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HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 2nd September 2019 in the Village Hall, South Darent at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr I Blackamore (Chair)
R House, D Mitchell, C Page, T Moyle, P Rushbrook (Vice Chair), M Stead, J Stewart,
T Ward

Cllr Roger Gough, County Councillor
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), Mr and Mrs Cockburn

In attendance: L Bugler, Parish Clerk

61 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

62 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

63 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held 1st July 2019 were signed as a true record.

64 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 43: Website changes – completed.

45 Weir - 1 resident responded to Parish Council's invitation. ACTION Clerk to liaise with councillors

51 – Investigate coloured refuse bags, purchased. Dog Waste stickers ordered. Have requested from SDC additional bins at Jacobs Lane and Glebe Place, supervisor to report back after site visit. If refused, refer back to ROS committee.

52 Standing Orders – completed.

55 Roadworks - Arriva aware of road closures

57 Planning comments – completed.

59 Avenue of trees project – has been advertised

65 POLICE MATTERS

The PCSO was unavailable to attend the meeting.

Cllr House reported back from his meeting with Police Crime Commissioner on the 22nd August and tabled a written report for member's information plus a Kent police leaflet on how to contact their services. He explained that Kent Police are working to utilise digital based services including live chats, 344 new recruits are anticipated by the end of October 2019, Rural policing staff levels are higher than North Yorkshire. Visits to the control room can be arranged.

Cllr Mitchell requested copies of the monthly police newsletter that has previously been mentioned by the local PCSO. ACTION Clerk

66 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CORRESPONDENCE

A member of the public asked whether fencing was going ahead by the bridge at Frank's Lane. Cllr Rushbrook responded that this had been thoroughly investigated a few years ago and was deemed impractical as the preferred fencing by planning department would not be secure. Discussion followed about the ongoing issue of horse washing.

Malcolm Dunn commented that river bank erosion is an issue, previous incidents regarding horse washing had been reported to the Environment Agency and logged. He also provided members with a copy of a letter sent to Sir Michael Fallon from Thames Water concerning abstractions from the River Darent and asked Cllr Mitchell if an excerpt could be included in the next newsletter.

Mr Cockburn raised his concerns about the road closures disrupting the bus service through the villages. The clerk had contacted Arriva earlier in the day following Mr Cockburn's visit to the Parish office and had received assurance that this would be discussed and the Parish Council kept informed. The Chairman directed that once a reply had been received, this would be shared with residents. ACTION Clerk

Cllr Moyle highlighted the considerable inconvenience suffered by residents with the number of local ongoing roadworks and queried KCC's co-ordination. Cllr McGarvey will raise concerns of the impact on local residents at the next joint transportation meeting.

Correspondence was shared regarding who is liable for cutting and maintaining the hedge from the hop garden onto the footpath along Horton road between the Village hall and Horton Kirby School. In conclusion, Mike Payton has proposed that KCC will cut the vegetation hard back to the fence line to determine who will be responsible for future maintenance as a matter of urgency. Cllr House said that overhanging branches were now encroaching on overhead cable and EDF should be contacted as they are likely to act upon this. ACTION Clerk

8.20pm Mr and Mrs Cockburn left the meeting

67 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr McGarvey reported that discussions regarding the Brokehill Golf club and Pedham Place sites are ongoing with potential developers keen to have them included in the SDC Local Plan. Cllr House questioned if highways have been asked to implement a traffic assessment in this area due to the congestions caused as a result of problems on the M25. Cllr Moyle expressed his concern that traffic throughout the Parish has been worse not only due to the gas pipeline roadworks but also as a knock on effect when problems on the M25 occur. Cllr McGarvey said that Junctions 5 – 7 on the M25 are the second worst in the country for volume of breakdowns and accidents (2018). Cllr Gough will take these comments back to KCC.

Cllr Carroll gave his thanks to Heather Rohard for her hard work and dedication to the Parish Council for the past 6 ½ years and also welcomed Lisa Bugler as her replacement. As a member of several SDC committees he has been assigned such tasks as sourcing film locations and monitoring fly tipping. Cllr Ward asked Cllr Carroll as member of the licensing committee if he was aware of concerns regarding parking/noise and smell regarding public houses in Horton Kirby

68 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Gough reported that the cobbles in the South Darent conservation area on Horton Road are due to be replaced as of the 25th September and will be subject to the current roadworks been completed. KCC will be investing in counter fly-tipping as a result of the new charging policy brought into household waste recycling centres.

8.30pm Cllr Gough left the meeting

69 HALLS COMMITTEE

The latest approved minutes of the committee were received for information.

70 WESTMINSTER FIELD BRIDGE

MN 50 – Bailey and Goff ceased trading 2006.

KCC were consulted regarding Cllr Ward's request to find out how the weight limit could be increased. Tim Belcher-Whyte, Structures Engineer, advised that a formal engineering assessment – which is an analysis based on a specialist inspection that calculates the allowable load a structure can carry is required. David Munn has been contacted to ask if KCC would be willing to carry this out and part fund to allow us to proceed with adoption of the bridge and possible extension to the car park. ACTION Clerk to report back

Billings have initial safety, local impact, anti-social concerns after contact was made to request if they would consider access from the A225 across their land onto Westminster Field to allow heavier vehicles in to facilitate maintenance work to the grass, car park or pavilion whilst the 3 tonne limit is in place. The clerk advised that KCC would have to be contacted for advice on safety issues and the gates are locked overnight to deter anti-social behaviour. The Council suggested that the clerk clarify to Billings the frequency that the new access will be in use regarding grass cutting etc. ACTION Clerk

71 S106 UNDERSPEND JUBILEE HALL

Cllr Ward reiterated that the s106 funds used to build the Jubilee Hall still had an underspend amount of £10,000 which was being held by SDC despite email correspondence over the years. The deadline for receiving funds that have been spent under the rules of S106 falls in 2020. Cllr Stewart questioned whether it could be set against the Heathside toilets to which Cllrs Ward and McGarvey replied it could be possible as long as it meets the necessary criteria and SDC should be amenable. An alternative would be to propose, agree and pay for a different project by the 2020 deadline. ACTION Cllr Ward to contact SDC for confirmation the underspend can be assigned to the Heathside toilet project.

72 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Schedule of Accounts

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

73 PLANNING

SE/19/01455/HOUSE
Franks Hall, Franks Lane
Horton Kirby
Kent DA4 9JJ

As Amplified by amended plans received 16/08/19
NO FURTHER COMMENTS

74 TRANSFER OF AMENITY LAND FROM SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr Stewart proposed that 'including the planting of trees' be included in the covenant restriction wording received from Invicta Law. Cllr House seconded the proposal and all were in favour. ACTION Clerk

75 ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS

Cllr Moyle expressed his discomfort at the length of the last APM and would like to see a different format with time limit on guest speakers. The Clerk informed the Council that one

Parish Council Clerk replied to her request that they used slide shows to show residents what achievements had been made throughout the year and another had a 'drop in' theme to make a less formal setting. It was discussed that the APM can be held between 01 April – 01 June from 6pm onwards and does not have to be on the same date as the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

76 WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The clerk notified the Council that Hugo Fox were aware of the new regulations coming into force in December 2020 regarding Web Accessibility and are working on an update that will comply with legislation.

Thanks were given to Cllr Mitchell for organising a successful Family Inflatable day at Westminster Field. Cllr Mitchell thanked Cllrs Moyle, Stewart and Ward for their help.

77 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

October 7th 2019

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

Chairman:

Date: