

HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 3rd November 2014 in the Village Hall, South Darenth at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr D Mitchell (Chairman)

Cllrs I Blackamore, T Moyle, C Page, M Stead, C Willson and E Wilson

P McGarvey, District Councillor
Malcolm Dunn, DRiPS

Members of the public: Roger and Christine Fournel; Peter Rushbrook; Paddy xxxx

In attendance: H Rohard, Parish Clerk

81 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs R House & A Lewis (working away). Cllr R Gough who had not received an Agenda. Clerk to ensure this is sent to Cllr Gough and Cllrs Chetram and McGarvey

82 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Blackamore and Mitchell declared an interest in Schedule of Accounts

83 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting on the 6th October were confirmed and signed as true records.

84 MATTERS ARISING

Planning Permission for Rotaspikes

SDC had been contacted re removal of condition to paint the spikes which would necessitate another Planning Application to be submitted. Members agreed that this should be actioned.

Oak View Stud Farm

Cllr Wilson will be in contact with site owner to voice any current concerns.

Action points carried forward:

Street Furniture query to Crabtree

Defibrillator information

85 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Dylan Crawford was not able to attend but sent his report for October of 9 new crimes in the Parish.

1 Assault, 1 Animal attack (dog on sheep) 1 Burglary other than dwelling, 3 Criminal damage (1 car wing mirror, 1 broken padlock, 1 fence damaged), 1 fraud, 1 Stolen Vehicle found (at Oak View Stud Farm) 1 theft of motor vehicle (moped)

Cllr Willson suggested that residents be reminded that dogs can be shot if caught worrying sheep. A newsletter item will be submitted in the next edition.

86 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Hedges and road surface Rabbits Road: Paddy reported that the road surface had been fixed.

Fire Station proposal for use as Swimming Pool: Sarah Edwards has been looking for a suitable site for her swimming school and felt the Fire Station would be ideal. Having explained her proposal and taken questions she asked if the Parish Council would write in support of her venture.

With the Auction due on 9th November it was hoped that support from the Parish Council may sway KFRS to look more favourably on Sarah's bid.

Members agreed that the Clerk may write to KFRS expressing support.

Fireworks Display: This was a resounding success despite inclement weather during the day of the display. £2436.60 was taken on the gates – tickets were £2 each person with children in pushchairs or carried being exempt. Approx. 1198 people attended which was double the hoped for number. There were approx. 30 volunteers many of which were from the 1st HK Scouts who provided a BBQ and other refreshments for sale for their own fundraising.

Feedback from residents on the night and on facebook had been very positive.

Two improvements could be made such as signposting the Bowls Club Car park and keeping pedestrian access clearly defined at this entrance and hiring a PA system as the Loud Hailer was inadequate.

Cllr Mitchell proposed that gate takings be put towards a Community Event budget for next year and that a letter of thanks be sent to the Scouts

Cllr Willson noted that the 1st HK Scouts Group will be celebrating their 100 years anniversary in 2015 and hoped they would be able to help again.

ACTION: Budget and letter of thanks to Scouts

Bore holes: After an enquiry from a resident about works taking place in Eglantine Lane the Clerk received information from the Environment Agency which explained that an underground Aquifer was being drilled as a means of storing and gaining access to water in times of drought. Malcolm Dunn explained in more detail.

87 REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr McGarvey explained that Planning Application ref SE/14/02617/FUL - Land East of Boyneswood, Mussenden Lane Horton Kirby, Erection of Stables and associated works, would be heard by the Development Control Committee and invited a representative of the Parish Council to attend and speak, which was not taken up by any members.

London Paramount public consultation information had been received.

Precept information would be available soon.

88 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Gough was not present.

89 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

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

90 VAWK FUN DAY

The Clerk had received feedback from the August and October family fun days which were held in the Village Hall and Heathside. These events provided free children's activities, funded by SDC, venue provided free by the Parish Council and delivered by Voluntary Action Within Kent. Over 100 young people attended in the summer and 50 in October. The Chairman of SDC and the PCSO attended the October event.

91 REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Confirmation of attendance to the Sunday Church service and to the Remembrance Day at the Village Hall given by members.

Other meetings being attended are:

Darent Valley Consortium Meeting at Shoreham 13th November – Cllrs House and Page
Volunteer Centre befriending service meeting: 11th November Cllr House and Page
CXK Youth Services: 3rd December Cllr Willson

92 PLANNING

Cllr Wilson reported on the following applications which were then discussed and plans viewed.

SE/14/02617/FUL

Land East of Boyneswood

Mussenden Lane

Horton Kirby

The Erection of stables and associated works

OBJECTION: Comment from previous application made September 2014 still applicable: 'Visual impact on 'designated special landscape area'

SE/14/03274/HOUSE

9 Churchill Road

Horton Kirby

Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of single storey rear extension. Conversion of existing garage and alterations to fenestration.

NO OBJECTION

Cllr McGarvey reported that Neighbourhood Plan funding is available; Clerk had also received information which will be made available at next meeting

ACTION: Agenda item for November

93 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Schedule Of Accounts

RESOLVED that the schedule of accounts, as submitted, be approved and payments made accordingly.

94 NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

The Parish Newsletter was delayed despite best efforts but was delivered before the Fireworks Display. The delay resulted in some articles being out of date.

E-news had been suggested but would appear to be a duplication in work and increase Database Protection risks.

Cllr Mitchell suggested that the Facebook Policy be published on the Website as well for clarity; Cllr Willson would provide a document for approval in November.

Cllr Mitchell also suggested that more news items be published on the Website to make it as informative as the facebook page.

A member of the public complimented Cllr Mitchell on the editing of the Newsletter which she had found to be a pleasure to read. Cllr McGarvey concurred; Farningham Parish does not have a newsletter at all and Eynsford's is produced by a group of volunteers.

95 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1st December. A year planner of dates for 2015 was discussed and amendments made. A copy will be made for easy reference and circulated to members.

Cllr McGarvey invited members to the KALC District meeting 14th November.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm

Chairman:

Date: