

Minutes of a Meeting of Horbling Parish Council held on Wednesday, 24th May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room, Horbling

Present: Miss L Brown Chair
Mrs J Wesley
Mrs K Lunn
Mr G Stonestreet
Mr S Walker
Mrs D Blandford

Parish Clerk: Mr I Sismey

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

1822.542.23 Appointment of Chair for the year 2023/2024

Proposed J Wesley Seconded K Lunn

RESOLVED: With the position unopposed Cllr L Brown was appointed Chair for the year 2023/2024

The chair gave a short report on the year in question to those in attendance and welcomed the new Councillor on board Mrs Donna Blandford.

Cllr Brown signed her declaration of acceptance of office.

1823.542.23 Appointment of Vice Chair for the Year 2023/2024

Proposed K Lunn Seconded L Brown

RESOLVED: With the position unopposed Cllr J Wesley was appointed Vice Chair for the year 2023/2024

Cllr Wesley signed her declaration of acceptance of office.

1824.542.23 Apologies for absence and acceptance of reasons given.

Proposed KJ Wesley Seconded G Stonestreet

RESOLVED: To receive and approve apologies for absence from Cllr J Gale

1825.542.23 Declarations of Interest

Cllr L Brown Non-Pecuniary Item 12 Planning

1826.543.23 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.

There were none present.

1827.543.23 To adopt the notes of the meeting held on the 8th March 2023 as a true record and to resolve for the chair to sign them.

Proposed G Stonestreet Seconded S Walker

RESOLVED: For the chair to sign the notes of the meeting held on the 8th March 2023 as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

At this point in the proceedings Cllr Blandford queried the start time of the Annual meeting which was stated as 7.30pm and yet the meeting had already started. It was pointed out that if no members of the public were present then the meeting start time is accelerated.

1828.543.23 Results of the recent local election

The clerk confirmed that the local election for the Parish of Horbling had been returned uncontested and the following individuals now formed the Parish Council:

Cllr L Brown
Cllr J Wesley
Cllr J Gale
Cllr G Stonestreet
Cllr S Walker
Cllr K Lunn
Cllr D Blandford

The chair reiterated her thanks to Pete Wesley who had stood down.

1829.543.23 Emergency Planning

The clerk informed members that to take this item forward he would complete the necessary work to get the plan to the stage where the members could discuss it.

1830.543.23 Plough Inn Lease

This item was subject of a separate agenda item.

1831.543.23 Coronation Celebrations

This Chair reported that the event went well and was a relaxed afternoon for all concerned.

The Chair continued that this event may become an annual celebration in the village.

CORRESPONDENCE

1832.544.23 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) **SKDC Planning Lists**
- b) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin**
- c) **NHS Healthwatch**
- d) **SKDC Planning Lists**
- e) **RSN Rural Bulletin 14.03.23**
- f) **RSN – Rural Funding Digest**
- g) **NALC – Newsletter**
- h) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin**
- i) **LALC – Enews 03.04.23**
- j) **SKDC Planning Lists**
- k) **RSN Rural Bulletin 21.03.23**
- l) **SKDC Planning Lists**
- m) **RSN Rural Bulletin 21.03.23**
- n) **Lincolnshire CVS - Newsbite**
- o) **RSN – Rural Update**
- p) **LALC – LALC News**
- q) **NALC – Newsletter**
- r) **SKDC Planning Lists**
- s) **RSN – Rural Funding Digest**
- t) **LALC – Enews 03.05.23**

B) *Items for discussion*

- a) Springwells Ambassadors

The clerk presented a letter to members which was an item that had been received in previous years.

b) PKF Littlejohn – External Audit

The clerk informed members that the correspondence was informing members that the final date for submission of all Audit paperwork was the 31st July 2023,

c) Neighbourhood Policing Team

The clerk informed members that as members were already aware the local Local PCSO's in Lincolnshire were being reduced by 50% with little or no Coverage in the local area, The clerk read out a letter that he had prepared to Lincolnshire Police with regard to the issue.

The members were in full support of the letter being sent.

d) Lincolnshire Police Priority Setting

Proposed L Brown, Seconded J Wesley

RESOLVED: To receive the above items en bloc

FINANCIAL REPORT

1833.545.23 To complete the annual governance statement.

The clerk had provided copy of the governance statement and went through it line by line.

Proposed J Wesley, Seconded L Brown

RESOLVED: To approve the annual governance statement

**1834.545.23 To approve the annual statement of accounts for the year.
2022/2023**

Proposed K Lunn, Seconded L Brown

RESOLVED: To approve the annual statement of accounts

**1835.545.23 To receive and approve the internal auditors return for the year.
2022/2023**

Proposed L Brown, Seconded J Wesley

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the internal auditors return

1836.546.23 Approval of Payments since last meeting

The clerk presented a list of payments to the members totalling £ 2,186.25.

Proposed G Stonestreet, Seconded J Wesley

RESOLVED: To approve the payments as listed totalling £ 2,186.25

1837.546.23 Approval of the Council Insurance for the year 2023/2024

The clerk presented the renewal request from BHIB which was marginally higher than the previous year.

Proposed S Walker, Seconded J Wesley

RESOLVED: To approve the Council Insurance renewal for the year 2023/2024

1838.546.23 Highways Update

The clerk reported that there was little to report on Highways. He continued that he had reported the village pavement issues to LCC and was awaiting feedback along with the normal pothole issues etc.

Again, the clerk emphasised the use by local residents of 'Fix My Street' which is the County Councils portal to report Highways issues.

The clerk also reported on the application by the Ramblers Association to make a local footpath a public right of way which was being actioned by LCC.

Proposed J Wesley, Seconded L Brown

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

1839.546.23 The Meeting Room and the Plough Inn.

Cllr Brown informed the members that as the Plough was now trading there is little to report.

The Chair continued that whilst there were one or two items to complete with Bateman and the previous tenant most things were finalised.

Cllr Brown raised the issue of external decoration to the Plough which comes under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council and would be obtaining two quotes to complete the work.

Cllr Stonestreet enquired about the clearance of the ivy from the rear of the building which raised the question of ongoing maintenance.

Cllr Brown informed members of the report that had been produced some years ago by Banks Long & Co scheduling expected maintenance which had been curtailed due to the COVID pandemic.

It was suggested that a small working party should be formed to reassess the maintenance schedule.

It was agreed that the working party would consist of Cllr Stonestreet, Cllr Blandford and the clerk.

The clerk had one other item which was the renewal of the insurance for the Plough. The renewal value was £1185.60 and had not increased from the previous year, the clerk continued that the item was rechargeable to Batemans.

The clerk further informed the members present that Bateman had enquired as to whether they could take the insurance direct as they believe that they could get a much cheaper price. The clerk stated that if Bateman had not confirmed by the renewal date, then he would go ahead with the current scenario.

Proposed S Wesley, Seconded G Stonestreet

RESOLVED: To receive the above report and approve the above insurance quotation.

1840.547.23 Planning Applications

The clerk wish to confirm that the following application had been approved by the District Council.:

Application: S23/0183 Location: 4 High Street, Horbling NG34 0PE

Proposed Listed Building Consent

Proposed J Wesley, Seconded G Stonestreet

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

1841.547.23 Confirmation of the Local Council Elections

This item had already been received by the members.

1842.547.23 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other organisations

Cllr Turner wished to thank all of those who had enabled him to be re-elected.

Cllr Turner reported as follows:

- 1) He had attended a meeting with regard to the proposed Washdyke Solar Farm, Folkingham. Cllr Turner informed members that he had asked two questions of the developer a) What S106 funds would be available b) queried the Traffic Management Plan during construction.

Cllr Turner continued that he had discussions with Leader of LCC, Martin Hill, who informed him that LCC would be fighting the development on the grounds of land usage which was both Grade 2 and 3 agricultural land.

Cllr Turner was also of the opinion that the development should not go ahead.

- 2) UKSPF

Reported that the fund was already very buoyant and that many applications had already been received and paid out. Cllr Turner continued that as the new administration had only just taken over at SKDC the new board for the fund was yet to be formed. Cllr Lunn asked whether schools could apply and this was confirmed positively.

The clerk commented that the application form was very simplistic and that perhaps SKDC should tighten control of the fund.

Cllr Turner was of the opinion that the fund should be allocated in a more appropriate way but that would be for the district cabinet to decide.

- 3) Footpath between Billingborough and Horbling

Reported that the above subject had been broached with LCC Leader Martin Hill and he had commented that he would investigate the situation with regard to possible repair work.

The clerk commented that the problem with both higher authorities was that as a Parish Council when reporting problems one can only get as far as a customer services advisor.

1843.548.23 To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Councils attention.

The following items were discussed:

- a) 'WhatsApp' – Cllr Wesley suggested that we should put together a contact sheet for all Councillors. The general opinion was that we should probably form a 'Whatsapp' group.
- b) UKSPF – It was agreed that the members should have a separate meeting purely to discuss the UKSPF and the way forward to access the fund. It was suggested that the school and the church need to be made aware of the fund and that if they required any assistance that could be provided by the Parish Council. The clerk mentioned that even items such as the hardware for the CSW could possibly be funded through the fund. It was agreed that a meeting would take place for those interested on Wednesday 31st May 7.00pm.
- c) Browns Education Foundation – Cllr Wesley informed members that a new clerk had been appointed and that the previous clerk would hand over in July. Cllr Wesley continued that at this point the Foundation would be able to process all the outstanding applications for the past two years. The Toller Foundation was also mentioned but members were unsure of its continued existence nor who the trustees were. It was thought that Cllr Turner who had left the meeting would know the answer to that question.
- d) Parish Governance and policies – The clerk mentioned that the Council did need to review all of its policies and procedures over the coming months.
- e) Church/Parish Information leaflet – Cllr Blandford suggested the idea of taking the idea of the old church leaflet forward and expanding it to include more Parish/Community information with points of contact. Cllr Blandford commented that she was quite happy to explore the possibility further. The Chair thought that this was a really good idea, and it would be good if Cllr Blandford could take this forward. Cllr Brown was keen at this point was keen to point out that the Parish Council social media should be purely used for mundane everyday items and nothing that is contentious.

1844.549.23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled for the 12th July 2023 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 20.50Hrs

Signed Chair

Date