

HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 4th November 2013 in the Village Hall, South Darenth at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr D Mitchell(Chairman)

Cllrs I Blackamore, R House, A Lewis, T Moyle, C Page, and C Willson

P McGarvey, District Councillor

R Gough, County Councillor

2 members of the public

PCSO Pete Jones

Malcolm Dunn, DRiPS

In attendance: H Rohard, Parish Clerk

109 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Stead and Cllr Wilson

110 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Blackamore declared a pecuniary interest in item 11.

111 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October be approved and signed as a correct record.

112 MATTERS ARISING

Hedges along Rabbits Lane: remained overgrown.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Land Owner again.

Horses being washed in the River at Franks Lane: Online Land registry search could not be completed and a visit to the Land Registry Office by the Clerk was agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain Land Registry search via Croydon Office

Pedestrian Access Horton Road to Scouts Hut/Fishing Lakes

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with KCC Highways

River Path SD151 erosion: Despite being reported to KCC they have said they will not maintain an alternative route that has developed in the section from Westminster Fields to Franks Lane. Query as to how the eroded path next to the river can be repaired is still outstanding with KCC.

113 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Pete Jones gave crime statistics for the Parish in recent months; compared to the same time last year there has been an increase in reported crime by 17 crimes. The increase was a cross all types of crime.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Chief Supt Corbishley to raise the Council's concerns and request increased Police patrol in the Parish

114 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Members of the public had already been able to take part in the discussion concerning Police Matters. There were no further Questions raised.

115 REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr McGarvey reported on trials underway for better management of the Weekly Planning Lists that are sent to Parish Councils from Sevenoaks District Council. This was the subject of a recent KALC District meeting.

116 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Gough reported that

- new salt bins had been purchased for New Road and Towers Wood.
- A new sign to discourage speeding had been installed on the A225.
- Flytipping concerns in Franks Lane had been reported to KCC for action from last Parish Council meeting.
- Health and Social Care reforms would impact on County Councillors role by encouraging closer working with local GPs
- Parish is urged to report any block gullies to KCC highways to avoid flooding.

117 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

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

118 PLANNING

SE/13/028232/HOUSE

Westminster House

Dartford Road

Horton Kirby

Demolition of existing rear ground cloakroom and adjacent storeroom. Construction of new single storey extension to form larger kitchen. New chimney built into lounge wall. An array of photo voltaic solar panels to the West facing rear roof.

A report from Cllr Willson was received in his absence.

NO OBJECTIONS

119 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Payments to be made had been brought to the meeting but no Schedule for everyone to see. Budgets and reports in progress.

ACTION: Clerk

120 STREETLIGHTING

Cllr Lewis reported that the light outside the Post Office has been out for some months despite being reported to Streetlights

ACTION: Clerk to follow up

121 IN BLOOM

The Clerk reported on Coolings Garden Centre offer to the district's Parish and Town Councils to administrate any In Bloom competition entrants. Other benefits included offers of vouchers to help get gardeners started. It was suggested that the Villagers

Gardening Club would be a good place to start to see if there was interest. Cllr Page expressed interest in helping with the initiative.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Garden Club and Coolings

122 COMMUNITY AWARENESS RIVER EVENT

KCC North West Kent Countryside Partnership had requested support with holding a Workshop in the Parish to increase awareness of the River Darent. The Parish Council agreed to host the workshop in the Jubilee Hall free of charge.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with NWKCP suitable date.

123 NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

The November newsletter had been distributed to the Volunteers who deliver across the Parish. A copy of the magazine will be uploaded to the Website.

ACTION: Cllr Mitchell and Cllr House

The meeting ended at: 8.20pm

Chairman

Date