

Minutes of the meeting of the Horbling Parish Council held on Thursday, 15th February, 2018, 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
Miss L Brown

Mrs. I Campsill, Parish Clerk

1182.365.18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

1183.365.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr J Congreve declared an interest in the item to be discussed – The Plough Inn.

1184.365.18 NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9th NOVEMBER 2017

It was agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November with no amendment.

MATTERS OUTSTANDING

1185.365.18 Spring Wells. Discussion was held on ways to discourage parking on the grass area of Spring Wells and it was agreed that the Parish Clerk would arrange metal signs to be fixed on the wall as permission had been given by the owner. Also the large logs currently on some areas would be extended to cover the whole grass area.

1186.365.18 Community Wildlife Grant. Miss Brown reported that she was finalising the application for the Spring Wells area to include a wild flower planting area and a sign detailing walk around the village. This would be circulated to the Council once completed.

1187.365.18 Request from St Andrews PCC. It was agreed to make a donation of £1,800.00 towards the grass cutting in the churchyard.

1188.365.18 Rent review – Parish Fields. The Clerk reported that she was awaiting information from the agent who had last reviewed the rent and would report back to the next meeting.

1189.366.18 Seat in bus shelter. Mr Daubney reported that a metal seat had been made for the bus shelter at a cost of approximately £120 plus VAT, and would be fitted in the next few days.

1190.366.18 Use of weedkillers on public pathways. The Clerk gave an update from the resident concerned about the use of weedkillers on public pathways and the need for a licence. It was confirmed that the Council had checked that this was being adhered to by those on the Council's behalf.

CORRESPONDENCE

1191.366.18 Highways grass cutting 2018/19. A letter had been received from the Highways Department confirming that the grass cutting would be maintained as last year. It was agreed to continue with the supplementary grass cutting.

1192.366.18 Letter from Point Football Club. A letter had been circulated with the agenda from the Managers and Coaches Co-ordinator of Pointon Football Club asking the Council to confirm that Pointon Football Club was Horbling's local football club which would prevent the setting up of any other football team. After much discussion it was agreed that the Councillors were not sure that they could take that decision as it would take the opportunity away from the community of anyone else forming a club

1193.366.18 Community Speed Watch. Information from the Community Speed Watch having been circulated previously, after discussion, it was felt that this was something the Council would not want to take up. However, they would be interested in having a supply of the passive notices. It was also felt that the suggestion that members of communities should operate the radar guns in different areas, had merit and should be suggested to the scheme organisers.

The Clerk was also asked to invite a member of the Community Police team to discuss the speed of traffic through the village, at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1194.366.18 Approval of Treasurer's report. Following circulation of the Treasurer's report with the agenda, it was agreed unanimously to accept this report.

1195.366.18 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.

1196.366.18 New external auditor. The Clerk reported that PKF Littlejohn LLP, of London, had been appointed as external auditors for the current year.

HIGHWAYS REPORT

1197.367.18 Visit with member of Highways Department. As there were several issues including the reinstatement of the pillars and repair of the crash barrier n Washdyke, repair of Fen Road, it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Mr Rowan Smith, to have a walk around the village and discuss the various concerns.

THE MEETING ROOM AND THE PLOUGH INN

1198.367.18 . Possible refurbishment of disabled toilet in Meeting Room. It was agreed that the Clerk should check if the Disabled Toilet still conformed to current standards

1199.367.18 Painting of the Meeting Room. It was agreed that quotations should be obtained for painting of the Meeting Room for consideration at the next meeting. Prior to this, the Clerk reported that the hard wire testing and the PAT testing was due and it was agreed that this time, the contractors should be asked to remove the wall heaters.

1200.367.18 New fire extinguisher in Meeting Room. As the foam extinguisher has just been renewed, it was agreed to replace it with a CO2 one once it again needed renewing.

1201.367.18 Use of Meeting Room. Following a request from the Church Warden, it was agreed that the Meeting Room could be used for Sunday services in cold weather. After discussion, it was agreed that the Horbling PCC should be asked to pay for the use of the Meeting Room when used for meetings, coffee mornings etc., as other community groups within the village.

1202.367.18 Return of funds. Dr Kierston reported that the group set up to campaign against the wind turbines, was now closed, and there should be a refund of part of the contribution made by the Council. He suggested that this could be used in the Meeting Room, with possibly a projector screen.

The meeting then went into closed session to discuss the assignment of the Lease.

The meeting then came out of Closed Session.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1201.368.18 Erection of two storey side extension – 43 Donington Road. This had been approved.

1202.368.18 Tree work – 22 Spring Lane. The Council had no objections.

1203.368.18 Tree work – Brook House, Spring Lane. The Council had no objections.

CONSERVATION AREA.

1204.368.18 Dr Kierstan circulated a proposed plan from the Mr I Wright which virtually included the whole village as a proposed conservation area. It was agreed the Council accepted this proposed plan as is but that a query should be raised as to whether the row of Victorian cottages on Donington Road should be included. Dr Kierstan agreed to contact Mr Wright re this query and also to ask for how to proceed.

ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION

1205.369.18. Dog fouling. The Clerk agreed to obtain more signs re the responsibilities of dog owners and also to put something in the Parish Magazine regarding this.

1205.369.18 Parish Clerk and Parish Councillor. Advance notice was given that the Parish Clerk and Mr D Campsill would be leaving the area, hopefully, sometime this year dependent upon house sale. It was felt that preliminary plans should be made for a replacement Parish Clerk including an advert in the Parish Magazine to allow for an overlap and training to be given to any new Clerk.

1206.369.18 Chairman. Mr J Congreve reported that due to future work commitments it would be necessary for him to resign at the next meeting. It was agreed that a notice should be put on the website and on the notice board asking for applications. Also other Councillors should draw attention of this opportunity to any contacts they may have who they thought may be interested.

1180.363.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting, which would be the AGM, would be held on Thursday, 24th May 2018 at 7.00 pm.