

Minutes of Horley Parish Council Meeting held 3rd August 2017

In attendance : Councillors Attfield, Barnwell, Cross, Curd, Hamer, Raper and Tite

Chairman : John Tite opened the meeting, welcoming all.

1. Apologies : D Marriott
2. Declaration of Interests: None
3. Minutes of last meeting were agreed, proposed JT, seconded by BB.
4. Matters arising : None
5. Finance : DR no comments, recommended for approval by DR seconded by MH.
6. Land adjoining the Old Council Houses: Still awaiting the OCC/Highways quotation. Propose a date at the next meeting for volunteers to clear the area as previous. DM to follow up with highways as the fence is rotten in places and could become unsightly and a hazard therefore needs attention.
7. Planning report: JT led this discussion, and reiterated that the Roger Freeman development was a retrospective development and a matter for the district council. A member of the public noted that the previous application had been withdrawn as not curtilage listed and has been re-submitted to planning and is now a live application. The Parish Council need to re-submit their comments, (DM).
BB confirmed it is an item on the agenda and would discuss the progress with DM.
J Naysmith has planning approved, details to be finalised.
Tree at Park Cottage : No objections
8. Charitable Applications: Guide Posts based in Witney, a worthy cause but outside PC therefore declined.
Soldiers of the Oxfordshire Trust – have a museum in Witney and researching into the ancestry/regiments in Oxfordshire of the Great War. Agreed a donation of £50.
9. Grass cutting: 2nd cut carried out 2nd week in June. An incident was mentioned whereby a broken window resulted in Stonecroft. Check any relevant insurances just to be sure we are covered should anything arise out of this incident.
10. Fireworks event in the village: 1 complaint received to the PC regarding lack of notification prior to the event. Suggested a notice outside the pub. The holder of the event notified the immediate neighbours but not the wider village. A text was sent to Debra Fox and it went on Facebook but not everyone has access to this social media. No reason not to hold events of this nature but better communication via Horley views, website, written on village notice board etc. Fireworks must be over by 11pm.
11. Parochial Church Meeting: Minutes were sent to Martin Hamer as he is on the church electoral roll even though he did not attend the meeting. Minutes are relevant to the PC and we would like to see them – no objection by D Kyle.
GC asked how full is the churchyard? Church wardens are confident that there is enough burial space for the foreseeable future therefore not a concern at present for the parish council.
D Kyle PCC grateful of the amount of £400 contribution to help the mowing costs, requested an increase to £500 . PC contribution has always been 50% of invoice. DR proposed in the next budget increase to £450 based on 50%.
D Kyle also raised the eroding verge along the graveyard wall in Church lane and would like to see the installation of kerbstones. PC will look into it as need justification to spend

village funds on a project. DM to write to previous contractor and the CC to obtain quotes etc.

12. Reports from external organisations, none

13. Date of next meeting is 16th November 2017.

14. Any other business, MH would like DM to write to the CC re Hornton Lane potholes as it is the main thoroughfare to the next village.

Meeting closed at 8.17pm.