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HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 4th November 2019 in the Village Hall, South Darenth at 7.30 pm

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

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

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

In attendance: L Bugler, Parish Clerk

101 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr M Stead.

102 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

103 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held 7th October 2019 were signed as a true record.

104 MATTERS ARISING

Minute number 45 Weir: Referred to the ROS Committee, a letter will be sent to all the residents of Millen Court.

70 Westminster Field Bridge: Five consultant engineering firms listed by Tim Belcher-Whyte (KCC) have been contacted and chased for a reply, regarding carrying out a formal assessment. ACTION Clerk to telephone consultant engineers

83 Planning: Completed

84 Questions from the Public: Woodchip at Saxon Place had been referred to ROS who agreed to replenish as needed

92 Annual Parish Meeting: To be added as an agenda item at the February 2020 meeting

93 Rural Services Network: were advised that the Parish Council do not wish to participate.

94 Buildings Committee: referred to ROS and Halls for amendments to the terms of reference.

105 PLANNING

SE/19/02658/HOUSE

Willow Cottage

Dartford Road

Horton Kirby Kent

DA4 9JE

A proposed two storey rear extension.

NO OBJECTION

106 POLICE MATTERS

The PCSO was unavailable to attend the meeting.

107 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CORRESPONDENCE

An update regarding the Traffic Island, Franks Lane was received from Stephen Whitehead, Senior Planning Enforcement Officer, Sevenoaks District Council. An Untidy Land Notice has been sent, use of land for business purposes continues to be monitored and breach of tree

preservation orders has been observed which may result in further action being taken. Mr Whitehead reiterated his commitment to responding to any future developments and thanked everyone for their patience.

A member of the public gave a copy of a letter sent to Arriva, J Kite and MP's regarding extending the 414 bus service.

108 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr McGarvey reported that Cllr Peter Fleming, SDC, is taking advice regarding the Inspectorates decision to cancel the scheduled November hearings for the Sevenoaks Local Plan Examination. Cllr Ward asked whether SDC had followed correct procedure; Cllr McGarvey passed no comment on the matter which may result in taking legal action.

109 HALLS COMMITTEE

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

110 HKSD COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

A proposal from Cllr House was received for Councillors to consider restructuring the Parish Council's Committees. He emphasised that this was a starting point to be put in the system and discussed until a conclusion was reached. Cllr Blackamore pointed out that HR and Grants have their own committees. Cllr Ward asked how many members should be on each different committee to which Cllr House suggested an odd number to provide for the creation of a majority decision.. It was also considered where Planning should appear as some application require more time spent on them and as Planning application comments have deadlines they can appear on all Committee agenda's.

111 S106 UNDERSPEND JUBILEE HALL

The clerk reported that no reply had been forthcoming from the email sent to Simon Taylor. Cllr Mc Garvey will contact them for a response.

112 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Schedule of Accounts

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

113 TRANSFER OF AMENITY LAND FROM SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Land transfer documents have been signed and returned to Invicta Law for completion.

114 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

An update from Cllr House and Ward was received regarding the adoption of an environment policy. Cllr Ward explained that a draft copy was being drawn up to include 6 headings for the Council to consider: Reduce; Reuse; Recycle; Protect; Improve; Inform. Cllr House commented that they were also investigating ways to ensure the policy would be financially viable. Both Cllrs would welcome further suggestions and comments that fellow Councillors may have. Cllr McGarvey suggested that they contact Eynsford Parish Council for an example. Regarding electric charging points for vehicles Cllr McGarvey understood that Polar, a subsidiary of BP, were currently installing charging points free of charge and that this was being discussed at the next clerk's forum in January 2020. Cllr House and Ward said that they both had contacts that they would be contacting for more information.

115 FIREWORKS COMMUNITY EVENT

Cllr Moyle reported that many residents had praised the event on their way out and the evening was a success. Tickets sales were slightly down on 2018, £3304 against £3518, but final figures would be in by the end of the week once monies from the local pubs had been collected for pre-tickets. Cllr Rushbrook explained that the ground was difficult due to the heavy rain the previous day and the ice cream van had to be towed in and out of the Heathside. The ice cream vendor would have preferred to be at the South Darenth end of the Heathside but otherwise the vendors were well received. Cllrs Rushbrook and Blackamore stated that the rubbish left for them to clear

up, particularly by the Scouts, was not acceptable and it would be a condition that they were responsible for their own waste at next year's event. Cllr Mitchell suggested providing provision of recycling facilities for the event and asking the public to help should be considered. Cllr Stewart commented that the Parish Council could look into silent fireworks accompanied by music maybe for future events and could also be included under the environmental policy.

116 WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The clerk asked if the Councillors would consider having their photographs published on the website as other local Parish Councils have. This was declined.

117 12th ANNIVERSARY

Cllr Moyle explained that Peter Flewin had provided extra photographs for the "Horton Kirby & South Darenth – Yesterday and Today" book which is why the cost had increased from £1954. The book would be ready in 10 days and he would like to arrange a book launch date in the Village Hall before Christmas. Cllr Moyle proposed the increase to £2305, Cllr Stewart seconded and all were in favour. ACTION Cllr Moyle to order 250 books from Nationwide.

The selling price of the book was also considered. Cllr Mitchell proposed that each book sold for £15. Cllr Rushbrook seconded and 4 were in favour. As the Chairman had the casting vote, he voted for the motion to be carried. Cllr Ward, Page, House and Moyle requested that their vote be noted as against this proposal.

The Clerk suggested that a monthly excerpt from Minutes from the last century could be published on the website from December for 1 year. The Councillors agreed this would be a good idea. ACTION

118 CHRISTMAS TREE

The Council was informed that this would be the last year that the South Darenth Village Society would be donating a tree for the Village Green. Cllr Stewart advised that the Council would require a realistic idea of costs prior to making a decision for 2020 and that parishioners could be invited to take part in the decorating. Cllr Blackamore commented that the tree would need to be ordered in September. ACTION Clerk to investigate costs of purchasing. Lighting and decorating tree for 2020.

119 STREETLIGHTS

The council was informed that lantern 36 had been vandalised and needed replacing. Streetlight advised that the SL8 version was proving popular and is seen as a deterrent against vandalism. As the cost of this exceeded the clerk's delegated authority of £300, confirmation to purchase replacements as required was sought. Cllr Rushbrook expressed concern at the reliability of the SL8 and advised that the last led replacement was suffice and therefore no need to purchase a more expensive light. ACTION Clerk to request column 36 be replaced with lamp previously purchased.

120 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Gough arrived 8.35pm. Cllr House congratulated Cllr Gough on his new role as leader of KCC. Roger said that he was settling into his new role and is slowly catching up with his emails. He will endeavour to attend meetings, time permitting. Cllr Ward raised the technical note issue regarding the Fire Station Planning application and that the traffic was conducted when Horton Road was closed due to the laying of the gas pipeline. Cllr Gough said that he would take up the issue with Mike Payton, Kent Highways. Cllr Ward also posed a question about Brexit costs to KCC's residents.

121 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2nd December 2019.

An initial draft copy of the 2020 Parish Council Calendar was distributed for Councillors to study

Meeting closed at 8.52pm

Chairman:

Date: