

Minutes of a Meeting of Horbling Parish Council held on Thursday, 16th September 2021 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room, Horbling

Present: Miss L Brown Chairman
Mrs J Wesley
Mr P Wesley
Mr J Gale
Mr G Stonestreet
Mrs K Lunn

Parish Clerk: Mr I Sismey

The Chair welcomed the new members to the meeting.

1588.471.21 Apologies for absence and acceptance of reasons given

There were none

At this point the clerk informed the members of the resignation of Cllr R Stacey.

Due to the circumstances nominations were requested for the position of vice chairman.

Proposed J Gale, Seconded P Wesley

RESOLVED: With only one nomination Cllr Mrs J Wesley was appointed Vice Chairman.

1589.471.21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1590.471.21 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

1591.471.21 To adopt the notes of the meeting held on the 1st July 2021 as a true record and to resolve for the chairman to sign them.

Proposed L Brown, Seconded J Wesley

RESOLVED: For the chairman to sign the notes of the meeting held on the 1st July 2021 as a true record.

1592.472.21 To receive the resignation of Mark Kierstan

Due to Mark leaving the area for family reasons the Council reluctantly accepted his resignation.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

1593.472.21 Possible purchase of a De-Fibrillator.

Despite assurances from BHF that the village was still destined to receive a defibrillator the clerk informed the members that he was now looking at alternative providers.

1594.472.21 Grit Bin – Primary School

The clerk confirmed that a new delivery date had been given of 4th October.

1595.472.21 Footpath – Ousemere Lode

No new Developments on this matter

1596.472.21 Community Cleaner

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

1597.472.21 Community Land

The Chair explained the basis of this proposal but that no further developments had had been made.

1598.472.21 Emergency Planning

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1599.472.21 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) Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin
- b) Community Lincs – News & Update
- c) Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin
- d) Rural Services Network – Funding Digest
- e) Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Service
- f) RHS – Grass Roots Update
- g) Weekly Planning List SKDC
- h) Weekly Planning List SKDC
- i) Weekly Planning List SKDC
- j) Weekly Planning List SKDC
- k) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin
- l) LALC – Enews Update
- m) Rural Services Update
- n) Weekly Planning List SKDC
- o) Weekly Planning List SKDC
- p) Weekly Planning List SKDC
- q) Weekly Planning List SKDC
- r) Weekly Planning List SKDC
- s) Weekly Planning List SKDC
- t) Rural Services Update

Proposed L Brown, Seconded J Wesley

RESOLVED: To receive the above items en bloc

FINANCIAL REPORT

1600.473.21 Approval of Treasurers report

The clerk presented the members with the Income & Expenditure Account for the period to 31.08.2021. The report showed a surplus of income of £10,136.97 this included the receipt of the precept income of £12,232.00.

Proposed L Brown, Seconded J Gale

RESOLVED: To approve the treasurer’s report for the period to 31.08.2021

1601.473.21 Approval of Payments since last meeting

The clerk presented a list of payments to the members totalling £ 174.52

Proposed J Wesley, Seconded J Gale

RESOLVED: To approve the payments as listed totalling £ 174.52

1602.473.21 Banking Signatories

Due to the resignation of Mark Kierstan the following was proposed.

Proposed L Brown, Seconded J Gale

RESOLVED: To add J Wesley to the Council Signatories

1603.474.21 Highways Update.

The clerk informed members that there was no current update.

1604.474.21 Conservation Update

The chair explained for the benefit of the new members the history of the Conservation Appraisal to date.

Cllr Brown was of the opinion that if a further consultation needed to be undertaken to conclude the process then this should be done under a very tight timeframe.

This clerk informed members that he was still communicating with SKDC on this matter and that a preliminary date for the Council to meet SKDC was the 11th October.

1605.474.21 The Meeting Room and the Plough Inn.

Cllr Brown explained for the benefit of the new members the status of the 'Plough' being under the ownership of the Parish Council.

Cllr Brown emphasised the fact that as a Parish Council the members were collectively responsible for the fabric of the building and that a satisfactory tenant was operating the business.

The chair continued that as non-professionals in the business of managing a listed building and also a licenced premises the decision was taken to approach agents with the view to them managing the asset for the Parish Council.

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 Brown & Co were the preferred agent, who had shown a willingness to come and report face to face with the Council at various points in the year, for both negotiating the lease renewal and also the ongoing management of the tenant and their obligations.

Cllr Brown concluded that negotiations are underway with the proposed managing agent.

Generally the members were encouraged that the tenant was making an effort to move the business forward but were of the opinion that the opening days and times of the pub should be more consistent.

Cllr Brown then raised the issue of supporting the tenant with a 'Dog Ban' on the premises only allowing well behaved dogs in the car park.

There was a general opinion that members were happy to support this approach to dealing with the matter.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The clerk presented the following applications to the Council members:

1606.475.21 Application S21/1584 Mrs H Harte

Proposal Installation of wood burning stove
Location Dial House, 2 Mill Lane, Horbling

Proposed P Wesley, Seconded L Brown

RESOLVED: That Horbling Parish Council have no objections

1607.475.21 Application S21/1701 Mr D Leeson

Proposal Erection of single storey workshop/garage
Location 33 Sandygate Lane, Horbling

Proposed K Lunn, Seconded P Wesley

RESOLVED: That Horbling Parish Council have no objections

1608.475.21 Application S21/1733 Mr C Compton

Proposal Proposed Two Storey Side Extension
Location 1 Priory Farm Cottages, Bridge End Horbling

Proposed G Stonestreet, Seconded J Wesley

RESOLVED: That Horbling Parish Council have no objections

1609.475.21 Application S21/1750 LCC

Proposal Retention of Mobile Classroom
Location Brown's School, Horbling

Proposed G Stonestreet, Seconded K Lunn

RESOLVED: That Horbling Parish Council have no objections but would like the County Council to ensure that the structure is still 'fit for purpose' and that consideration will given to a more permanent solution.

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.

1610.476.21 Parish Councillor Vacancies

Cllr Gale asked for clarification on the number of required Councillors for the Parish. The clerk informed the members that the statutory level for the village of Horbling was 7.

One of the members also asked if there had been any further candidates from the previous recruitment process.

The clerk informed the members that they were under no pressure to fill the vacancy immediately and that any decision made had to be collective.

Cllr Gale was of the opinion that perhaps the Council should hold it in abeyance for a period of time due to the fact that most of the members were new to the Council.

Members were of the general opinion that a period of time should be allowed for the Council to settle down and reappraise itself at a later date.

1611.476.21 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other organisations

There were none.

1612.476.21 To discuss any such information which the chairman may legally bring to the Councils attention.

16.1 Communications

16.2 Noticeboard

Cllr Brown informed members that this was currently under construction and would be sited in the meeting room Car Park.

16.3 Queens Platinum Jubilee

The clerk informed members that to ensure a successful celebration of the occasion preparations needed to be started now. The Jubilee period is from 2nd June 2022 – 5th June 2022.

There was general discussion with regard to this item and It was decided that a meeting would be planned for the near future.

1613.477.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled for the 18th November 2021 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 20.30pm

Signed Chairman

Date