

**Minutes of a meeting of Horbling Parish Council held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.40pm in the Meeting Room, Horbling**

Present: Miss L Brown Chairman  
Mr M Kierstan  
Mrs. J. Wesley  
Mr R Stacey  
Mr J Gale

Parish Clerk: Mr I Sismey

South Kesteven District Councillor Jan Hansen was present and is the Toller Ward representative.

**1401.419.20 To Receive /Approve Reasons for Apologies for Absence.**

**There were no apologies**

**1402.419.20 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**1403.419.20 To receive the resignation of Mr M Jackson**

Mr M Jackson tendered his resignation due to family commitments. The Council wished him well in his future away from the Parish.

**1404.419.20 To elect a new vice chairman**

After a short discussion it was:

**Proposed A Daubney, Seconded J Gale**

**RESOLVED: With no opposition Mr M Kierstan was elected Vice Chairman of Horbling Parish Council**

**1405.419.20 To ask if members of the public present wished to speak on any agenda item.**

There were no residents present.

**1406.419.20 Minutes of last meeting held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Proposed M Kierstan, Seconded J Wesley**

**RESOLVED: For the chairman to sign the notes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 as a true record.**

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

**1407.420.20 Asset Register.** It has previously been agreed by the Parish Council that the land and buildings owned by the Council should be valued at current Market Value as opposed to original cost.

The clerk had been in communication with Stephen Knipe & Co who had advised that the market value of the land on a conservative basis should be valued at a figure of £200,000 plus. These figures have been incorporated by the clerk in the financial records.

The clerk also spoke with the property agent with regard to the value of the 'Plough' who confirmed that the value held in the Parish accounts of £ 350,000 was consistent with the current market situation

**1408.420.20 Possible purchase of a de-fibrillator.** The clerk informed members that the application with the British Heart Foundation was confirmed and that a site meeting would take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> March for the installation engineer to assess the work to be completed.

The clerk continued that as part of the application criteria training, not only of the members but also of local residents would need to be instigated. This is to show to BHF that they had made a wise investment locally.

Cllr Stacey asked if there was planned publicity for the de-fibrillator and also the training. The clerk confirmed that this would take place once the cabinet was installed.

**1409.420.20 Banking Arrangements.** The clerk informed the members that following the resignation of Cllr Jackson the Parish Council only currently had three signatories 1)Louise Brown 2) Mark Kierstan 3) Andy Daubney.

The internet banking scenario had now been complicated by the departure of M Jackson.

The clerk to meet with the bank on this matter.

### **1410.420.20 Grant application 1) Horbling & Billingborough Scout Group**

The clerk informed the members that he was still awaiting information from the group.

### **1411.420.20 Grant Application 2) PCC**

The clerk confirmed that the cheque had been raised and that he had communicated with Gavin Bunker, treasurer of the PCC, to confirm that the grant covered both the grass cutting and also the coffee mornings.

## **1412.421.20 Belvoir Hunt in Horbling**

Cllr Wesley informed the meeting that she had spoken to David Manning (Belvoir Hunt) and he informed her that the email list confirming the hunt schedule had been trimmed considerably due to the number contained on the list that were anti hunt and therefore causing problems. Mr Manning was obviously concerned that people who needed to know about the hunt were no longer being informed and agreed that the list would be revisited with the help of Cllr Wesley to include those individuals who were bona fide and should be included on the list. Cllr Wesley continued that the last hunt would be mid-march.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**1413.421.20 The clerk produced a list of correspondence for the members to receive:**

A) *For Information only – to be received en bloc*

- a) **LALC Community collaboration project**
- b) **NALC Chief Executives Bulletin**
- c) **Rural Services Network- Rural Bulletin**
- d) **NALC Chief Executives Bulletin**
- e) **LALC E-news update**
- f) **NALC Newsletter**
- g) **LALC News December 2019**
- h) **NALC Newsletter**
- i) **Rural Services Network- Rural Bulletin**
- j) **LALC E-news update**
- k) **NALC Chief Executives Bulletin**
- l) **NALC Chief Executives Bulletin**
- m) **LALC E-news update**
- n) **NALC Chief Executives Bulletin**
- o) **Rural Services Network- Rural Bulletin**
- p) **LALC E-news update**
- q) **NALC Chief Executives Bulletin**
- r) **NALC Chief Executives Bulletin**
- s) **NALC Chief Executives Bulletin**

**Proposed M Kierstan, Seconded J Wesley**

**RESOLVED: To receive the above items en bloc**

B) *For Discussion*

a) **Marking the death of a senior national figure**

The clerk had distributed a circular he had received informing local councils of their responsibilities following the death of a senior national figure.

One of the key duties was to open a book of remembrance for the deceased individual and it was decided that the best place for this to be located would be the Parish Church.

b) **Town & Parish Websites**

The clerk informed members that the Parish website that is hosted by Lincolnshire County Council was to be upgraded by the end of March 2020.

c) **Town & Parish Update**

The clerk had received an information update from Lincolnshire County Council which he provided copies for all members. The item of most interest to the members was the provision of grit bins by the County Council. It was discussed that perhaps the local school would like to take responsibility for one located on Sandygate Lane. Cllr Daubney agreed to contact a representative of the school.

d) **Local History Society**

The clerk had received correspondence with regard to forming a local history society to cover the area of Dembleby, Osbournby and Swaton, Pickworth, Kirkby Underwood, Hanthorpe and to include Horbling. Cllr Mark Kierstan agreed to deal with any matters arising from this item.

e) **Letter from Gareth Davies MP**

The clerk distributed copies of the letter to members. The letter was thanking the local councillors for the role that they play in the local community and inviting one of the members to a summit meeting on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

It was decided by the members that the appropriate member to attend would be Cllr Kierstan.

f) Cllr Kierstan added an item for information only, with regard to the Neighbourhood Police Panel that had gone dormant but he has been advised that there are plans to reactivate it.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **1414.423.20 Approval of Treasurers Report**

The Clerk provided the financial reports for the members. This comprised of an Income & Expenditure Account plus Balance sheet for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. The Accounts showed a surplus for the year to date of £2,742.25.

The clerk raised the concern that the main source of income for the Parish was from the 'Plough' and that unlike other Parishes no funds were raised through the traditional precept system.

Cllr Kierstan informed the meeting that this may be something that the Council would have to think about implementing in the future and asked the clerk to prepare figures on the expected income from raising a precept for the next meeting.

**Proposed M Kierstan, Seconded L Brown**

**RESOLVED: To approve the Treasurers Report as presented**

### **1415.423.20 Approval of Payments since last meeting**

**Proposed A Daubney, Seconded L Brown**

**RESOLVED: To Approve the schedule of payments provided by the Clerk**

### **1416.423.20 Grant Application - Shared Recreation Ground, Billingborough Parish Council**

The clerk informed the members that the Parish had always paid a £1,000 contribution to Billingborough Parish Council towards the cost of the shared recreation ground. The clerk continued that Billingborough had asked the question as to whether Horbling PC would consider increasing their contribution in the light of increasing costs. (Copy of the email from Billingborough PC was provided for the members).

There was general discussion amongst the members and it was highlighted that a contributory factor for the request was the closure of the Bowls Club.

Cllr Mark Kierstan suggested that we honour the traditional £1,000 but ask for details of their expenditure to enable consideration of any increase.

Cllr Wesley was in favour of provided an increased grant due to the fact that the cricket club that plays on the recreation ground always provide custom for the 'Plough' as opposed to any other public house.

In conclusion the consensus was to delay payment to Billingborough PC and await more detail on their expenditure to enable more informed discussion on their request.

**Proposed M Kierstan, Seconded L Brown**

**RESOLVED: To delay payment to Billingborough PC and request more information.**

#### **1417.424.20 Highways Update.**

1) The clerk brought to the attention of the members an email that had been received from a resident:

*I live in Mill Lane, Horbling. There is a notice at each end of the road saying unsuitable for HGVs. There is a 30mph limit at the village end. HGVs keep coming down here at a good 50 to 60 mph and they are churning up the roadside verges and turning them to mud, which in turn blocks the drains. Some of the Lorries have big trailers and when the trailer is empty they seem to think they are on a race track. I believe they found this as a short cut when one of the roads in Billingborough was closed for 5 weeks but that road is now open.*

*Please could you advise me if there is anything that can be done about this?*

Cllr Daubney commented that if the A52 was blocked for any reason that is the route that the police would use to divert traffic.

In general the members were unaware of any help that they could offer apart from the clerk making a complaint about the situation to LCC Highways department.

2) The clerk brought a second complaint to the attention of the members. The resident whose property is on Spring Lane was concerned that the numerous cars parked nearby her driveway were causing a safety hazard. The resident also had concerns that some residents seem to use Spring Lane as a race track.

The members were aware of the parking issues and the householders responsible and it was agreed that Cllr Brown would make contact with the resident to try and raise the issue and try to come up with a resolution to the situation. Members were asked to contact Cllr Brown if they could think of possible solutions.

3) Cllr Stacey reported an issue down Horbling Fen by whites recycling it has got very muddy and there is a lot of large stones on the road, Cllr Stacey wished to know if the company concerned had any responsibility for keeping the highway in good order. Cllr Wesley mentioned that she had encountered a similar issue and when she reported to the organisation they cleaned the road. The clerk was asked to make contact with the organisation concerned.

Cllr Stacey continued with regard to the unsatisfactory state of some of the footpaths particularly from Horbling Hall to Billingborough. The clerk was asked to contact Lincolnshire County Council Highways Department.

#### **1418.424.20 Conservation Update**

The clerk informed the members that he had contacted the SKDC conservation officer who informed him that they were re-consulting with certain residents due to them not having been included on the original consultation. This highlighted the member's previous concerns that the consultation had not been run correctly but was assured by SKDC that this was not a problem.

The conservation officer confirmed that the consultation would be concluded by the end of March.

#### **1419.425.20 The Meeting Room and the Plough Inn.**

- 1) Repairs and Maintenance.**
- 2) Plough Inn Repointing**
- 3) Internal Inspection**

It was decided to centre the member's discussion on the Plough generally as opposed to separate headings.

Cllr Brown commented that she felt that the whole issue of the Plough needed sorting as they were certain ambiguities surrounding certain areas, Cllr Brown quoted one issue as being who was responsible for what? Cllr Brown wanted to ensure that a procedure was established for dealing with minor repairs etc at the Plough so that the tenant was aware of the procedure and also that the Councillors were.

The clerk informed the members that this matter had been discussed before and that at time Cllrs Daubney and Jackson would deal with all minor issues with a spending cap of £500.00.

Cllr Brown asked if Cllr Daubney was willing to continue in that role, Cllr Daubney responded that he would and also the continuation of the repointing work which he had agreed a plan with the contractor and also a process for dealing with the dust from the work. However, Cllr Daubney asked for some assistance in continuing this role. The members were made aware that there is a local contractor who is on standby to complete small repairs as and when required. It was confirmed that the small subcommittee was purely concerned with the fabric of the building and not any internal considerations.

Cllr Brown was of the opinion that the Council needed a permanent interface between the Council and the Pub.

The clerk was of the opinion that the most important aspect at the moment was to complete the Councils internal inspection so that an assessment of what needed to be completed could be made.

It was agreed that the internal inspection would be made by Cllrs R Stacey and J Wesley along with the clerk who would arrange the day and time.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **1420.426.20**

#### **S19/1761 Mr G Middleton**

#### **Erection of Two Detached dwellings – land between 27-39 Donington Road Horbling. Application refused**

The clerk wished the members to receive the above item as they had worked hard to ensure that the work put into ensuring the parish received conservation status was put to good use.

Members were concerned that the application site was still being worked on and that an appeal against the refusal could be made.

### **1421.426.20 To receive a statement regarding the adoption of the Local Plan**

Although this item was common knowledge to all the members the clerk had received the official notice with regard to the Local Plans adoption.

### **1422.426.20 To ratify the clerks decision to submit a 'Nil' Precept return**

The matter of the Parish possibly raising a precept in the future had been discussed earlier in the meeting but for the year in question (2020/2021) a nil return had been submitted.

#### **Proposed M Kierstan, Seconded L Brown**

**RESOLVED: To ratify the clerks decision to submit a nil precept return for the year 2020/2021**

### **1423.426.20 Toller Educational Foundation/Brown Educational Foundation**



This item had been added to the agenda due to the passing of information with regard to Cllr Daubney's involvement with the Foundation.

The clerk informed members that this was linked with another charity 'Brown Educational Foundation'. The clerk stated that it was important that the Parish Council understood the workings of both Charities and their interaction with the Council.

MK suggested that the clerk contacted the Brown Foundation for further information.

#### **1424.427.20 Emergency Planning**

The clerk stated that he thought that it would be good for the Parish Council to form an emergency plan for the village. In the event of any given emergency, flooding, fire etc the Parish Council could then ensure that some form of control was in place. It was agreed that the plan should be worked on in the ensuing months and then presented to the members.

#### **1425.427.20 VE75 Celebrations**

The clerk brought to the member's attention the fact that this May would see the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

Its significance was shown by central government who had moved a bank holiday to encompass this.

It was felt that the Parish Council should celebrate this in some way and that this should be worked on by the clerk but should involve: 1) The local Scout Group, 2) The Plough, 3) The Parish Church, 4) The local primary school.

#### **1426.427.20 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations.**

SKDC Councillor Jan Hansen was present and gave the following report:

- JH confirmed that he would chase up Sylvia Bland (SKDC Development Control Manager) and Ian Wright (SKDC Conservation Officer) with regard to the Conservation appraisal.
- JH informed the members that a new Chief Executive was starting at SKDC at the beginning of March.
- JH mentioned that following a Billingborough Parish Council meeting that they would be happy to join in any VE Day celebrations with Horbling.
- JH also mentioned the adoption of the Local Plan.
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**1427.427.20 To discuss any such information which the chairman may legally bring to the Councils attention.**

Cllr Mark Kierstan mentioned the Councillor vacancy. This item to be added to the next meeting agenda.

Cllr Louise Brown mentioned the issue of dog fouling in the village. It was agreed that additional notices should be erected.

**1428.428.20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020, at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.34pm

Signed ..... Chairman

Date .....