

# MINUTES

## Horsley Parish Council Meeting Minutes

27 September 2022 | 19:30 | Marianne Simpson

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### 22/145 To note attendance

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Cllrs Kate Kay (Chair), Alistair Thomson, Chris Blackwell, Seb Howells, Christina McDonagh and Marianne Simpson (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Bryn Howells, Cllr David Walls, James Bowers, District Cllrs Natalie Bennett, Norman Kay, County Cllr Steve Robinson

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### 22/146 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

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None.

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### 22/147 Chair's announcements

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None.

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### 22/148 Approval of Minutes

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The minutes, previously circulated, of the last meeting held on 23 August 2022 were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by Cllr Kay.

However, the Clerk, who had not been at the meeting, noted that the minutes stated a resident said they had sent a letter requesting a copy of the accounts in early August. The Clerk noted that she had not received a letter but would send a copy of the accounts to the resident.

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### 22/149 Consider changes to the order of business

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None.

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The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to address the council

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There were no members of the public present.

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### 22/150 Reports from the County and District Councillors

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None.

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### 22/151 Consider the councillor vacancy

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The Clerk reported there had been 1 applicant who had expressed an interest in filling the vacancy and becoming a councillor, however the vacancy has not been published in the Horse's Mouth so a decision on this will be deferred until the October meeting, so that the vacancy can be properly advertised.

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### 22/152 Clerk's report and Correspondence

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The Clerk had confirmed a 1 year fixed rate plan for the Pavilion gas and electricity started on 25 September 2022. A 17% discount had been applied. It is likely the rates will be double the cost of last year. However, the council will get a reduction from the new government Energy Bill Relief Scheme from 1 Oct 22 – 31 March 22. Further details on this will follow.

The Clerk noted the Parish Council limited assurance review was completed on 26 September and the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for Horsley Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2022 was received. This will be formally reviewed at the October meeting. The Notice of conclusion of audit will be published for 14 days, to note that the AGAR is available for inspection.

The Clerk reported on the following correspondence received:

GCC highways has asked for orders for winter supplies and details on the snow warden. Cllr Blackwell said Horsley does not have a snow warden and any winter supplies needed can be purchased by the parish council.

The Clerk had spoken to Chris Uttley regarding the re-location of the SDC rain gauge onto the Horsley playing field. SDC will pay for the fencing. The rain gauge will take up a few square meters and the parish council can specify the location. Parishioners will be able to view the data. Cllr S Howells will liaise with Chris on the installation.

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## 22/153 Climate Emergency

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The Clerk reported that Gloucestershire County Council are rolling out a programme of EV charging points across the county but are finding that many on-street locations that have been assessed so far are proving problematic and have requested that the parish council put forward suggested locations for assessment. Council agreed that the Clerk requests the village hall car park and the SDC Holmridge car park opposite the pub are assessed.

Cllr Kay had met with the HCAN group who will be running talks over the next couple of months. Two talks have been scheduled, one on the Gloucestershire wildlife trust and one on men's mental health.

It was noted that a few trees in the Nutgrove in Sealey Wood have died. Council agreed to remove the dead trees and replace 3 trees. Cllr Blackwell to source 3 small trees and use the existing stakes.

Cllr Thomson to research eco options.

Cllr Kay noted the Governments recent announcement to relax planning laws in an attempt to drive growth and business investment. Gloucestershire County Council is in the first list of 38. The EU regulations to protect the environment could be scrapped.

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## 22/154 Consider the Village Hub project

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The discussion of the Village Hub project was deferred to the next meeting.

It was agreed that two car park signs be installed, one for the Village Hall car park and one by the pavilion parking.

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## 22/155 Update on the community shop

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Cllr Kay reported the shop now has a manager and an assistant manager so the shop can now open normal hours. However, they still need a Chairperson for the shop committee.

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## 22/156 Update on the play area

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Cllr Kay proposed the council consider planting a laurel hedge along the cemetery wall by the play area, as this could reduce the noise. Cllr Blackwell to provide pricing for a laurel or yew hedge.

**Action:** Cllr Bowers to identify any actions from the RoSPA inspection on the bike trail.

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## 22/157 Update on highways and footpaths

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Highways have painted the road but the new 20mph signs outside the school have still not been installed.

Cllr McDonagh is looking into the Nupend VAS operation and speaking to David Marsh regarding accessing the VAS data.

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## 22/158 Update on the burial ground

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A safety check on the gravestones in both the burial ground and the Church graveyard will be carried out and a report produced by the end of this week. A quote will be obtained for cleaning the war memorial.

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## 22/159 Update on the Gigaclear rollout

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Cllr S Howells gave an update. The roadworks now appear to be on schedule. He will contact gigaclear to find out what is happening in the areas which have had the ducting but have not been switched on.

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## 22/160 Report on planning decisions and planning applications

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### Planning Applications

S.22/1920/VAR The Old Orchard The Street Horsley - Removal of condition 4 (Ground Contamination, Controlled Waters and/or Ground Gas) from Planning Permission ref: S.20/2488/VAR.

No comment.

### Planning Decisions

S.22/1307/HHOLD Morning Cottage, Whiteway Bank, Downend - Erection of side extension. Permitted.

S.22/1369/FUL The Retreat, Shiptons Grave Lane, Barton End - Erection of stables, feed store & tack room & formation of riding arena. Granted.

Cllr McDonagh had been made aware that the landscaping has not been carried out at Folly Cottage, between the path and the drive and the bottom of the path needs to be re-instated. The parish council to write and ask when the work will be completed.

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## 22/161 Authorise payments of the parish council and receive financial matters

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The following payments made between meetings were ratified:

date	payee	description	total	pay
01/09/2022	NEST	Clerk pension (Aug)	£13.59	DD
23/09/2022	British Gas	Pavilion elect	£401.60	DD
12/09/2022	British Gas	Pavilion gas	£37.60	DD

There were no payments received between meetings.

Council approved the accounts for payment:

date	payee	description	VAT	total
08/09/2022	Golden Stones Gardening	Grounds Maintenance Burial ground	£192	£1184
08/09/2022	Golden Stones Gardening	Grounds Maintenance Nutgrove	£32	£160
08/09/2022	HM Prison And Probation Service	Leyhill supervised work party 12/4/22	£40	240
26/09/2022	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Limited assurance review of Annual Governance & Accountability Return for year ended 31 March 2022	£60	£360

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22/162 Councillor items for future discussion

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CLLr Kay to carry out a poll on street lighting using Everything Horsley to canvas views.

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22/163 Date of Next Meeting

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The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in the Village Hall.

*Meeting closed at 21:30*

Chair's signature..... Date .....