

## HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Village Hall, South Darent at 7.30 pm

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

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

Members of the public:, Malcolm Dunn DRiPS, D Hollands, S Dove, R Fournel, J Hollands and 4 members of public

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

#### 136 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr C Willson (work commitment)

#### 137 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

#### 138 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meetings held 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were signed as a true record.

#### 139 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.

**PROW gate damage:** reported to KCC; Cllr Stead confirmed this has been fixed

**Shrubbery Road grass area damage by vehicles:** reported to SDC – a new knee rail will be installed

**The Street bollards damaged:** Reported to KCC; have been reinstated and since knocked down again.

All other actions had been completed.

#### 140 POLICE MATTERS

No Police or PCSO in attendance or report received. Cllr House requested that a presentation from CI Tony Dyer received at the December KALC meeting be circulated to members to give information on Policing priorities in the District. ACTION: Clerk

#### 141 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Fournel raised the issue of Traffic Island rubbish being left on the site and asked that the Parish Council write to SDC for action to be taken. Several other emails from neighbours had also been received and copied to Cllr McGarvey for information. Cllr McGarvey suggested a site meeting with Mr Fournel, SDC Officer and the Clerk.

ACTION

Malcolm Dunn reported that the river was in good flow however reservoirs are still only 30% full. DRIPS have been interested to learn more about the River Cray which has a successful working group ensuring the rivers health.

#### **142 PLANNING**

SE/17/03897/LBCALT & SE/17/03896/HOUSE

Whitefields

Dean Bottom, South Darenth

DA4 9JX

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension, link addition, bedroom 3, attached store, outbuilding and garage/utility area. Erection of a part single part two storey side extension. Erection of a single storey side and rear extension. Erection of a new detached garage.

NO OBJECTION.

#### **143 HALLS COMMITTEE**

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

#### **144 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr McGarvey reported that Town and Parish Council Precepts will not be capped but may be considered in future. The District Council is considering a 3.4% increase with 2% increase for Social Care levied by KCC.

#### **145 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

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

#### **146 WESTMINSTER FIELD PAVILION (a)**

3 quotes for remedial electrical work were considered. Quotes for a full rewire were not available. JGF Electrical and Building Service £1372.50 + VAT, DMC Electrical and Property Services £2850 + VAT and Antrobus Electrical £1580 + VAT  
JGF had carried out the initial report Cllr Stewart proposed that this quote be accepted, Cllr Page seconded and all voted in favour. RESOLVED that JGF Electrical and Building Service be appointed to complete the work. ACTION Clerk to arrange.

#### **147 WESTMINSTER FIELD PAVILION (b)**

2 quotes to complete a feasibility study on making changes to the Pavilion and agronomist report for the football pitches had been received with a 3<sup>rd</sup> due to be received later this week. In order to reduce any further delays Cllr House, Page, Stead and Rushbrook will look at the quotes together, when available, to ascertain whether there are any queries to raise with the firms before the next Parish Council meeting. ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Cllrs and firms

#### **148 STREETLIGHT 12 –Holmesdale Road**

With reference to Minute 22 (5<sup>th</sup> June 2017) LED replacement for this light was considered at a cost of £195 + VAT which was approved. Members agreed that any future replacement decisions are delegated to the Clerk. RESOLVED that the Clerk may authorise future broken streetlights replacements with LED without referral to the Council. ACTION: Clerk to Liaise with Streetlight Contractors and provide Newsletter item.

#### **149 PRECEPT REQUEST**

Following the attached Budget the Precept request for 2018/19 will be £103672. Using the Estimated Tax Base of 1298.26 this would equate to £79.86 For a Band D property (2017/18 £76.41 2016/17 £77.31 and 2015/16 £77.12)

This represents a rise of £3.45 for a Band D property for the year or less than 7p per week.

RESOLVED Precept of £103672 is raised for this Parish

#### **150 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **Schedule Of Accounts**

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

#### **151 KALC NOMINATION**

One nomination had been received for the KALC Award for Peter Flewin. He is nominated for many years of practical support to local clubs and events in the community, being an example of good neighbourliness to many, offering transport and help. A wonderful resource of local history and a founding member of the Local History Society that has been active for 24 years.

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

Cllr Mitchell asked for reports from the Committee Chairmen for the magazine.

Cllr Stewart reported that the playground installation had started today and many positive comments on facebook about this.

#### **153 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Gough reported that the Vehicle Activated Sign could not be installed at Horton Road following Government guidance; 'no crashes had been recorded in the last 5 years and traffic counts collected in 2016 shows a mean speed of 23.2mph south bound towards the school with only 3.5% of drivers travelling over 35mph'. The current speed limit signing could be improved. Cllr Gough offered to have another speed test completed and to instigate improved signage. A Parish Speed Indicator Device was also offered as an alternative however this had already been rejected previously (minute note here).

Cllr Gough suggested that there may be an alternative traffic calming measure that could be pursued instead where there is a known problem. Cllr Rushbrook recommended the Bull Hill/Horton Road junction where vehicles are regularly knocking the bollards out on the verge. Cllr Gough would look into this.

Cllr Rushbrook reported a large pot hole in Franks Lane had recently appeared and a member of the public commented that another was situated on the A225 near Calfstock Lane. ACTION: Clerk to report online to KCC.

#### **154 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

**Meeting ended at 8.23pm**

Chairman:

Date: