

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

### **MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 2 December 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

I Chetham, District Councillor

R Gough, County Councillor

2 members of the public

In attendance: H Rohard, Parish Clerk

**124 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Gough

**125 Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Blackamore declared a pecuniary interest in Schedule of Accounts

#### **126 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### **127 MATTERS ARISING**

Action points from previous meeting were checked through

**Horses being washed in the river:**

**ACTION:** Clerk awaiting information from SDC

**Pedestrian Access Horton Road to Scouts Hut and Fishing Lakes**

**ACTION:** Covered by KCC Highways Survey

#### **128 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Various issues had been reported to the Parish Office; leaves on pavements, standing water in Lombard Street, parking at the bottom of New Road, extended Bus Route to Saxon Place.

Each item has been reported to the responsible department and reported via the KCC Highways Survey

Malcolm Dunn from DRiPs commented on the recent workshop held for residents to express their view about the River Darent and it's management. It was a useful meeting; feedback from the meeting would be shared with participants.

Cllr House raised a possible planning enforcement issue on behalf of a local resident

**ACTION:** Clerk to report to SDC

## **129 POLICE MATTERS**

No police officer was present at the meeting. Statistics for crime in the area can be accessed via the Police Website. Councillors were most dissatisfied with lack of Police presence in the Villages and will continue to ask for more visual Policing.

**ACTION: Clerk to follow up request previously sent to Chief Constable Corbishley**

## **130 CO OP STORE OPENING**

The area and store managers attended to address the Council and Public. The Store opening was scheduled for 2 January and would be open from 8am to 10pm

Councillors took the opportunity to ask questions about deliveries, parking and opening times.

The area manager, Daren Winter explained that the smallest delivery vehicle for the store would be used to minimise noise and disruption to residents.

## **131 REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr McGarvey enquired about any issues with blocked drains/culverts in roads; any incidents should be reported to KCC highways

## **132 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

The County Councillor was absent

## **133 HALLS COMMITTEE**

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

## **134 STREETLIGHTS**

Removal of Column 58 could not go ahead without approval for further cost incurred by additional street signage during its removal. Councillors felt this was an unreasonable cost.

**ACTION: Clerk to advise Streetlights to inform UKPN**

## **135 KCC HIGHWAYS SURVEY**

Councillors considered their response to the Survey sent by KCC Highways.

**ACTION: Clerk to submit completed survey**

## **136 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.

## **137 COMMUNITY EVENTS**

St Georges Day event was set for 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014. A public Firework Display had been suggested and generated discussion; a vote was taken with 7 members in favour and 2 against.

Budgets for these events will be considered at the Budget Meeting in January 2014

**138      NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

Cllr House had uploaded forms and information to the Website.

A Parish Council Facebook page was suggested and it was agreed to try this to engage more residents with the Council.

**ACTION: Cllr Willson to arrange and report back at next meeting**

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

Chairman

Date