

HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 14th March 2022 in the Village Hall, South Darenth at 7.30 pm

Present: R Rushbrook (Chair) R House (Vice Chair)
Cllrs I Blackamore, D Mitchell, C Page, M Stead, J Stewart

Cllr P McGarvey,

Approx. 15 members of the public including M Dunn, DRiPS, D Hollands and S Dove,
SPCA.

In attendance: L Johnson, Parish Clerk

193 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Kent County Councillor Cllr R Gough and Cllr's Moyle and Hughes.

194 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

Was signed by Glyn Hughes in the presence of the clerk prior to the meeting.

195 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received.

195 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held 7TH February 2022 be approved and signed as a true record.

196 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 61 Internal Audit Report: clerk had downloaded Metro Bank Community Account to complete and open additional bank account.

188 CCTV Policy: In progress

189 Complaints Policy: Review Complaints Policy. In progress

39 Q's from the Public & Correspondence

Clerk had contacted SDFC Juniors to find out how many girls attend, female squads and is awaiting a reply. Cllr House to look into funding those who are unable to pay to enter after school activities.

131 2022 Calendar:

63 SDMC Land at corner of East Hill/Paddock Close: SDMC had replied requesting a guarantee that the land would not be used to build upon. Clerk replied that the Parish Council had recently resolved to sign all PC owned green spaces to 'Field in Trust' which protects land through a binding legal commitment securing spaces in perpetuity for current and future generations to enjoy.

All other matters were completed or appear as an agenda item.

197 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CORRESPONDENCE

Resident request that a concrete slab be laid at the chicane entrance to the Heathside as it gets wet and muddy through heavy usage. The Council was also asked to consider installing a fenced off area,

similar in size to the playground, for dogs to be allowed free exercise without the fear of running off or interfering in football matches/events.

Cllr Rushbrook replied that in the short term, gravel could be put down to help with the water logged entrance as longer term the Parish Council was looking to create a car park for visitors to the Heathside. The fenced off dog area would be discussed at the next ROS meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to add to next ROS Committee Agenda for discussion.

Two residents wanted it noted how hard Cllr Stewart, Janet and Dagmar have worked on the lower paddock clearing the overgrown vegetation and creating wildflower areas.

Correspondence had been received from a Gills Road resident regarding the ongoing fly tipping problem faced in the area and was enquiring if the Parish Council would consider funding for strategically placed residential cctv to deter those who litter the village.

Cllr Rushbrook replied that cctv footage could only be used to capture evidence that occurred on private property and would probably be cost prohibitive. Cllr McGarvey pointed out that the purpose of CCTV is to capture illegal activity and act as a deterrent. Cllr Rushbrook added that although CCTV evidence had been sent to the police recently, no further action had been taken. However, the issue will be discussed further at the next ROS Committee meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to notify resident and add to ROS Agenda.

Cllr Mitchell had several valid questions with regards to budget figures. These will be referred to the relevant committees who set the budgets for further information:

Westminster Field Football

Budget shows income of £5K and expenditure of £10K. This is the 2nd year of the PC taking over the management of the Football. In what year does the PC envisage that the Football will break even and in what year does it expect to make a profit? What evidence can the PC show for this?

Pavilion

Budget shows expenditure of £7,250 and no income. How does the PC justify the Pavilion as an ongoing asset?

Village Hall

Overall income budgeted for £50K with expenditure of £36K. How does the PC justify the rise in village hall rental rates of, in some cases, up to 80% on last year if it budgets a profit of 14K?

ROS contract 7

£8K for H&S - this seems a high figure for Health and Safety can the PC give a detailed run down of what this covers

ACTION: Clerk to add Cllr Mitchell's questions to ROS and Halls Committee Agenda's.

198 LOMBARD STREET PARKING AND OAKVIEW STUD FARM

Horton Kirby residents are frustrated at lack of progress and updates from KCC/SDC departments including setting a date to which the public can attend. SDC District Cllr P McGarvey advised that KCC would no longer be taking the double yellow line proposals any further until the more pressing issues occurring within Oakview Stud Farm were addressed.

Clerk advised that Roger Gough's secretary was trying to co-ordinate a date with as many relevant department as possible and was looking at the last week of March as a possibility.

ACTION: Clerk to chase up dates

Cllr Mitchell questioned why residents could not have copies of minutes taken from a meeting held between the Parish Council, SDC and KCC.

ACTION: Clerk to request a copy of Minutes from Kelly Webb at SDC who hosted the meeting.

It was agreed that the Parish Council and residents needed to improve the sharing of information and should copy in everyone who had expressed an interest where possible

199 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Gough was unable to attend and had passed on his apologies via Cllr McGarvey.

200 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Details of an open day at the Jubilee Hall on the 23rd March arranged by Wessex Solar had been sent to residents. A Solar Park is to be proposed on land to the east of the Anaerobic Waste Digester in Stack Lane up to Horton Woods. Cllr McGarvey anticipated problems with access during the construction phase.

With reference to the planning application for the conversion of a barn to a dwelling on Canada Farm Road, adjacent to Canada Farm Kennels, Cllr McGarvey would like to know how the Parish Council would like him to respond to the planning department at SDC. Cllr Rushbrook replied that the PC would like to continue contending the application as acoustic fencing in the garden would not protect the amenity space (garden) from barking of dogs. Potential residents could then complain about the noise threatening the kennel business which has been there for some time and purposely sited away from residential properties.

Cllr McGarvey informed the Parish Council that the monitoring of local air quality would cease as Air Quality Management had found that quality of air had improved over the last 3 years.

Plans for the Bevan Place development (former working mans club) in Swanley had been seen. Cllr McGarvey advised that SDC now required that CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) bids should be linked to the development from which the CIL funding was linked.

201 POLICE MATTERS

The PCSO was unavailable to attend the meeting. A report was received from PCSO Lauren Bruce and read out by the Chair:

Here is a list of recent incidents from Feb- 11 March that may be of interest,

Fraud – Young teenager lost £250 by attempting to buy something over the internet, mum and the teenager were visited and fraud advice given. If you have children who use the internet please could you make them aware of staying safe on the internet

A stolen vehicle was located in Esparto way – if you see any vehicles that look sus or have been parked for a long time without moving please could you let us know

1 vehicle report for a vehicle possibly on cloned plates

Nuisance bikes – CCTV was sent to myself unfortunately no facial footage so unable to identify

Large disturbance – a party got out of hand where 200+ teenagers attended uninvitedly and caused a large disturbance and criminal damage at the village hall and continued to Farningham station, the teenagers had come from Dartford, Crayford and Maidstone. Bottles and concrete blocks were thrown at the police cars causing damage along with fights among the teenagers and balloons being used. Police from Sevenoaks, Maidstone, Swale and Tonbridge attended and moved the teenagers up towards the train station. They were then contained in that area and had to either get picked up (where their parents were spoken too about the incident) or get on the train. The teenagers were not allowed to leave the containment area. A Section 34 was put in place for the following 2 days around the Horton kirby, South Darenth and Farningham area. A S34 means anyone causing ASB in the areas stated have 10 minutes to leave when police arrive, their details are obtained along with a map given to them and they are not allowed to return until the S34 is over, if they do return they will be arrested.

Males seen with flash lights in a garden – this was not reported straight away to the police so was an area search no trace for the males

New road – 6 garages were broken into in New road and a stolen moped found, CCTV has been seized and investigation is on going

202 VILLAGE HALL SECURITY

In view of recent incidents that had occurred at the village hall and upon police recommendations, 2 more CCTV cameras were required to eliminate any 'blackspots'. Cllr Rushbrook had stopped any glare obscuring coverage from cameras already in place. Cllr Stewart queried if there was enough capacity with the current system to which Cllr Rushbrook confirmed there was.

ACTION: Clerk to contact CCTV provider for quote for additional cameras, installation and setup.

Following a private party being advertised on social media platforms, Councillors had unanimously agreed to no longer accept bookings for specific milestone birthdays.

RESOLVED: that the Parish office would no longer take 16th, 18th or 21st birthday party bookings with immediate effect.

203 HALLS COMMITTEE

The approved Minutes from July 2021 were received for information only.

204 ROS COMMITTEE

The approved Minutes from September 21 were received for information only.

205 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Cllr Rushbrook said that he may have more vintage cars for the fete. Cllr Stewart was pleased to confirm that evening entertainment had been booked including a P.A. system for the whole day.

ACTION: Clerk to co-ordinate Zoom meeting for the working party within the next week.

206 PLANNING

The following planning applications were received including 2 after the agenda had been served to Councillors;

22/00477/FUL

Oakview Stud Farm

Lombard Street

Horton Kirby

Kent DA49DF

Change of use from Equestrian Land to Dog Training Centre

OBJECTION: Retrospective; Noise smells and disturbance to residents resulting from use; adequacy of parking; traffic generation/ highways safety.

22/00372/LDCEX

Woodlands Park

Three Gates Road

Fawkham Longfield

Kent DA3 8NZ

Confirmation of use of land for mixed use wargames, caravan and camp site and 3no. mobile homes (partially within HK & SD Parish)

OBJECTION: retrospective; inappropriate use of natural open space and designated local wildlife site and ancient woodland contrary to policies SP 10 and SP11 Of the core strategy; long history (over 20 years) of withdrawn or refused applications and has been subject to many planning enforcement investigations.

22/00431/FUL

Fighting Cocks

The Street

Horton Kirby

Kent DA4 9BY

Installation of shopping container within the Public Houses' grounds, to be used as an outdoor servery.

OBJECTION: Visual amenity/Design, appearance and materials; effect on conservation area

22/00631/HOUSE

21 Millstone Close

South Darenth

Kent DA4 9BJ

Single storey rear extension, demolition of existing conservatory and garage.

NO OBJECTION/COMMENT

208 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The updated NALC Model Financial Regulations document, which incorporates online banking safeguards was received by the Council.

RESOLVED: To adopt the updated NACL Model Financial Regulations document with the following amendments: page 13,8.3) excluded – copies of each statement of the Council's bank and investments providers is not required to be sent to the Chair at the same time as the Clerk/RFO.

Page 16, f) 'all sealed tenders shall be opened... in the presence of at least one member of the council or member of staff'.

ACTION: Clerk to update and note amendments

209 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Schedule of Accounts

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

ACTION: Clerk

210 WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/NEWSLETTER ITEMS

There were no items for discussion.

211 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4TH April 2022

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chair:

Date: