

Minutes of the meeting of the Horbling Parish Council held on Thursday, 9th November 2017, at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room, Horbling

Present: Mr J Congreve, Chair
Mr D Campsill, Vice Chair
Miss P Covell
Mr A Daubney
Mrs J Wesley
Dr M Kierstan

Mrs. I Campsill, Parish Clerk

1155.361.17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Miss L Brown.

1156.361.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Dr M Kierstan declared an interest in agenda item – planning application, 1 Church Lane. Also Mr J Congreve declared an interest in the item to be discussed in closed session.

1157.361.17 NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 10th August 2017

It was agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 10th August with no amendment.

MATTERS OUTSTANDING

1158.361.17 Spring Wells. It was reported that parking on the grass area of Spring Wells have improved and as this was linked with a possible wildlife grant application, this should be put onto the agenda for the next meeting.

1159.361.17 Community Wildlife Grant. As Miss Brown was unable to attend the meeting, this agenda item was deferred until the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1160.361.17 South Kesteven Neighbourhood Plan Workshop. Information regarding this workshop having already been circulated, no-one was available to attend.

1161.361.17. Letter re weedkillers and traffic through the village. A letter had been circulated with the agenda from a resident of the village expressing their concerns regarding the volume of traffic travelling through the village and the use of weedkillers by householders fronting the paths causing a danger to wildlife. After a long discussion, it was agreed that the question of volume of traffic would be raised with the relevant authorities as part of the ongoing discussions re traffic. The use of

weedkillers would be brought to the attention of the residents along with the problem of dog fouling, by way of a notice in the parish news.

1161.362.17 Request from St Andrews PCC for donation towards grass cutting.

A letter was before the Council from St Andrews PCC asking for a donation towards the grass cutting as the costs had risen considerably. It was agreed that whilst the Council would at least match last year's contribution, the Clerk should contact the PCC asking for an idea of the total cost and bring to the next meeting.

1162.362.17 Scouts group – Remembrance Day. Mr Congreve reported on the Scouts participation in a parade around the village over the Remembrance Weekend.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1163.362.17 Approval of Treasurer's report. Following circulation of the Treasurer's report with the agenda, it was agreed unanimously to accept this report.

1164.362.17 Approval of payments since last meeting. Following circulation of the list of payments since the last meeting with the agenda, it was agreed unanimously to accept this report.

1165.362.17 Annual return. The Clerk reported that the annual return had now been returned from the external auditor with the comment re the new tables and chairs being added to the asset register.

1166.362.17. LALC. The Clerk reported on the slight increase in fees for the subscription to the LALC.

1167.362.17 Grant for provision of Community Cleaner. The grant for the provision of the Community Cleaner of £390.00 for the half year had been received.

1168.362.17 2018/19 Precept. It was agreed that there should be a nil precept for 2018/19.

HIGHWAYS REPORT

1169.362.17 Dumping of waste on Washdyke. The Clerk reported that she had contacted Cllr M Hill to ask for an update and would circulate once received.

THE MEETING ROOM AND THE PLOUGH INN

1170.362.17. Meeting re the insurance audit. Mr Congreve reported on the meeting with the Mr and Mrs Wilcox regarding the audit for the insurance. The relevant documents were being collated.

1170.362.17 Charges for Meeting Room. It was agreed to follow up on the outstanding fees owing for the use of the Meeting

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1171.363.17 Planning for erection of dwelling at Horbling Hall. This had been approved.

1172.363.17 Planning application – 1 Church Lane. A planning application was being circulated regarding 1 Church Lane.

WEBSITE

1173.363.17 There was no update on the website

CONSERVATION AREA.

1174.363.17 Dr Kierstan reported that he and Miss Brown had met with Mr I Wright regarding a possible conservation area and that a proposed outline would be available for the February meeting.

1175.363.17 RENT REVIEW – PARISH FIELDS

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Escrit and Barrell regarding when the last rent review was carried out on the parish fields.

ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION

1176.363.17 Fence around the sewage works. The Clerk agreed to contact the relevant department to report that the perimeter fence around the sewage works was down in some areas and that the informal agreement that the tankers should turn right to go down the Fen Road rather than past the school was not being adhered to.

1177.363.17 Possible seat in Bus Shelter. Following a request from a resident, Mr Daubney agreed to look into the possibility of a seat in the bus shelter.

1178.363.17 Activity on the old railway line. It was reported that there was some activity along the old railway line with fires being lit etc. It was agreed that this should be reported to the Community Police to look into.

1179.363.17 Christmas meal. It was agreed to hold the Christmas Meal on Tuesday, 12th December and the Clerk agreed to circulate the menu.

1180.363.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 15th February 2018 at 7.20 pm.

The meeting then went into closed session.