

HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on
2nd December 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,

Cllr P McGarvey, District Councillor

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

In attendance: L Bugler, Parish Clerk

122 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Ward and Cllr Gough, County Councillor

123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

124 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held 4th November 2019 were signed as a true record.

125 MATTERS ARISING

From Minute number 70 Westminster Field Bridge: Tim Belcher-Whyte no longer works at KCC. Paul Hopkins replied to advise all correspondence should now go to PROWs and a list of consultant engineers is no longer available or do they recommend any. The Clerk suggested that the KCC No.371 principal inspection report should be reconsidered as a way of moving forward

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

99 Confidential: HR matter had been resolved at the HR Committee meeting immediately before this PC meeting

105 Planning: Comments submitted

106 Police Matters: PCSO Anne Etter had sent through a monthly Parish newsletter upon request

107 Correspondence: Letter from the public had been forwarded to all Councillors as requested

115 Electric Car Charging: Deferred until February 2020 after the Clerks Forum in January 2020.

116 Fireworks: Gross income was reported as £4212.23, net£2045.26 for 2019. Net income for 2018 was £2412 but this did not include

118 125th Anniversary: Historic Minutes to be published on the website on a monthly basis throughout the year from 4th December 2019

119 Christmas/Solar trees: figures to be obtained in time for budget setting January 2020.

120 Streetlights: Replacement LED had been ordered to replace vandalised lamp on Horton Road.

Cllr Brian Carroll, District Councillor arrived and gave apologies for lateness

126 PLANNING

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Hawkspare Ltd

Grimwood Electrical Services ltd

Gills Farm, Gills Road

South Darenth, Kent

The application seeks planning permission for the conversion of an existing Coach House (B8 storage use) to create 2 no. residential units with the creation of amenity space and parking to serve the proposal in addition to serving the existing 3 residential units at Black Farm, Gills Farm, Gills Road, South Darenth DA4 9LE

NO OBJECTION

Cllr House advised it was a well thought out plan and there were no objections on material grounds but the wider Gills Farm had 2 previous planning applications refused and had also appeared on the Local Plan for 16 dwellings to be built.

Cllr McGarvey notified the Council that Steve Whitehead's, Senior Planning Enforcement Officer at Sevenoaks District Council, contract was due to end February 2020. Other parish councils had already written to Clare Pembury to voice their support of him and the good work that he had carried and encouraged the Councillors to do likewise. ACTION: Clerk

Cllr McGarvey also invited Councillors to attend the planning meeting on 18/12/19 as the Planning application for the Fire Station is due to be discussed. Councillors should register their attendance with SDC 1 week prior to the meeting.

Cllr McGarvey also reminded the council that comments regarding the planning application for Whiteoak Leisure Centre, Swanley, was still open.

127 POLICE MATTERS

The PCSO was unavailable to attend the meeting and no report was received.

128 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Page had been approached by Peter & Barbara Bradley to ask the Councillors if they wished to take over the organisation of the Lions Summer Fete Day they held at the Heathside as they are due to retire. Cllr House expressed regret at this decision being a founding member. ACTION: Clerk to add as an agenda item for the Parish Council January meeting for further discussion.

Cllr Moyle pointed out that the new flooring in the Village hall kitchen appeared to be bubbling in several places. ACTION: Cllr's Rushbrook and Blackamore will investigate.

Cllr Moyle also advised that the hedge along Rabbits Road was in need of cutting back but queried whether this came under the jurisdiction of the land owner or KCC highways. ACTION: Clerk to investigate and report accordingly.

Correspondence was received regarding flooding along Franks Lane. The general condition of the lane was discussed and it was agreed further work was required despite being closed at the beginning of November for pothole/road repairs near to the cricket field. ACTION: Clerk to report to KCC Highways.

129 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr McGarvey had already made his comments under item number 5 on the Agenda. He added that the expenditure limit for section 137 had been set at £8.32 for the period of 2020-21.

Cllr Carroll announced that he had received approval to work on a project with SDC, KCC and the Department of Environment with regards to fly tipping.

130 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

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

131 HKSD COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

RESOLVED that the amended Terms of Reference of ROS and Halls (to be renamed BUILDINGS from 01 April 2020) Committees have been agreed. All other matters will continue at Parish Council meetings.

132 S106 UNDERSPEND JUBILEE HALL

The clerk reported that no reply had been received from Simon Taylor who was due back from annual leave Wednesday 4th December. Cllr Mc Garvey will contact him for a response.

ACTION: Clerk to chase for a reply

133 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Schedule of Accounts

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

Cllr McGarvey requested a copy of the Parish Council's budget monitoring report for information.

The clerk asked the Council to consider Rialtas Business Solutions, software and maintenance contractor for the Parish accountancy system, be employed to perform the year end closedown and annual return preparation as the system had not been updated since installation. This was also recommended by the internal auditor and will be good practice. Cllr Blackamore proposed that £560 plus mileage be approved for this service. Cllr Stead seconded and all were in favour
ACTION: Clerk to send budget report to Cllr McGarvey and to book RBS to conduct year end closedown.

134 WIDE HORIZONS BUILDING

Cllr Stewart reported that despite emailing Lewisham Council 5 weeks ago and chasing them for a reply he had no updates as Lewisham Council had advised that no news would be forthcoming until the New Year due to the upcoming elections. Cllr House pointed out that this would be the second winter that the building had been left derelict and perhaps a quote for maintenance to the building could be obtained and forwarded to LBC to prevent further deterioration. He also said that as the project had not progressed at all he would be lobbying more senior personnel in order to move forward.

135 125th ANNIVERSARY

Cllr Moyle reported that the book launch for the book "Yesterday & Today" held in the Village hall on the 1st December 2019 was very successful and had sold £1180 worth of books. He recommended that the Council send letters of thanks to John Woodhead who was instrumental in the book and Doreen Jack who had made all the refreshments at the launch. Posters would be distributed to local shops, pubs and the school to advertise the book.

The Clerk advised that 33 trees had been sold and asked for clarification on dates for the notice board, the commemorative plaque and if individual plaques were to be made available. Cllr House said that there would be no separate plaques on the trees, a temporary plaque would be made available as the permanent one would not be in place until all the trees had been sold.
ACTION: Clerk to be add this item to the next ROS Committee meeting.

136 WEIR AT WESTMINSTER FIELD

Councillors had received a copy of the letter received from a Millen Court resident in response to the Parish Councils letter of the 18th November. It was established that there was no longer a residents committee and any enquiries regarding the weir should be sent to Trudie Hudson, Head of Residential, Grange Management (Southern) Ltd. ACTION: Clerk to write to Grange Management regarding the weir and future flood defence issues at Westminster Field to be added to the next ROS Committee meeting.

136 CHAIRMAN RESOLUTION JULY 2019

Resolved that the 3 year term stated in Minute 52 of the July 2019 meeting of the Parish Council is effective from that date.

137 2020 CALENDAR

Dates for next year's calendar were confirmed. It was decided not to merge VE day celebrations with St Georges Day event due to apparent lack of official events being held elsewhere.

121 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6th January 2020

Meeting closed at 8.44pm

Chairman:

Date: