

## HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 in the Village Hall, South Darenth at 7.30 pm

Present: P Rushbrook, Chair

R House, Vice

Cllrs I Blackamore, D Mitchell, T Moyle, C Page, J Stewart, M Stead

Cllr P McGarvey,

Approximately 14 members of the public including M Dunn DRiPS, D Holland and S Dove  
SCPA

In attendance: L Johnson, Parish Clerk

#### 79 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received in advance from Cllr's Hughes.

#### 80 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received.

#### 81 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be approved and signed as a true record.

#### 82 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

**6 Questions from the public:** KCC own the bank in Lombard Street towards Northfield cottages but the council cut it on their behalf. As it is no longer a grass bank, the PC will question the cost of cutting this for next year's budget.

**64 Report of County Councillor:** Cllrs Rushbrook and Stewart to look into costs of painting remaining poles in a reflective paint.

#### 83 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CORRESPONDENCE

M. Dunn (DRiPS) asked if any councillors had received an update regarding works to be carried out on the footpath from Westminster field to Station Road, South Darenth to which there was no reply.

Cllr Rushbrook said that further to last week's disturbance, ten quad bikes were seen riding along the river in Horton Kirby & South Darenth on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. He stressed that it was important to call the police as a higher volume of calls would trigger a quicker response to the area.

Clerk had requested results of the Billings poll for installing a car park in the field adjacent to Jacobs Lane in return for supporting an application for a 10 house development where the Red Barn was currently sited:

	Car park make a difference?		Support Enabling Development?	
Yes	76	63%	73	61%
No	44	37%	47	39%
TOTAL	120		120	

#### 84 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report had been received from Cllr Gough.

#### 85 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr McGarvey announced the Silver Sunday programme for those aged 50 and over in the borough of Sevenoaks. More information:

[https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/news/article/330/silver\\_sunday\\_spectacular](https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/news/article/330/silver_sunday_spectacular)

Resident asked how they could arrange a site visit for Franks Farm planning application for poly tunnels/cold storage facility, Top Dartford Road. Cllr Rushbrook suggested they speak with Cllr McGarvey after the meeting.

#### 86 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Ostridge was unable to attend and sent in the following

3 Nuisance vehicle calls; 2 calls for criminal damage to a vehicle; 1 call for Criminal damage; 1 shoplifting; 2 reports of fraud; 1 report of burglary.

#### 87 PLANNING

The following was considered and comments resolved. None were received by the Clerk after the agenda had been served to Councillors:

##### 22/02441/HOUSE

Days Cottage  
The Street  
Horton Kirby  
Kent DA4 9BY

Single storey extension to the rear. First storey extension to front. Roof and fenestration alterations.

**RESOLVED:** No objection/no comments

#### 88 WESTMINSTER FIELDS REPORT

Councillors had been provided with copies of minutes from October 2020 to November 21 along with forecast sheets. Cllr Stewart said he had nothing further to add.

Cllr Mitchell was concerned that at the end of the 3 year plan, taking over the running of football would result in a loss. As parish councillors it was their duty to be able to justify spending to the general public and a date should be set to review costs and the feasibility of continuing with the management of football at Westminster field.

Cllr Blackmore disagreed with the figures and said that anomalies had already been found and they were forecasted figures only and not actuals.

Cllr Rushbrook said the Parish council took back control of the pavilion and football pitches at Westminster field from South Darenth Football Club in September 2021 as the pavilion needed refurbishing and pitch 2 had been condemned as not fit to play on by the F.A. The use of CIL monies (green infrastructure) would go towards the costs of repairs to both pitches.

Council agreed that the figures must be transparent and now that six months of actual income and outgoings were available, these would be used for budget setting which will commence in October 2021. Cllrs House and Moyle expressed similar views that there was also a philanthropic viewpoint in providing a public facility and also agreed that budgets must be an important factor to ensure public money was being effectively managed.

**ACTION:** Cllr Blackamore to work with the clerk to revise forecasts based on actual figures, amend dates to concur with the football season and produce budget figure to present to next ROS Committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and then taken to November Parish Council meeting .

**89 HALLS COMMITTEE**

The approved Minutes from March 2022 were received for information only.

**90 ROS COMMITTEE**

The approved Minutes from April 2022 were received for information only.

**91 PARISH BURIAL GROUND**

The clerk said that all headstones were within the recommended safety parameters and there were just a few graves that required the removal of some overgrown bushes/glass vases/old plastic flowers. The growing pile of spoil was to be closely monitored.

**92 NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT**

Clerk reported that the Annual Governance & Accountability return for the year ended 31 March 2022 had been completed by PKF Littlejohn LLP and there were no matters that came to their attention.

**93 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

**94 WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Clerk advised that Citizens Advice North & West Kent were hosting a free drop in session at the Jubilee hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2 – 4pm for anyone who had concerns with the rise in energy and living costs.

The Newsletter would be delayed by 1 month as not enough copy had been received.

**95 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chair:

Date: