



HORSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

116. Present and apologies:

Present: Adrian Pratt (Chairman), Mark Tucker, Angela Clayton, Belinda Mann, Gillian Miles, Judy Hodges and John Sansom.
Barry Druce (Clerk) No members of the public were present.

Apologies: were received from Sarah Dyke (County Councillor)

117. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations: Mark Tucker in respect of PA No: 23/00240/COU (Land at Cheriton Manor Farm).

118. County / District Councillors Reports: No County Councillors present, the Clerk reported that no written report had been received either and it was assumed that the transfer of Local Authorities had probably taken priority.

119. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th February 2023: were taken as read and as PROPOSED by Mark Tucker, SECONDED by John Sansom, approved unanimously.

120. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

121. Planning - a): Applications:

23/00445/S73A - Land at Cheriton Manor Farm Marsh Lane South Cheriton Templecombe Somerset BA8 0BJ - S73A application to vary conditions 2 and 3 of approval 21/01538/COU (Change of use of land for use as dog training facility (retrospective)) to extend the opening hours to 7 days a week and for the total number of dogs allowed in the field at any one time be raised to a maximum of 6 and in the training area to be 4.

23/00446/S73A - Land At Cheriton Manor Farm Marsh Lane South Cheriton Templecombe Somerset BA8 0BJ - S73A application to vary condition 3 (opening hours) of approval 22/02049/COU (Change of use of land for use as dog exercise area) to extend the opening hours to 7 days a week – This application was discussed in conjunction with 23/00445/S73A and it was DECIDED that **NO OBJECTIONS** be raised but reference should be made to the comments submitted previously.

22/03427/DOC1 - Rookes House, Church Lane, Horsington, Templecombe, BA8 0EG: Discharge of Condition No. 5 (Requested Details) and No. 6 (Windows) of Planning Application 21/02474/LBC. – After a short discussion on this application it was DECIDED to make **NO COMMENTS**.

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

22/03534/FUL - Tower Hill Barn Tower Hill Horsington Templecombe Somerset BA8 0DL - Demolish existing agricultural building and erect one C3 dwelling and residential curtilage (part retrospective application) **PERMISSION GRANTED** – The Chair commented that the Parish Council's submitted comments appeared to have been completely ignored and the intended work had gone ahead. Members expressed their displeasure and it was resolved that the Chair should write to the Planners and make them aware. Members also discussed generally the planning department's procedures and reflected on the Parish Council's position in the consultation process.

23/00301/AGN - Marsh Barn Farm Horsington Templecombe Somerset BA8 0EN - Notification of intent to erect a steel framed extension of an existing modern clear span cattle shed. This extension will be a roof to cover an area of open yard space where cattle feed. The environment agency and Catchment Sensitive Farming have advised that this area should be covered in order to reduce slurry as a measure to improve our slurry storage capacity. **PLANNING PERMISSION IS REQUIRED**

c) : Other Planning: None

122. Footpaths – The Chair stated that there was nothing of any new concern and no discussion therefore took place.

123. Cemetery – a). Angela Clayton stated that the stamp for the Burial Receipt book was still in the design stage and this was therefore referred to the next meeting.



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b) The Clerk reported that he had researched prices for procuring a notice board for the cemetery chapel and had found a number that were potentially viable, and provided details in support. On considering the alternatives that were presented, it was DECIDED to order a board of 4 x A4 size from a company named AOS and the Clerk was instructed to act accordingly.

124. Finance

a. The accounts as at 28th February 2023 were reviewed and noted.

b. The following cheques were authorised for payment:-

1329 - £196.60 – B Druce – Clerk Salary and expenses to 28th February 2023

1330 - £44.20 - HMRC – Payment of PAYE deduction from clerk's salary

c) Monies Received – None

125. Correspondence: a) The Clerk reported that items of interest that had been received through email had been circulated to all councillors.

b) Referring to the request that had been received from CATBus for grant assistance, members agreed that as finances were restricted due to the current financial difficulties, they had no alternative but to turn them down and the Clerk was instructed to notify them accordingly.

c) The Chair referred to the recently registered Asset of Community Value entry in respect of the Half Moon Inn at Horsington, and advised that he had checked the legal position and was satisfied that this had been carried out in the proper manner. He reported that the landlord/owner of the pub had lodged an appeal against the entry, and it was therefore decided to note the situation and refer the matter until the appeal decision was known.

d) The situation with regards to the local bus service number 58/58A was discussed in general terms and noted that the Chair was intending to correspond with the appropriate bodies personally.

e) The Chair referred to correspondence that had been received from Frome Town Council in which they requested support for their petition to raise a Vote of No Confidence in the current Independent Member of Parliament. Members unanimously agreed that the MP was displaying a poor performance in the post and DECIDED to support the action. The Clerk was instructed to identify the procedure involved and act accordingly.

126. Any other business of importance:

a). A Member raised the subject of the state of repair of the Phone Box in Horsington and it was decided to refer this to the meeting to be held in May.

b). A Member referred to a question they had received from a resident and raised the question over whether the dog waste bin was in the correct position in the village. Discussion revealed that the bin could not be moved without the prior approval of the District Council in any event, and the Parish Councillors were satisfied that it is in the right place anyway and no action was necessary.

c) The date of the next meeting is the 12th April 2023.

The Meeting closed at 20:20