

**Minutes of a Meeting of Horbling Parish Council held on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room, Horbling**

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

Parish Clerk: Mr I Sismey

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

**1639.486.21 Apologies for absence and acceptance of reasons given**

Proposed by Cllr J Wesley, seconded by Cllr K Lunn, and unanimously  
**RESOLVED: To approve reasons for apology for absence from Cllr J Gale**

**1640.486.21 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**1641.486.21 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

**1642.486.21 To adopt the notes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 as a true record and to resolve for the chair to sign them.**

Proposed J Wesley, Seconded K Lunn

**RESOLVED: For the chair to sign the notes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 as a true record.**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

**1643.486.21 Noticeboard**

The Chair reported that the noticeboard was now in situ and will continue to be populated with relevant information on an ongoing basis.

**1644.486.21 Grit Bin – Primary School**

The clerk confirmed that the Grit Bin had been positioned at the Primary School and was complete with grit ready for the colder weather. The clerk informed members

that he had spoken with the school and that they were pleased that the bin was now in place.

### **1645.487.21 Community Land**

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

### **1646.487.21 Queens Platinum Jubilee**

Cllr Brown reported that she had met with the head teacher of the local Primary School, Sally Howley, who was more than pleased to be involved with the celebrations.

Mrs Howley raised certain issues with regard to the proposed events which included the complications regarding serving alcohol at the school and also the fact that it was also the schools half term week.

Cllr Brown continued that Mrs Howley was happy for the afternoon activities to take place at the school and that could be indoors and outdoors.

It was therefore discussed that perhaps the evening's entertainment could take place at the Scout Hut and Field, Sandygate Lane.

The chair continued that if that were not an acceptable option then it may be that the evening could be catered for at the Plough.

Cllr P Wesley was of the opinion that perhaps the Plough was the best option and that the celebrations should be located around the centre of the village.

Cllr Lunn although not against the suggestion was concerned that it would not be seen as a Parish Council event.

Discussion moved to the detail of using Spring Lane and the Plough on the Saturday evening, the clerk informed the members if that were the case then it would be important to consult with all residents concerned.

It was generally felt that further help was required from the residents and that another public meeting was needed, and that perhaps local residents should join the organising committee.

Cllr Brown suggested that at the public meeting all options should be put to those attending and allow a decision to be made by those present. It was decided that the

public meeting would take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Meeting Room at 7.00pm.

The clerk informed the members that a street closure, Spring Lane, had been applied for on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June to enable the street party to take place. The catering for this will be funded by the Parish Council.

#### **1647.487.21 Defibrillator**

The clerk informed members that he was still struggling to obtain a form response from the BHF and suggested to members that perhaps it would be a better solution to purchase a defibrillator from Council funds. The clerk continued that he had already sourced a product that was suitable and that was available from a local supplier.

This was debated by members but thought to be a logical solution.

#### **Proposed L Brown, Seconded G Stonestreet**

**RESOLVED: That the Parish Council should purchase its own Defibrillator at a cost of £1450.00(plus VAT) and have it installed as soon as possible.**

#### **1648.488.21 Conservation Status Update (This was the subject of a separate Agenda Item)**

#### **1649.488.21 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.

#### **1650.488.21 Plough Inn Lease (This was the subject of a separate Agenda Item)**

#### **1651.488.21 Change of Tenancy on Parish Land**

The clerk confirmed that he had spoken with the proposed new tenant and that all was in hand for the transfer.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**1652.488.21 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) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin
- b) SKDC Planning Lists
- c) Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin 06.12.21
- d) LALC – Enews Update 08.12.2021
- e) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin
- f) SKDC Planning Lists
- g) Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin 14.12.2021
- h) LALC – Enews Update 14.12.2021
- i) NALC - Newsletter
- j) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin
- k) SKDC Planning Lists
- l) Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin 21.12.2021
- m) SKDC Planning Lists
- n) LALC – Enews Update
- o) Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin 05.01.2022
- p) Rural Services Network – Rural Funding Digest
- q) NALC – Newsletter
- r) Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin
- s) LALC – Enews Update
- t) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin
- u) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin
- v) LALC – Enews Update

**Proposed L Brown, Seconded J Wesley**

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

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **1653.489.21 Approval of Treasurers report**

The clerk presented the members with the Income & Expenditure Account for the period to 31.12.2021. The report showed a surplus of income of £10,991.97.

**Proposed L Brown, Seconded J Wesley**

**RESOLVED: To approve the treasurer's report for the period to 31.12.2021**

### **1654.489.21 Approval of Payments since last meeting**

The clerk presented a list of payments to the members totalling £ 3,588.93

**Proposed K Lunn, Seconded L Brown**

**RESOLVED: To approve the payments as listed totalling £ 3,588.93**

### **1655.490.21 Budget & Precept 2022/2023**

The clerk informed members that following their last meeting he had been tasked with achieving a reduction of between 10-15% from the previously presented figures.

The clerk presented to the members a budget totalling £11,704.00. The clerk then informed the members that instead of reducing the budget it would be better to return to the residents the underspend from this current year. The clerk had estimated that this would be in the region of £5,200.00.

In real terms this would mean a reduction in the precept by some 46% and would take the charge to the residents from £74.00 down to £40.00.

All members were in agreement that there needed to be a reduction against last year and the chair was of the opinion that whatever the precept level was the Parish Council needed to show to the residents that the precept was not all about the 'Plough'. Cllr Brown was clear that we would need to communicate the reduction to all the local residents and point out some of the other positives that are emerging, Queens Platinum Jubilee, the long-awaited Conservation Status, Community Speed watch etc.

The clerk stated that it was imperative that any communication went out to residents before the beginning of March to ensure it was received before the Council Tax demands.

As mentioned by Cllr Brown this would include other information such as the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations etc.

### **Proposed L Brown, Seconded P Wesley**

**RESOLVED: To approve the budget and associated precept request**

### **1656.490.21 Grants**

Cllr Lunn queried a grant that had not been received it was clarified that these was an application to 'Brown's Educational Foundation.

### **1657.490.21 Highways Update.**

The clerk informed members that the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership had accepted the Parish Council's application to participate in the Community Speed Watch initiative.

The clerk continued that before participating members and residents who wished to

be part of the Speed Watch team needed to be trained by LRSP. The next available course via Zoom would be 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and is two hours in duration.

It was felt that there may be a good response from residents initially to take part but to ensure the continuance of the scheme it was felt that the inclusion of an organisation such as the Lincs Community 4x4 response team would be of benefit.

Cllr Stonestreet queried with the clerk whether the speed indicating device at the entrance to the village was able to record information on traffic speed. The clerk responded that with the particular model concerned it was not able to.

Cllr Brown commented that she had been told that a speed survey is due to be conducted in the village imminently by LCC.

Members were clearly aware of the continuous speeding issues in the village and that various accidents had occurred overtime.

**Proposed L Brown, Seconded G Stonestreet**

**RESOLVED: To receive the above report and proceed with the initiative.**

#### **1658.491.21 Parking Issues Stow Lane**

Cllr L Brown informed the members that a resident had complained about parking issues on the corner of Stow Lane. Cllr Brown continued that visibility was impaired when vehicles are parked on the corner by the junction accessing the main Billingborough Road. The clerk informed members that it would be helpful if photographs of the infringement were available and then these could be sent when reporting the situation to LCC Highways.

Parking on verges was also mentioned but again this matter comes down to enforcement by LCC Highways Department.

Cllr Lunn also mentioned the state of some of the pavements in the village especially outside Horbling Hall.

Cllr Brown commented that the highways officer used to complete a walk round the village with the Parish Council to highlight any problems. The clerk informed members that unfortunately this proactive approach to maintenance was no longer carried out by LCC.

**Proposed L Brown, Seconded G Stonestreet**

**RESOLVED: To receive the above report.**

### **1659.492.21 Conservation Status Update**

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

Cllr Brown reported that on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January she had met with the clerk the SKDC conservation Officer and the SKDC Head of Planning. Cllr Brown continued that the meeting had seemed positive and productive. Cllr Brown explained that in essence the SKDC Officers understood the frustration of the Parish Council but were not interested in going over the past but wished to move forward with the matter properly and quickly.

Cllr Brown summarised that the meeting was good natured and that the officers would forward both the draft report that had been completed some time ago and a summary of the initial consultation responses.

Cllr Brown informed members that the plan was to restart the program and rapidly progress it. Cllr Brown continued that immediately after the meeting the SKDC Conservation Officer contacted her to arrange the initial walk around the village for the 7<sup>th</sup> February. The object of the walk around was to go through the draft report and make any necessary amendments before the report finally went to committee. However, Cllr Brown was disturbed by some of the contents of the paperwork she received from the Conservation Officer as some of the references were of a location other than Horbling.

Cllr Brown pointed out to members that this appeared to be a cut and paste of other reports and was totally unsatisfactory.

Cllr Brown continued that the expected timeline was a completed report ready for SKDC Committee approval by the end of March. Cllr Brown informed members that obviously this is a legal process and should not be rushed through without a proper conclusion. Therefore, it would seem likely that it would have to be re-consulted on and that alone would be a minimum of 28 days. Cllr Brown was concerned that this process would have to be watched very carefully but it did seem to be moving forward at long last.

### **1660.492.21 The Meeting Room and the Plough Inn.**

This matter had been touched on earlier in the meeting, but Cllr Brown confirmed that the Agent had now been appointed, Brown & Co, and that the formal agreement was now being concluded.

The clerk informed members that the agent would be contracted to deal with two matters:

- 1) The management of the Plough and the tenant.

2) The negotiations for the lease renewal.

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:

### **1661.493.21 Application S21/1584 Mrs H Harte**

**Proposal** Installation of Wood Burning Stove  
**Location** Dial House, 2 Mill Lane, Horbling

**Proposed G Stonestreet, Seconded K Lunn**

**RESOLVED: That Horbling Parish Council have no objections**

### **1662.493.21 Application S21/2055 Mr A George**

**Proposal** Erection of a single storey link extension  
**Location** 11 Sandygate Lane, Horbling

**Proposed G Stonestreet, Seconded K Lunn**

**RESOLVED: That Horbling Parish Council have no objections**

**1663.493.21 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other organisations**

**SKDC Cllr Jan Hansen raised the following issues:**

1. That Lincolnshire County Council were still working towards a Unitary Authority. This would mean one Council with a Mayor.
2. SKDC were currently in the process of distributing Omicron Covid Grants



3. That the levelling up process was underway, and that Lincolnshire was looking to benefit from this.
4. That Lincolnshire Police is underfunded to the tune of £50m.

**1664.494.21 To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Councils attention.**

**1665.494.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 21.10pm

Signed ..... Chair

Date .....