

HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 2 September 2013 in the Village Hall, South Darenth at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr D Mitchell(Chairman)

R House, 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

76 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Clls Blackamore and Lewis

77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

78 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th & 13th August be approved and signed as a correct record.

79 MATTERS ARISING

None

80 POLICE MATTERS

Cllr House had been assured at a recent meeting with local Police that they would attend the next meeting however no apologies had been received for this meeting. Cllrs were anxious to have updates as to how recent criminal activity in the area is being dealt with. Regular updates from Police are sent by e-mail of crimes that have been reported to the Clerk; the Clerk will forward these to Cllrs when crimes are featured in this Parish for information.

ACTION: Clerk to request Police presence at next meeting

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.

81 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

2 members of the public expressed concern about hedges along Rabbits Road which were overgrown. Cllr Gough offered to look into having these cut back if the responsible Land Owner did not respond to the Clerks enquiries.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Land Owner and Cllr Gough

A note of thanks had been received from the Brownies following their trip to the seaside funded by the Parish Council's grant made earlier in the year. Councillors were delighted

to hear of how the money had been spent and very much appreciated the Brownies taking time to write.

82 REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Chetram reported that Robin Hales CEO for Sevenoaks District Council had retired. The incoming CEO is Dr Pav Ramewal.

Cllr McGarvey was pleased that fly tipped rubbish in alleyways had been dealt with; SDC could write to neighbours if details of addresses are passed to the relevant department via the Clerk. He also reported on planning changed to dropped kerbs and there was discussion on how this might impact on parking in our villages.

83 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Gough reported that:

- GCSE results across Kent had seen improvement by several points in A-C Grades
- Community Grants are still available
- KCC is launching further initiatives to make savings with the first 'normal' year expected in 2020

84 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

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

85 PLANNING

SE/13/02508/HOUSE

Garden House

Holmesdale Hill

South Darenth

Front extension to provide garden room linked to house through covered walkway

Cllr Wilson had looked at the property; not in conservation area and is not overlooked.

NO OBJECTIONS

86 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Date of the Finance Meeting was confirmed as 14th October

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

87 STREET LIGHTING

Column 58 situated in Eglantine Lane, has not had a lantern for several years. Originally this had been in place to light a footpath however the route of this footpath is now approx. 20m away across the field. To reinstate the lamp would not illuminate where it was originally intended for.

RESOLVED that the light be disconnected.

88 WATER RISK ASSESSMENT

Cllr Wilson gave comprehensive feedback on the report received by H2O. Risk of Legionella developing in any of the Parish Council's building is very low as Legionella bacteria multiplies in stagnant or standing water. As the buildings and therefore it's plumbing are in constant use this equates to a minimal risk. However there were several periodical checks that Cllr Wilson recommended as good practice.

ACTION:

- **Clerk to produce report as per Cllr Wilsons recommendations**
- **Invite Quotes for work outlined as needing to be done on a periodical basis**
- **Add to maintenance and Health & Safety diaries.**

89 NEWSLETTER and WEBSITE

- Cllr Mitchell reported that The Parish Council has been awarded £7950 from Awards for All (Big Lottery Fund) for the Hundred Year Wood project
- Cllr House reported that he had attended the funeral of Ted Hughes, previous Chair of the Parish Council; the Parish Council wished to express their condolences to family and record respect for this active member who had served for many years before his retirement from the Council in 2003
- Cllr Moyle reported that Keith Saundersen has retired as Chairman of the Local History Society after 19 years unwavering service.
- Regular Hall Users would be encouraged to contribute to the next Newsletter
- Photographs of the halls for the Website be taken
- Cllr House suggested looking into using PayPal for paying for Hall Hire etc however with Online Banking not available for Parish Councils yet this would be something to work towards in the future

ACTION: Clerk to e-mail hall users and take photographs

90 CONTRACT CLEANING

The current Cleaner/Caretaker had written to the Parish Council following the decision to use Cleansense and offer TUPE. A written response was agreed by Cllrs to explain clearly what was being offered. Cllrs hoped that the member of staff would stay under Cleansense's management.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

Chairman

Date