

## HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 in the Village Hall, South Darenth at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr I Blackamore  
R House, D Mitchell, T Moyle, C Page, M Stead, J Stewart,

Cllr P McGarvey, District Councillor  
Cllr Brian Carroll, District Councillor

6 Members of the public including Malcolm Dunn (DRiPs), S Dove and D Hollands (SPCA)

In attendance: H Rohard, Parish Clerk  
L Bugler, Assistant Parish Clerk/Finance Officer

#### 71 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr P Rushbrook, C Willson and Cllr R Gough (KCC)

#### 72 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

#### 73 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> September were signed as a true record.

#### 74 MATTERS ARISING

**Terms of Reference for Personnel Committee:** in progress

**Adoption of new standing orders:** in progress

**Query ref catering van pitch:** The Parish Council did not have to open up competition to other vendors because a) the PC was approached and the agreement was not borne out of a Policy decision b) the pitch fee agreed is under any procurement threshold c) the Parish Council may exercise its General Power of Competence in this way.

**Bollards in Holmesdale Road:** have been reinstated by KCC

**Adoption of SDC Green Spaces:** a reply has been received from SDC and will be considered at the November meeting.

**Wide Horizon Centre:** in progress

Cllr Mitchell asked whether the football tender meeting had been arranged; this will be arranged in conjunction with a meeting re Wide Horizons as soon as possible.

#### 75 POLICE MATTERS

No Police or PCSO in attendance or report received. The Chairman noted that it was more than 3 months since the PCSO had attended. Cllr House stated that the Area

Commander had said that an email report at least should be sent. ACTION: Clerk to chase up for next month.

## **76 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CORRESPONDENCE**

A member of the public commented on the parking in Paddock Close; residents have garages but these are not used for parking.

Following public discussion on social media 4 emails were received to ask for 20 mph speed zones to be introduced at the following locations; Horton Road (near Heathside entrance) Station Road and Holmesdale Road. There were comments about the villages being used as a cut through when the A225 is congested with traffic, usually as a result of congestion on the M25 or Dartford Crossing.

Cllr Stewart commented that Speedwatch volunteers had been sought in the past to gather evidence of speeding and deter it but none had been forthcoming.

Cllr Mitchell commented that speed monitoring had been carried out before and that generally speeds are in the low 20s or 30s (East Hill/ New Road)

Cllr Carroll stated that where 20mph has been implemented accidents increase according to National Statistics. The Chairman directed that the Clerk respond to the emails to explain what action has been taken in the past and to copy Cllr Gough into correspondence.

Malcolm Dunn reported that there is a DRiPS meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October all welcome to attend. There is concern that the river is in low flow following a dry summer and they are contacting Thames Water to ensure no extraction is taking place.

Cllr Moyle reported that the Rough Sleeper was still in situ; the Clerk has been in touch with SDC housing team who can only help if he requests it and has been in the area for 6 months, PROW Officer who cannot move him on as he is not blocking the path. Porchlight (homeless charity) will be visiting him shortly and the Clerk will be informing the Landowner of the situation. ACTION

A member of public asked what could be done about a property that had excessive rubbish in their front garden; Cllr Carroll suggested that SDC be contacted to see if Enforcement Action could be taken if necessary.

## **77 PLANNING**

SE/18/02867/LBCALT

The Co-op Building, 25 Horton Road,  
South Darenth. DA4 9BD

Change of use of vacant first floor and part ground floor and alterations to form 8 x 2 bedroom apartments, with formation of ground floor entrance hall and stairs, 2 x internal car parking spaces, cycle store and refuse bay, use of 10 x external allocated parking bays (and additional shared parking spaces), internal and external alterations and refurbishment.

NO OBJECTION

## **78 HALLS COMMITTEE**

The latest approved Minutes of the committee were received for information

## **79 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Cllr McGarvey reported that the consultation on the Local Plan had now closed. The Housing needs figure may well have been inflated by Government by as much as a third in which case there is a chance that larger proposals will be thrown out. Local residents have been very vocal on Pedham Place proposal but very few, if any comments on the smaller site proposals.

Franks Hall temporary access to building works on site is causing concern and is being monitored.

Cllr Carroll reported that he would be hosting a River Warden meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October and has raised the matter of parking costs and restrictions in the District.

Cllr House asked if there was any news on Franks Lane Traffic Island; Cllr McGarvey responded that a court hearing is imminent regarding the pallets and fencing on the land.

## **80 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Gough was not present at the meeting.

## **81 PAVILION REMEDIAL WORKS**

At the last ROS meeting 6/8/18 quotes were requested for the following work before winter however works would need to be paid from Reserves as there is insufficient funds left in the maintenance Budget for this scale of work.

- 1) Roof swept off and checked for any repairs
- 2) Any rotten areas of wood on the bargeboards to be replaced and all covered in UPVC cladding
- 3) All gutters to be checked and any broken fixed including downpipes
- 4) Re-pointing to top courses of the exterior walls where needed.

3 companies attended; 2 recommended that a new roof be installed due to the age and condition of the existing roof. The following quotes were considered.

A1 Asphalt Co: £4880 with repair to roof or £6800 with new roof

G-Wood Construction: £5376 without roof repairs or replacement

High tech Roofing: £174332 to include new roof.

Cllr Mitchell asked if scaffolding was essential as it was quoted for in High Tech but not the others. Also concerns raised about security of the building and equipment brought on site ACTION Clerk to check with successful firm on these details.

Cllr Blackamore proposed that on satisfactory response to these queries that A1 Asphalt quote complete with new roof be accepted. Cllr Stead seconded the proposal and all voted in favour. RESOLVED that £6800 be spent from Reserves in order to carry out works quoted by A1 Asphalt Co.

## **82 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **Schedule Of Accounts**

The schedule of accounts and payments were approved for payments to be made electronically.

## **83 ARMISTICE DAY ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

Cllr Moyle reported that he had liaised with Cllr Page and Rev Emma regarding the possibility of a short service at the Beacon Lighting on the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> November. David Bartlett will be available to conduct the service and this will start at 6.15pm followed by the Last Post at 6.55pm, Beacon Lighting at 7pm and Church Bells at 7.05pm. Cllr Page asked if another canon firework could be ordered to be sounded in the evening – 2 are usually used to mark the 2 minute silence at 11am and these will be sounded in the morning at the Church. ACTION: Clerk to order rocket

The Local History Society will be launching their new book to commemorate all those from the villages lost in Battle; this will be available at both the morning and evening services. The Royal British Legion will be co-ordinating refreshments on the evening.

Cllr Page appealed for any help with the Poppy Appeal which will be available between 27<sup>th</sup> Oct and 9<sup>th</sup> November.

10 'There but not there' acrylic silhouettes have been received via funding from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund; The award was made under the Armistice and Armed Forces Communities programme, which makes awards to bring communities together to remember; and to think about the Armed Forces today. Placement of the silhouettes will be arranged in the coming weeks. ACTION: Clerk

## **84 WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Cllr Mitchell reported that the Newsletter had gone to print that morning with several last minute additions. The Firework fliers need to be ordered to coincide with newsletters being delivered and posters put up to advertise the event.

## **85 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Meeting closed at 8.19pm

Chairman

Date