

Minutes of a Meeting of Horbling Parish Council held on Wednesday, 2nd November 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
Mr J Gale

Parish Clerk: Mr I Sismey

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

1759.522.22 Apologies for absence and acceptance of reasons given

There were none.

1760.522.22 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

1761.522.22 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.

Those present did not wish to speak.

1762.522.22 To adopt the notes of the meeting held on the 2nd November 2022 as a true record and to resolve for the chair to sign them.

Proposed G Stonestreet, Seconded J Wesley

RESOLVED: For the chair to sign the notes of the meeting held on the 2nd November 2022 as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

1763.522.22 Conservation status update

This item was the subject of a separate agenda item.

1764.522.22 Emergency Planning

The clerk informed members that this was clearly an important topic would need a meeting with the chair to finalise the document.

1765.523.22 Plough Inn Lease

This item was subject of a separate agenda item.

1766.523.22 Community Speed Watch

This item was subject of a separate agenda item.

1767.523.22 Councillor Vacancy

This item was subject of a separate agenda item.

1768.523.22 Defibrillator Training

The initial sessions, although not as well attended as expected, had proved a success and it was hope that this would be a continuing project.

Cllr J Wesley had made contact with the local school and they had asked whether a defibrillator could be installed close to the school as it is quite some distance to the defibrillator located at the meeting room.

The Clerk said that he would look at some grant opportunities. Members were of the opinion that perhaps the school could do some fundraising of their own as well.

CORRESPONDENCE

1769.523.22 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) **RBL – Remembrance Sunday**
- b) **LALC – AGM 2022**
- c) **RSN Rural Bulletin 28.09.2022**
- d) **SKDC Planning Lists**
- e) **RSN Rural Bulletin 04.10.2022**
- f) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin**
- g) **LALC – Enews Update 04.10.22**
- h) **NALC – Newsletter**
- i) **LALC – Review ‘London Bridge’**

- j) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin
- k) LALC – Enews Update 11.10.22
- l) RSN Rural Bulletin 11.10.2022
- m) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin
- n) LALC – Enews Update 18.10.22
- o) SKDC Planning Lists
- p) RSN Rural Bulletin 18.10.20
- q) RSN – Funding Digest
- r) LALC – Enews Update 24.10.22
- s) SKDC Planning Lists
- t) RSN Rural Bulletin
- u) YMCS – Lincolnshire Newsletter

The clerk pointed out two items for the attention of the members:

- 1) The Neighbourhood Policing Team update.

The Policing team were asking for local priorities to be listed and the members were of the opinion that 'speeding through the village' should be the main priority.

- 2) A letter with regard to the Springwells Ambassadors

Proposed L Brown, Seconded P Wesley

RESOLVED: To receive the above items en bloc

HIGHWAYS UPDATE

1770.524.22 Community Speedwatch

Coordinator Andy Tagg had provide3d a report for the members.

- 12 volunteers trained and ready to go.
- 6 checks logged
- 886 vehicles counted
- 42 travelling 31mph-34mph (These receive no letter)
- 27 travelling 35mph or more
- Fastest recorded vehicle travelling at 48mph
- 3% of vehicles received letters
- First offence letter, 2nd offence letter, 3rd offence visit from Police

Mr Tagg reminded the members that he required the purchase of more passive signs and also the loan SID if available.

Mr Tagg also queried whether the Parish Council were in a position to purchase their own SID. The chair responded that this would be kept under review but not purchased at the present time.

Two further training courses were planned on the 3rd October and the 10th October.

The chair thanked Mr Tagg for all of his work on the CSW initiative.

1771.525.22 Conservation Status Update

As previously reported the Horbling Conservation area had been presented to SKDC full Council on the 22nd September and that approval had been given, with the provision that the final 'tidying up' of the documentation would be completed by the delegated officer.

The Parish Council had received a request from SKDC to provide a photo for the front cover of the document.

Confirmation of the Conservation status is anticipated post-Christmas.

1772.525.22 Planning Applications

The Chair informed members that response with regard to Planning Permission S22/0530 was still not satisfactory and asked members if they were happy for the matter to be handed to the Local Government Ombudsman.

The clerk made the members aware that if the complaint was accepted by the LGO they would be looking to see if the procedure had been compromised and not whether the planning decision was correct.

Proposed J Wesley, Seconded G Stonestreet

RESOLVED: That the complaint against SKDC regarding Planning Permission S22/0530 should be forwarded to the Local Government Ombudsman.

1773.525.22 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other organisations

There were none.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1774.525.22 Approval of Treasurers report

The clerk presented the members with the Income & Expenditure Account for the period to 31st October 2022. The report showed a surplus of income of £ 1,388.33.

The clerk continued that he had prepared separate reports to reflect Income & Expenditure for the Parish and a report for the 'Plough.

This supported Cllr Brown's earlier comments that currently the Plough was barely contributing and would only improve once the business was up and running.

The clerk moved on to the balance sheet and explained that whilst this showed a current healthy position the cash situation would worsen over the coming months as larger payments for solicitors fees etc would be going out of the account. The clerk continued that the Parish Council needed to ensure that it had sufficient reserves at all times to act as a safety barrier.

Discussion moved to the meeting room revenues that although not high maintained an amenity for the Parish.

Proposed J Gale, Seconded G Stonestreet

RESOLVED: To approve the treasurer's report for the period to 31.10.22

1775.526.22 Approval of Payments since last meeting

The clerk presented a list of payments to the members totalling £ 1,547.84

Proposed L Brown, Seconded K Lunn

RESOLVED: To approve the payments as listed totalling £ 1,547.84

1776.526.22 Grants

The clerk informed members that the grant allocation to Billingborough Parish Council for the shared playing field had been held in abeyance awaiting financial information from BPC.

This had since been received and distributed by the clerk to the members.

The request from BPC was for an increase in the annual contribution that currently stands at £1,000.

The members debated the information they had received and concluded that due to the situation HPC finds itself in relation to its incoming revenues it would be prudent to maintain the status quo and continue with its standard contribution until HPC is back on a firm footing with regard to its major asset the 'Plough'.

Proposed K Lunn, Seconded G Stonestreet

RESOLVED: To approve a grant to BPC of £1,000 towards the shared playing field.

1777.526.22 Other Grants

The clerk informed members that he had received a general letter Citizens Advice South Lincs asking for donations.

Whilst the members were all appreciative of the work done by CA there immediate attention was on the Horbling residents and the possibility of using the meeting room as a warm hub.

Cllr Brown was of the opinion that perhaps the Council should offer that facility with the approaching cold weather almost upon us. Cllr Brown agreed to liaise with the church on this matter.

Cllr Lunn had received a request from the school PTFA asking for financial support to provide a small present for all the children in conjunction with a fun day the PTFA are organising.

Proposed J Wesley, Seconded J Gale

RESOLVED: To approve a grant to Browns PTFA of £150 towards the school fun day and the provision of a present for all the pupils.

1778.527.22 To consider the appointment of a member to the Brown Educational Foundation

This matter was debated by the members but no conclusion was reached.

1779.527.22 The Meeting Room and the Plough Inn.

Cllr Brown addressed the members on this item and informed them that the lease had now been signed and that the final step of the process was completion.

The Chair continued that Batemans were starting to organise the works that need to be completed before the pub could reopen that they are responsible for and that they will also be obtaining quotes for the work that the Parish Council is responsible for so that the work can be completed at the same time. Cllr Brown continued that Batemans already had two prospective tenants that are under final selection.

Proposed P Wesley, Seconded K Lunn

RESOLVED: To receive the above update.

1780.527.22 Councillor Vacancy – To appoint by co-option a new Parish Councillor.

The Council had received four applications from potential candidates that had been vetted.

The members had an in-depth discussion on all candidates to ensure that all possible information relating to the candidates was available.

The clerk explained the co-option procedure so that all members were aware and that a unanimous decision had to be the conclusion.

A secret ballot was conducted.

Proposed L Brown, Seconded J Gale

RESOLVED: To appoint unanimously Stephen Walker as the new Parish Councillor

1781.528.22 To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Councils attention.

Three items were discussed:

- a) New Reservoir Update – The clerk reported that this matter was ongoing and that a consultation was currently underway that would continue for 12 weeks. It seemed certain that an open event may take place at the meeting room for the benefit of residents.

1782.528.22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled for the 14th December 2022 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 20.30Hrs

Signed Chair

Date