

Minutes of a Meeting of Horbling Parish Council held on Wednesday, 25th January 2023 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
Mr S Walker

Parish Clerk: Mr I Sismey

SKDC Councillor Murray Turner

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

1783.529.22 Apologies for absence and acceptance of reasons given

There were none.

1784.529.22.22 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

1785.529.22 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.

There were none present

1786.529.22 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 J Wesley Seconded K Lunn

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.

1786.529.22 Conservation status update

This item was the subject of a separate agenda item.

1787.529.22 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.

1788.530.22 Plough Inn Lease

This item was subject of a separate agenda item.

CORRESPONDENCE

1789.530.22 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) **Neighbourhood Policing Team - Update**
- b) **Lincolnshire CVS - Newsbite**
- c) **RSN – Rural Update**
- d) **LALC – LALC News**
- e) **NALC – Newsletter**
- f) **SKDC Planning Lists**
- g) **RSN – Rural Funding Digest**
- h) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin**
- i) **SKDC Planning Lists**
- j) **RSN – Rural Update**
- k) **YMCA – Newsletter December 2022**
- l) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin**
- m) **LALC – Enews December 2022**
- n) **SKDC Planning Lists**
- o) **RSN Rural Bulletin 19.12.22**
- p) **SKDC Planning Lists**
- q) **SKDC Planning Lists**
- r) **LALC – Enews 09.01.23**
- s) **SKDC Planning Lists**
- t) **RSN – Rural Funding Digest**
- u) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin**

Proposed L Brown, Seconded P Wesley

RESOLVED: To receive the above items en bloc

1790.530.22 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.

There was general agreement that the pavements were a danger to the residents.

The clerk asked members to submit any road/path/lighting issues through 'Fixmystreet'.

Cllr Murray Turner confirmed that he also had experienced problems with getting works completed by LCC.

1791.531.22 Conservation Status Update

The clerk reported that confirmation has now been received from SKDC after a long battle.

The clerk continued that he had included the Conservation Appraisal for all members to reconfirm its importance to the village.

The Chair queried with the clerk whether all residents would have received notification of the Conservation approval. The clerk replied that should be the case but that as the Parish Council we should publicise the fact the status has now been approved.

It was generally agreed that this could be through the forthcoming newsletter.

Cllr J Wesley asked what the penalty was for performing work without prior approval. The clerk responded that an enforcement letter would be issued but nothing more than that.

Cllr Lunn added that if it was the situation where a fence had been erected without approval this could be required to be taken down.

1792.531.22 Planning Applications

The clerk presented one planning application to members as follows:

Application: S22/2396 Location: Shaws Cottage, 28 Donington Road

Proposed Lawful Development

The application was discussed by members and an observation of 'No Objections' was made.

Proposed J Wesley, Seconded G Stonestreet

RESOLVED: That HPC has 'No Objections' to Planning Application S22/2396

1793.531.22 Planning complaint with regard to SKDC

The Chair informed members that she had been in correspondence with the Local Government Ombudsman but without any success.

The Chair proposed that the matter should be closed having made our point to the District Council.

This was met with agreement by all present.

1794.532.22 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other organisations

Cllr Murray Turner who had recently won the Toller Ward by election gave a short introduction of himself to the members. Cllr Turner continued to inform members of his role within the District Council and also the sorts of issues that residents had spoken to him about since being elected.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1795.532.22 Approval of Treasurers report

The clerk presented the members with the Income & Expenditure Account for the period to 31st December 2022. The report showed a surplus of income of £1831.31.

The clerk continued that he had prepared separate reports to reflect Income & Expenditure for the Parish and a report for the 'Plough. The Income & Expenditure account for the Plough showed a surplus of just £317.32. The clerk informed members that this situation would worsen before the end of the year due to the costs of refurbishing the Plough.

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 Wesley, Seconded L Brown

RESOLVED: To approve the treasurer's report for the period to 31.12.22

1796.532.22 Budget 2023/2024 and associated Precept request

The clerk had represented the New Year budget to the members and also the relevant precept request that he had submitted to SKDC.

The clerk informed members that the 'Precept' would now be a yearly charge on the residents and this was the third year that the charge had been incurred.

The clerk continued that his original figure work had shown a precept of around £9,000 but that the members had thought that this was too high. The clerk informed members that he had since reworked the figures to arrive at the agreeable figure of £6,540.00 which would result in the same charge to residents as last year of £40.00 per band 'D' dwelling.

Proposed J Wesley, Seconded L Brown

RESOLVED: To approve the 'Precept' request of £6.540.00.

1797.533.22 Approval of Payments since last meeting

The clerk presented a list of payments to the members totalling £ 5,111.06

Proposed K Lunn, Seconded P Wesley

RESOLVED: To approve the payments as listed totalling £ 5,111.06

1798.533.22 Grants

The clerk informed members that he had received an enquiry from the Parish Church with regard to a grant towards the upkeep of the church grounds.

The Chair confirmed that the applicant had spoken with her as they were trying to forward plan.

The clerk reminded members that 18 months ago the Parish Council had paid two years' worth of grant therefore the next grant would be payable June 2023.

Cllr Brown agreed to inform the applicant of this.

Whilst on the subject of the Parish Church Cllr Stonestreet raised the issue of the Church and its leaking roof. This in turn raised questions as to the status of churches generally and Cllr Turner commented on the fact that areas would more than likely be amalgamated together under one minister.

1799.533.22 The Meeting Room and the Plough Inn.

Cllr Brown informed members that the legal side of the transfer of the lease was completed on the 1st November 2022 and that now the Parish Council have been able to issue their first rent invoice on Batemans the new tenant. Cllr Brown continued that obviously costs are also now being incurred:

- 1) Transition costs incurred between the period July – October 2022
- 2) Costs relating to works that should be completed by the Parish Council

External decorating etc.

Cllr Brown added that an additional problem was the pool room floor that requires a damp proof screed applying to it which is the Parish Councils responsibility and clearly this will have to be completed fortunately Batemans will be able to offset part of the cost of this.

The Chair informed members that she was happy that at the same time as the Parish Council having to pay out, Batemans are sharing some of the burden.

Cllr Brown continued that work seemed to be progressing and interviews are also being held for the new Landlord although there is no timeframe for the pub to be open.

Proposed P Wesley, Seconded K Lunn
RESOLVED: To receive the above update.

1800.534.22 To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Councils attention.

The following items were discussed:

- a) New Reservoir Update – The clerk reported that the consultation was now closed with one of the events having taken place at the meeting room.
- b) Local Council Elections – The clerk informed the members the local elections would take place on the 4th May and would provide more detail at the next Council Meeting.
- c) Newsletter – This had been suggested by Cllr Stonestreet and that he would be starting to put this together over the next few weeks. It would include the precept, Coronation, Conservation area, Plough etc. Cllr Brown commented that it would be good to do another edition but should the distribution be streamlined?
- d) Coronation – Was discussed briefly but was to be subject of the next meeting. Cllr Stonestreet suggested it could be held on the field at the bottom of Stow Lane. Cllr Stonestreet also spoke about repairs to the sign at the field. The clerk informed members that he would research any possible grants for the celebrations.
Cllr Brown asked Cllr Turner if there would be any possibility of organising a joint event with Billingborough
- e) Belvoir Hunt – Cllr Stonestreet raised the issue of dogs from the hunt having

been through the village and upsetting certain residents. The matter was discussed by the members and it was generally felt that there was little the Parish Council could do. It was agreed that whilst any upset was not Intentional and perhaps a letter should be sent asking the Hunt to be Respectful whilst in and around the village.

1801.535.22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled for the 22nd February 2023 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 20.25Hrs

Signed Chair

Date