

HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 4th December 2017 in the Village Hall, South Darenth at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr I Blackamore
Cllrs R House, T Moyle, C Page, P Rushbrook, M Stead, J Stewart, C Willson

Cllr P McGarvey, District Councillor
Cllr R Gough, County Councillor

Members of the public; Malcolm Dunn DRiPS, D Hollands, S Dove, R Fournel

In attendance: H Rohard, Parish Clerk
D McFall, Assistant Parish Clerk

123 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr D Mitchell (family commitment)

124 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

125 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meetings held 6th November 2017 were signed as a true record.

126 MATTERS ARISING

Funding for Flood prevention measures: Clerk arranging meeting with NWKCP ref Natural Flood Defence potential projects and funding.

Website: In progress however broadband issues have hampered this being completed.

Online banking: In progress; forms ready for signing by all Parish Councillors post meeting.

Westminster Field Pavilion: Survey for 'specification of works' has been completed 28/11/17 and the report will be ready for the ROS Committee 18th December.

All other actions had been completed.

127 POLICE MATTERS

No Police or PCSO in attendance or report received.

128 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CORRESPONDENCE

No questions were raised.

Cllr Stead reported that a PROW gate and post had been damaged on footpath SD43 and would email photos to the Clerk to report to KCC.

Cllr Stewart reported that a grass area at Shrubbery Road is being ruined by being used for parking; the Clerk would report this to West Kent Housing for investigation as this is their land and were likely to be unaware that it was being misused.

Cllr Rushbrook reported that several bollards in The Street had been knocked over and had photos to help report the incident to KCC; the Clerk would report online to KCC.

The Parish Council received thanks from the Royal British Legion for help hosting the Act of Remembrance at the Village Hall 11th November.

129 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

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

130 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr McGarvey reported that he had attended the installation of the new vicar at St Mary's Church.

131 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Gough had not arrived; the Chairman moved onto the next Agenda item.

132 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Schedule Of Accounts

The schedule of accounts and payments were approved for cheques to be signed.

133 PAYROLL SERVICES

3 quotes were considered for external Payroll Services from MI Payroll Services £204 pa, Diane Malley £192pa, Blue Rock Accounting £642pa. MI Payroll services is used by several other Parish Councils and came highly recommended. Cllr Stewart proposed that MI Payroll Services be appointed; Cllr Page seconded and all voted in favour.

RESOLVED: MI Payroll Services provide external payroll services for the Parish Council staff with immediate effect. ACTION Dawn McFall.

134 WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Cllr Willson reported that the Scout Calendar is now on sale.

135 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8th January 2018.

Meeting ended at 7.47pm

Cllr Gough arrived at 7.50pm: Chairman reconvened meeting to enable Cllr Gough to report the following:

- New bollards are now installed at the entrance to Millen Court car park/Westminster Field entrance
- Double Yellow line at New Road/Horton Road junction: KCC are being restrictive in introducing new lines but Cllr Gough member grant could be utilised if the Parish Council wanted to pursue this.
- The subsidised Bus services across Kent are being scrutinised to see if there are better and more economic ways of supporting community transport. Just 3% of buses are subsidised by KCC with the rest commercially viable. Cllr Gough stated that no local bus service appeared to be under threat but would monitor this.

Cllr House asked if there was any progress on the Interactive Speed Device; Cllr Gough is arranging a meeting with Highways, the Clerk and Cllr Stead possibly for the 20th December and will keep the Clerk informed.

Meeting ended at 7.59pm

Chairman:

Date: