

Minutes of a Meeting of Horbling Parish Council held on Thursday, 1st July 2021 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room, Horbling

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

Parish Clerk: Mr I Sismey

1564.465.21 Apologies for absence and acceptance of reasons given

There were none

1565.465.21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1566.465.21 To ask if members of the public, resident or employed within this Parish, have any intention to speak under any agenda items of this meeting.

None were present

1567.465.21 To adopt the notes of the meeting held on the 27th May 2021 as a true record and to resolve for the chairman to sign them.

Proposed L Brown, Seconded R Stacey

RESOLVED: For the chairman to sign the notes of the meeting held on the 27th May 2021 as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

1568.465.21 Possible purchase of a De-Fibrillator.

The clerk informed members that he was still in discussion with BHF with regard to an installation date. The members emphasised the need for this facility in the village.

1569.465.21 Conservation Update

This item was the subject of a separate agenda item.

1570.465.21 Sandbags

The Sand supplied by SKDC had been received and bagged ready for use and stored in the Councils outbuilding attached to the meeting room.

1571.466.21 Grit Bin – Primary School

The clerk confirmed that this was due for delivery and that he would liaise with Andy Daubney with regard to its location.

1572.466.21 Footpath – Ousemere Lode

1573.466.21 Community Cleaner

The clerk informed members that Mr Kevin Green had been appointed to complete 2hrs litter picking per week.

1574.466.21 PCC Grant

The clerk confirmed that the agreed £2,000 had been paid over to the PCC.

1575.466.21 Emergency Planning

This item had remained on the agenda due to the current situation and it was agreed that the clerk would liaise with Cllr Stacey on this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

1576.466.21 The clerk produced a list of correspondence for the members to receive.

The clerk informed the members that should they wish to inspect any item of correspondence then they should contact him direct.

A) For Information only – to be received en bloc

- a) Terry Osbourne Terry Osbourne Insurance – Confirmation**
- b) BHIB - Confirmation**
- c) Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin**
- d) NALC - Newsletter**
- e) Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin**
- f) LALC E-news update**
- g) Rural Services Network – Funding Digest**
- h) SKDC Arts Newsletter**
- i) Weekly Planning List SKDC**
- j) Weekly Planning List SKDC**
- k) Weekly Planning List SKDC**
- l) Weekly Planning List SKDC**
- m) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin**
- n) NALC Newsletter**

B) Letter from Lincolnshire Police

Proposed L Brown, Seconded J Wesley

RESOLVED: To receive the above items en bloc

FINANCIAL REPORT

1577.467.21 Approval of Treasurers report

The clerk presented the members with the Income & Expenditure Account for the period to 30.06.2021. The report showed a surplus of income of £8,621.84. This included the receipt of the precept income of £12,232.00.

Proposed L Brown, Seconded J Wesley

RESOLVED: To approve the treasurer's report for the period to 30.06.2021

1578.467.21 Approval of Payments since last meeting

The clerk presented a list of payments to the members totalling £ 2,581.25

Proposed R Stacey, Seconded L Brown

RESOLVED: To approve the payments as listed totalling £2,581.25

1578.467.21 Grant request – Brown's School, Horbling

The Clerk reported to the members that he had received an urgent request from Brown's School for funding support for a year 5&6 residential visit.

The Chair L Brown informed the members that she was aware of the situation and that the request had been fulfilled by Toller/Brown Ed Foundations.

1579.467.21 Chairman's Allowance

It has been customary for a small allowance to be paid to the chair of the council to cover incidental expenses whilst in office.

Cllr Brown the current chair informed the members that she would like to utilise the allowance to facilitate two initiatives:

- 1) The provision of a new notice board at the meeting room
- 2) The incorporation of planters at the entrance signs to the village

All members were of the opinion that this would be a good use of Council funds and that the initiatives should be taken forward.

Proposed Cllr J Wesley, Seconded Cllr J Gale

RESOLVED: To approve the use of the Chairman's allowance for the provision of a new noticeboard and village planters.

1580.468.21 Highways Update.

The clerk informed members that there was no current update.

1581.468.21 Conservation Update

This clerk informed members that he was still communicating with SKDC on this matter.

1582.468.21 The Meeting Room and the Plough Inn.

The clerk informed the members that an internal inspection of the Plough's private quarters had taken place on Tuesday 15th June.

The clerk presented a full report to the members the conclusion of which was as follows:

'Overall, as with the public areas everything looked tired and in need of some TLC.

- 1) All floor coverings are in desperate need of replacement/cleaning.*
- 2) Electric installation needs inspection/investigation, all fuse boxes state next inspection due April 2023.*
- 3) All windows are in need of repair/decoration.*
- 4) The secondary glazing will either need replacing or maintenance.*
- 5) The light in the kitchen requires a new diffuser.*
- 6) All areas of the private quarters require additional electric sockets.*
- 7) All areas require redecoration.'*

Cllr Stacey stated that the report was fully representative of the issues and that as a priority the electrics should be investigated and the windows checked out.

All members were in agreement with these priorities. It was agreed that Trevor Wand of Town & Country electrical should be contacted by the clerk and asked to complete a compliance check of the electrical system and to quote for any works that need to be completed.

The windows were discussed, and the question of the buildings listed status was queried and all agreed that as long as we replaced like with like there would be no issues.

The following managing agents, Pygott & Crone, Brown & Co and Long Banks & Co, had been met by various members of the Council with a view to establishing a way forward for the Council in managing the building and also the tenant.

Cllr Brown stated that she was concerned that as the Council we should ensure that we know exactly who is responsible for repairs etc and ensure that they are completed and that also the tenant knows who they can approach when problems arise with the property.

Cllr Brown continued that all three agents would operate on the same basis:

- 1) Operate on a fee basis of 10% of the lease rent
- 2) Manage the tenant
- 3) Take care of maintenance and repairs

The agents appeared to be surprised that the living quarters were more or less free of charge and that the matter needed to be addressed in the new lease negotiations.

Cllr Brown was also of the opinion that the 5-year schedule of works should not be commissioned at the present time as the Council is aware of what works need to be completed in the short and mid-term.

Cllr Kierstan was concerned that there may be other repairs that need to be carried out that the Council are unaware of.

Cllr Stacey shared concern that the 5-year schedule of works would be costly, the clerk said that he felt that the cost would be around £800.

The general consensus of opinion was that some other party than the Councillors should give an opinion on the status of the integrity of the building.

The clerk commented that we should wait until we have met all of the agents mentioned and compare the details of charges etc before making a decision on this matter.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The clerk presented the decisions made by SKDC on the following two applications:

1583.469.21 Application S21/0818 Mr N Borrill

Proposal Internal Alterations, Listed Building (retrospective)
Location Dial House, 2 Mill Lane, Horbling

Proposed L Brown, Seconded M Kierstan

RESOLVED: That Horbling Parish Council have no objections

Consent was given by SKDC on the 24th June 2021

1584.470.21 Application S21/0806 Mrs L Tate

**Proposal T1 Cedar, Crown Lift
Location 19 Spring Lane, Horbling**

Proposed R Stacey, Seconded L Brown

RESOLVED: That Horbling Parish Council objects on the basis that the reduction would ruin the character of the tree and hence it's visual amenity

Consent was given by SKDC on the 14th June 2021

At this point the Council went into private Council and the minutes form part of a separate document to be presented at the next meeting.

1585.470.21 Parish Councillor Vacancies

1586.470.21 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other organisations

There were none.

1587.470.21 To discuss any such information which the chairman may legally bring to the Councils attention.

1587.470.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled for the 20th August 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 20.55pm

Signed Chairman

Date