend after the Coronation event and described what was planned. This was noted with approval.

b) The date of the next meeting is the 8th February 2023.

The Meeting closed at 20:05