

## HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Office, Village Hall, Horton Road, South Darenth DA4 9AZ

### MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in the Village Hall, South Darenth at 7.30 pm

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

Cllr P McGarvey, SDC  
14 members of the public including M Dunn DRiPS, D Holland and S Dove SCPA

In attendance: L Johnson, Parish Clerk

The meeting started at 7.30pm

#### 149 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received in advance from Cllrs House, Hughes.  
Cllr Roger Gough, KCC sent apologies.

#### 150 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received.

#### 151 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the last meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 be approved and signed as a true record.

#### 152 MATTERS ARISING

**188 CCTV Policy:** Clerk to produce CCTV Policy. **In progress**

**189 Complaints Policy** Clerk to review Complaints Policy. **In progress**

**131 2022 Calendar:** Strip of Land on East Hill/Paddock Close – awaiting response from Mar 22  
All other matters were either completed or are on this agenda.

**147 Website/social media/newsletter:** Request to re-site the green space sign in Saxon Place.

#### 153 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CORRESPONDENCE

A resident from Horton Kirby enquired if the review into extending the bollards to the junction with Mussenden Lane/Rays Hill had been completed as this was now causing a visual problem for residents exiting /entering their properties.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Roger Gough.

The motorhome which was parked in Lombard Street and being lived in had disappeared as of 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr Rushbrook thanked Alan White and Lawrence Toombs for repainting the bus shelter in Horton Road, South Darenth.

Alan White was also planning a litter pick day with the assistance of Maurice Tripp, for the 26<sup>th</sup> March and hopefully would be included in the next edition of the Newsletter. The Parish Council had some litter pickers and bin bags to donate.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact SDC to request more equipment.

Vehicles in Lombard Street had anonymous notes put on their windscreens ordering the cars to be removed by the 10<sup>th</sup> February or they would be scrapped. Clerk advised the council that the police had visited the parish office with regards to the vandalism caused at the 'Little School' next to the Village hall and were then going to Lombard Street to investigate.

Cllr Page brought to the attention of the Parish Council the increasing number of concerns she was receiving about not being able to contact their doctor in Devon Road, South Darenth;

Subject: Devon Road Surgery.

“I would like to draw your attention to the apparent growing feeling of dissatisfaction with the above practice which I have noticed from an increasing number of adverse comments, in particular about its administration and communication.

Additionally, I have been advised that the practice cover of the South Downs has been changed such that the residents now have to make an appointment with the practice directly.

I have written to the practice and taken the matter up with a member of the Patient Participation Group, who is in communication with the practice, and I will report back to the PC in due course. However, I was wondering what other members experiences have been and whether they are getting feedback of a similar nature from constituents.”

Cllr Page continued that she would be sending a personal letter to the surgery. Cllr Rushbrook thanked Cllr Page and suggested that the Parish Council also follow this up with a letter to the practise manager.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to Devon Road Surgery, South Darenth.

Clerk read out thanks from Horton Kirby Cricket Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Horton Kirby Scouts and Hi-Kent for the grants awarded to them at the recent Grants Committee Meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### **154 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Clerk advised report had not arrived as of yet. Acknowledgement that bollards along Lombard Street would be reinstated by end of the week commencing 06/02/23 had been received and if it was found they had been fitted incorrectly, a report would be sent to the contractor.

#### **155 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

With reference to Cllr House’ working group Solar Park update reported at the January meeting, Cllr McGarvey expressed displeasure at certain comments. As District Councillor for Farningham, Eynsford, HK& SD his professional duty is to represent all above parishes and would not be berated for doing just this. Also pointed out was that the invitation to Franks Farm was arranged by himself to which other councillors were invited to.

The consultation period for the SDC Local Plan has now concluded. The conservation areas in Farningham and Eynsford were being reappraised. A timeframe for HK & SD had not yet been discussed.

#### **156 POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Ostridge was unable to attend but gave the following figures from December 2022 onwards;

- 2 calls for an Obstruction
- 3 calls for Abandoned vehicles
- 1 call for Nuisance vehicles
- 2 calls for Suspicious event
- 1 call for Animal straying
- 2 calls for Burglary
- 2 calls for Criminal damage
- 1 call for a Fire
- 1 call for Nuisance youths

#### **157 PLANNING**

No planning applications had been received for consideration.

#### **158 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

The schedule of accounts for August 2022 were approved for payments to be made electronically for interim auditing purposes.

### **Budget Monitoring**

The full Parish Council budget and detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget heading reports to December 2022 were received for interim budget monitoring purposes.

Clerk confirmed to Cllr Mitchell that £3000 budget for IT Support/software was for the next financial year.

Cllr Mitchell asked if balance of Playground Maintenance could be used towards improving entrance to the Heathside. Cllr Blackamore suggested waiting until the report from the annual inspection was received. One piece of apparatus needs new rope and the bark needs topping up in the Saxon Place playground. Cllrs agreed that the entrance does need improving.

**ACTION:** Clerk to check when annual inspection was booked for.

Include Heathside entrance improvement on the next ROS Committee agenda

Clerk to vire budget amounts as at 31 March 23 subject to Finance regulations 4.3,

Budgetary control and authority to spend.

### **159 HALLS COMMITTEE**

The next Halls Committee meeting is not due until 21<sup>st</sup> March 23. Due to the urgency to resolve purchase of replacement Village Hall chairs, Councillors had already received information on recommended chairs from Cllr Rushbrook. Short discussion regarding the suitability and robustness of the chairs ensued resulting in Cllr Mitchell proposing, Cllr Page seconded and all were in favour and is was

**RESOLVED:** To purchase 120 'Ascot Stacking' chairs in blue and 2 trolleys from Trent furniture at a cost of £28.90 each ex vat and to use the 'Green Room' for excess storage. To be debited from n/c 4460 'fixtures & fittings'.

### **160 KALC AWARD NOMINATION**

No names were put forward by councillors for the 2023 KALC award. Closing date is Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

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

Cllr Mitchell advised that as soon as advertising material had been received, the newsletter would be going to print. Expected delivery to the parish office was 1 – 2 weeks and would then be distributed to volunteers.

### **162 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chair:

Date: