

## **HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 7 January 2013 in the Village Hall, South Darenth at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr D Mitchell(Chairman)  
Cllrs I Blackamore, R House, T Moyle, C Page, M Stead,  
C Willson and E Wilson

P McGarvey, District Councillor  
R Gough, County Councillor  
In attendance: C Allart, Parish Clerk

Apologies for Absence: Cllr A Lewis,  
I Chetham, District Councillor

Declarations of Interests: Cllr Blackamore declared a pecuniary interest in Minute 121  
(schedule of accounts)

#### **113 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2012 be approved  
and signed as a correct record.

#### **114 MATTERS ARISING**

##### **Parking Outside the Post Office**

There was much discussion on the amount of parking on the double yellow lines and the dangers this caused. Cllr McGarvey agreed to ask Sevenoaks District Council officers to arrange visits if Cllr Page liaised with him over best times.

##### **A225 Speeding Traffic – Site Meeting**

Cllr Moyle reported on this meeting. There was doubt that the speed limit could be reduced as the Police needed it to be self-enforcing. Speed checks would however be carried out. Kent Highways agreed to improve existing signage and put in extra signs as well as cutting back vegetation.

##### **Window Coverings for the Jubilee Hall**

It was noted that that after further discussions with the supplier it was found that tinted film would not meet users requirements because the direction of visibility depended on the light source so at night when lights were on in the hall, those outside would be able to see in. The matter would be referred back to the Halls Committee.

#### **115 POLICE MATTERS**

##### **Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

It was agreed to bear in mind any matters which needed to be considered in the light of the duties imposed by section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act throughout the meeting.

## **116      QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

### **Parking Outside the School**

There was discussion on the problems of dangerous parking outside the School particularly in Forge Lane and it was pointed out that there are no signs in Forge Lane to allow enforcement of the School zigzags. Cllr McGarvey agreed to ask Sevenoaks District Council officers about this.

## **117      REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr McGarvey reported on the detail of the Government's reworking of the council tax base and the threat of capping for parish councils next year.

## **118      REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Roger Gough reported that KCC intended to freeze its council tax level but had had to find £15m in extra savings to do so after unexpected changes at the last minute by government.

### **Office Alarm System**

Colin Willson gave a brief update on the 3 options for the office alarm and pendant alarm. Roger Gough intimated that he could probably help with the capital cost but not the monthly running costs.

## **119      RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

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

## **120      PLANNING**

SE/12/03281/HOUSE

2 Millen Court

Replace rear single door and window with a bi-folding door

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

SE/12/03276/WTPO

Mulcroft Holmesdale Hill

Hedgetrim 1 holm oak; reduce crown and longer laterals by 2 metres of 1 ash tree; reduce crown by approx 25% of 1 mulberry.

The Parish Council will leave this application to the tree officer.

The following decision notices were received for information:

SE/12/00430/HOUSE

East Lodge Rabbits Road

Installation of standalone PV solar photovoltaic system GRANTED

SE/12/01926/OUT

Ridgemount Dartford Road

Outline application for 2 detached dwellings with garages REFUSED

SE/12/02287/HOUSE

Fairhavens Mussenden Lane

Reconfiguration of existing pitched roof to form loft conversion with two rooflights

REFUSED  
SE/12/02325/HOUSE  
13 Towers Wood  
Front porch and cloakroom GRANTED

SE/12/02810/HOUSE  
8 Churchill Road  
Demolition of garage and construction of new garage GRANTED

SE/12/01539/LDCPR  
51 School Lane  
Erection of wooden summerhouse Certificate of lawful proposed development  
REFUSED

## **121 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **Schedule Of Accounts**

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

### **Budget vs Actual Update**

This document was received for information.

### **Allotments Charges**

RESOLVED that charges for 2013/14 from 1 April 2013 be £40 per standard plot.

### **Office Cover**

RESOLVED that forthcoming leave in February be covered by the hall caretaker.

## **122 NEW CLERK**

There was discussion on the method of compiling a short list for interview. It was agreed that all councillors could pick up a pack of all applications and make comments to the interviewing panel (Cllrs Blackamore, Lewis and Mitchell) by Monday 14 January. The panel would make the final decision on who would be called for interview.

RESOLVED that the terms and conditions for the new clerk position as agreed at the meeting on 4 December be ratified as follows:

Salary scale – LC2 (SCP 26 – 29) £22,221 - £24,646 pa pro rata

Hours of Work – 20 hours per week to be worked as follows:

- Mon 9 am to 1 pm (office open)
- Tues 9 am to 12 noon (office closed)
- Wed 9 am to 1 pm (office open)
- Thurs 9 am to 12 noon (office closed)
- Fri 9 am to 1 pm (office open)

No pension offered.

The meeting ended at 8.25

Chairman

Date