

## HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 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

R Gough, County Councillor

P McGarvey, District Councillor

Malcolm Dunn, DRiPS

Members of the public: Peter Rushbrook; Doreen Jack

In attendance: H Rohard, Parish Clerk

#### 96 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Chetram and were accepted. Cllr Willson would be arriving late as he was already in another meeting elsewhere.

#### 97 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Blackamore, Mitchell and Page declared pecuniary interests in Schedule of Accounts

#### 98 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting on the 3rd November were confirmed and signed as a true record.

#### 99 MATTERS ARISING

**Planning Permission for Rotaspikes:** The Clerk reported that there had been a change of Planning Officer for this and was in email correspondence with SDC.

**Street Furniture query to Crabtree:** there has been a change in manager for the site and he looking into the query.

**Defibrillator information:** no response from contact point via KALC. The Clerk will contact again.

All other action points had been carried out

#### 100 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Dylan Crawford was not able to attend or to send a report to the meeting.

#### 101 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1<sup>st</sup> HK Rainbows had sent a photo and thanks for their new unit flag that was used for the first time at the Remembrance Sunday Parade.

Royal British Legion had written to express sincere thanks for the use of the Jubilee Hall for Remembrance Day Service. 164 children from Horton Kirby School attended along

with approximately 50 members of the public, including several Parish Councillors. Volunteers were commended for their help on the day. Malcolm Dunn reported that he had been to visit the Bore hole site in Eglantine Lane with the project expected to be completed by April 2015

Cllr Page reported that the 414 Bus has on occasions not been able to stop on Horton Road near the Esparto Way entrance due to double parking of cars. The service is a 'hail and stop' which is a great advantage to residents. The bus has also on occasion not been able to turn left when leaving East Hill, onto Horton Road for the same reason. As double yellow lines have been requested at this site already it was felt that this would solve this issue. **ACTION: The Clerk would follow this up with SDC.**

## **102 REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr McGarvey queried the lack of comment sent with the indication of 'support' of Planning Application SE/14/03198/LBCALT The White House, Holmesdale Hill, South Darenth.

**ACTION: Clerk to check and contact SDC.**

## **103 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Gough reported that:

- Highways should have the unwanted rumble strip near Giffords Cottage by the end of the financial year.
- He is making enquiries as to the cost of installing bollards (also near Giffords Cottages) which may be funded by members grant possibly in the next financial year. The type of bollard was discussed – something is keeping with the village scene being necessary. A proper discussion to decide on type will follow when budget allows.
- New Road Speed survey showed that – Eastbound average speed range 21.4 – 22.5 (85<sup>th</sup> percentile range is 26.2 – 27.7mph) Westbound average speed 20.5 – 21.3 (85<sup>th</sup> percentile 24.8-25.9)
- He will be funding a Interactive Speed board soon which was agreed in 2010/11 for near the school, however the exact placement has been lost in the mist of time. The clerk was asked to check back the Minutes from the period to see if a more accurate description was given.

## **104 HALLS COMMITTEE**

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

## **105 EAST FACING MOTORWAY M25 JUNCTIONS**

KALC requested a financial contribution for the working group conducting feasibility and research on proposing East facing slip roads to the M25 to ease congestion in Kent. Members discussed this request however as the proposal would be of no direct benefit to this Parish it was unanimously voted against sending any financial assistance.

## **106 KCC HIGHWAYS SURVEY**

The Annual Survey from KCC was received; the Clerk asked if the task of completing it could be delegated to her to ensure that it met the 19<sup>th</sup> December deadline. It was agreed that the completed survey be forwarded to members for information. Cllr Gough and McGarvey also requested copies.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**107 WINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSAL**

KALC had requested that support for the Wingham Proposal that Town and Parish Councils should be made statutory consultees in the application process for Vehicle Operator Licence Applications and Renewals.

Members raised questions which needed further investigation which the Clerk was asked to bring to the next meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**108 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Photocopier Contract Renewal**

A 5 year contract with Kent County Supplies (current supplier) has offered a saving of £30 per quarter for a new machine. Cost per copy remains the same.

RESOLVED that a new contract should be entered into for 5 years at £51.67 +VAT per quarter. Price per copy 0.0053p

Cllr Willson arrived at the meeting at 8.10pm

**Section 137 (LG Act 1972) Grants**

The following Grants were approved:

1 <sup>st</sup> HK Rainbows	£210 for Activity session on wildlife and animals
Royal British Legion	£350 for purchase of 4 new tables
Bridges Petanque Club	£300 for Extending Petanque Piste to international size
Shaw Hall Social Club	£200 for purchase of a BBQ
1 <sup>st</sup> HK Scouts	£600 for contribution towards new patrol tents
St Mary's Church	£500 for contribution towards electrical project
South Darenth FC	£300 for Training Tops for under 7's and 6's

**Schedule Of Accounts**

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

**109 REPORT FROM CONSORTIUM MEETING**

Cllr House and Cllr Pages had attended the Darent Valley Consortium Meeting hosted by Shoreham Parish Council. The notes from the meeting had already been circulated with the issues arising as:

The need for a Parish River Warden, however this became apparent that it was a Flood Warden – volunteers have already been in contact with the Clerk.

Mink on the river have been causing concern as they destroy other wild life. A local resident has already been in contact with DDAPS to see if traps could be set as a means of protecting their fishing stocks.

Speed watch volunteers could be deployed to other Parishes; currently this Parish has no Speed watch volunteers.

Community Warden KCC Consultation to review service; Consortium members suggested that each Parish Council contribute towards salary cost to keep local Warden however Cllr McGarvey reported that Funding does not guarantee service in locality – they may be sent to work elsewhere depending on need.

The Valley of Vision Project has attracted £2.3million of Funding from Heritage Lottery Fund which has been the result of a successful bid by Darent Valley Landscape Partner Scheme. Any possible match funding from Parish and Town Council's is sought to further the project's scope. More information is needed before making any offer of help.  
**ACTION: Clerk**

Next Consortium meeting will be hosted by this Parish Council in March, a date is to be arranged via the Clerk  
**ACTION: Clerk**

Asset Register: there had been a query regarding how to value assets for Insurance purposes. The Clerk had suggested Came and Company would be able to answer that (This Parish Council's specialist Insurance Broker) and given the details to Eynsford Clerk already.

A225 Speed Camera; apparently the most vandalised camera in Kent. It has been taken out of action with suggestions that it is relocated. There are plans for surveys to be conducted.

#### **110 GYPSY & TRAVELLER SITE OPTIONS**

A proposal for an existing caravan site to be extended at Fairhavens, Mussenden Lane is included in the consultaion document sent to the Parish Council from SDC 2 days before the meeting. As comments are required by 15<sup>th</sup> January members asked for this to be on the January Agenda for proper consideration.

#### **111 NEIGHBOUHOOD PLANS/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENTS**

There was much discussion on the merits of each of these however with elections in May members agreed that it should be reviewed in 6 months time.

**ACTION: Clerk to diarise**

#### **112 CLOSURE OF CHURCHYARD**

A letter from St Mary's PCC was received 27<sup>th</sup> November regarding the need to close the Churchyard as it is now a capacity. A form part B(i) was enclosed for the Chair to acknowledge that the site is to be closed as no further burials can take place.

Members agreed that Closure was necessary but wished to explore options rather than assume responsibility and cost. A letter to explain this should be sent to the PCC. Further information regarding the timescale and upkeep necessary would be investigated in time for the next meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**113 NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA**

Cllr Willson reported that use of the facebook group had much improved with relevant items being brought for attention.

**114 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5<sup>th</sup> January 2015. An earlier meeting for Budget setting will be necessary.

The meeting ended at 9pm

Chairman:

Date: