

HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 4 February 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, M Stead, C Willson
and E Wilson

P McGarvey, District Councillor

R Gough, County Councillor

3 members of the public

In attendance: C Allart, Parish Clerk

Apologies for Absence: None

Declarations of Interests: Cllr House declared a non pecuniary interest in Minute 131 (33 Forge Lane).

124 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings held on 7 and 15 January 2013 be approved and signed as correct records.

125 MATTERS ARISING

Parking by the Post Office and the School

Parking in these 2 problem areas was again discussed. Philip McGarvey agreed to ask the Sevenoaks District Council officer to come to the parish for half a day to look at all areas to try and offer solutions. Dawn Mitchell agreed to raise the matter at the next School Governors meeting.

126 QUESTIONS

Website

Peter Bradley informed the Council that its website is out of date. Roger House agreed to put an item on there so that visitors would know it was not being updated and that a new site was under construction.

New Gas Main to Village Halls

The clerk reported on the problems she was having getting the new main connected as no company would accept responsibility for carrying out the work.

Step outside the Post Office door

Cllr Lewis drew attention to this step which was a trip hazard in the dark. Cllr Page offered to speak to the owner to get it painted white.

Unofficial Signs

It was noticed that many "Tyres" signs had appeared in the parish. It was suggested that an item be put in a future newsletter that these sorts of unofficial notices would be removed.

127 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.

128 REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The District Councillor reported on the confusion around the new Council Tax regulations but he did confirm that the Government part of the money would not be taken from local taxpayers.

129 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The County Councillor reported on various matters of interest.

Grant

A grant of £100 towards an office alarm had been signed off by him.

Snow and Ice Issues

New Road was not a secondary route as thought so would need extra attention – possibly a grit bin by East Lane. A request for a grit bin in Towers Wood was also being considered. The path to the School had not been gritted as the operatives had not had the resources at the time. The Parish Council confirmed that this was a very important path to be cleared in the future as many people use it. The top of East Hill had not been cleared although it should have been and the buses had stopped running up there for a couple of days. Many potholes were appearing and needed to be reported quickly.

130 HALLS COMMITTEE

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

131 PLANNING

SE/12/03321/HOUSE

66 East Hill

Erection of second storey to side and rear extension.

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

SE/13/00028/FUL

Stables on land north of Farmhouse, Mussenden Lane

Introduction of a sand school and 1.1 metre timber post and rail fencing

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

SE/13/00051/HOUSE

33 Forge Lane

Erection of first floor dormer extension to rear and alterations to fenestration at front and rear.

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

The following decision notices have been received for information:

SE/12/02141/FUL

Leeraj Convenience Store, 6 East Hill

Erection of single storey rear extension, replacement external staircase, new shop front and steps. GRANTED

SE/12/02312/HOUSE

13 Russell Terrace

Update all windows from wood to uPVC Georgian bar windows to match others in street. GRANTED

132 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.

Allocation of Grants 2012/13

Members of the Grants Committee agreed to arrange a date for the meeting so that these grants could be paid out at the next meeting.

133 APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

It was recorded that Mrs Heather Rohard had been appointed to the position of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer from 4 March 2013. Her contract of employment was signed.

134 ANTHONY ROPER CHARITY

It was agreed to appoint Roy Cockburn, who has served the charity for many years on behalf of the Parish Council, for a further period of 4 years. Members requested that Mr Cockburn report back on the work of the charity.

135 NEW BUS STOP

It was reported that Go Coach had requested from Kent Highways a new bus stop (post and flag) in Horton Road opposite The Bridges pub. Following a brief discussion, members had no comments.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm.

Chairman

Date