

MINUTES

Horsley Parish Council Meeting Minutes

25 April 2023 | 19:30 | Marianne Simpson

23/062 To note attendance

Alistair Thomson (Acting Chair), David Walls, , Chris Blackwell, Seb Howells, James Bowers, and County Cllr Steve Robinson, District Cllr Natalie Bennett and Marianne Simpson (Clerk).

Also present: 1 member of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Kate Kay, Christina McDonagh, Bryn Howells, Matt Peters, and District Cllr Norman Kay

23/063 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

None.

23/064 Chair's announcements

None.

23/065 Approval of Minutes

The minutes, previously circulated, of the last meeting held on 28 March 2023 were confirmed as a true record, with the correction of "There is £1000 per county councillor area for grit bins", not "SDC councillor area", and were signed by Cllr Thomson.

23/066 Consider changes to the order of business

None.

Meeting adjourned for members of the public to address the Council

One member of the public, Simon Allen (representing HCAN) was present. He reported that progress is being made on the cycling and walking proposals for Horsley, and the group has met with LHM Paul Helbrow to discuss options and asked whether the parish council would support an application to the SDC cycling and walking fund. Cllr McDonagh has met with the flood warden. The Horsley festival idea is progressing and an edition of the HCAN newsletter has been produced.

23/067 Reports from the County and District Councillors

County Cllr Robinson had circulated a report prior to the meeting. Cllr Thomson noted the concern regarding the 101 privatised service. At a recent meeting at GCC, it was reported that, on one occasion, there was only one doctor serving the Out of Hours for the whole of Gloucestershire. This is an extremely worrying situation. NHS Gloucestershire's answer is that residents should go to A&E or call an ambulance. Cllr Robinson has noticed potholes on The Street in Horsley and has requested they are repaired. It is in the programme, but he thinks he may have to make a contribution from his Local Highways Budget 2024/25 to bring the work forward. Cllr Thomson noted that the potholes do slow the traffic down.

The Clerk asked Cllr Robinson for clarity on the GCC 20mph blanket zone, as other parishes are signing the pledge for 20mph through their villages. Cllr Robinson said GCC are not supporting the 20mph blanket limit in villages and town centres but parishes can ask for a 20mph speed limit if the traffic data meets the requirements, but they will need a TRO.

Cllr Robinson is keen to progress the double yellow lines at the Cross in Horsley and on Narrowcut Lane. The Clerk asked if who was paying for the yellow lines. Cllr Robinson said the parish would pay towards it, as the TRO is to cover several areas so the parish council will need to contribute. Cllr Robinson to let the parish council know the likely cost.

23/068 Clerk's report and Correspondence

The Clerk's report and all correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting and confirmed.

23/069 Consider commitments towards climate change and biodiversity

CLlr Thomson said the parish council is likely to support the cycling and walking bid.

23/070 Update on the Village Hub project

CLlr Walls reported that the contractors have started demolition of the side wall by the old stone garages, as the Jubb report stated that the walls between the churchyard and the back of the sheds are not structurally sound. The Clerk has written to Rev Caroline Bland to notify that the stone garage is being demolished as it is a safety issue. Rev Caroline has asked if the wall is to be rebuilt. CLlr Walls confirmed it is to be rebuilt to the height of the existing stone wall that extends along to the play area.

The garages are likely to be demolished in mid-May. The work on the track will then start and will take about a month as it will be carried out in stages so that it does not have to be completely closed. It should be completed by the end of June, prior to the school summer holidays.

CLlr David Walls had prepared a written update on the community shop prior to the meeting. There was nothing further to report.

23/071 Update on the play area

The Bike Trail Safety Sign has been put up.

The need for repairs to the play area following reports of worn equipment was discussed; the chicken and cat rockers need to be replaced and the log steps are rotten. CLlr S Howells had obtained quotes for the replacement rockers. The supply and installation of grass matting has also been quoted for under the rockers. CLlr Blackwell suggested it may be better to improve the entrance to the play area by building up the level and adding a stone layer, as the entrance is lower than the rest of the area and water puddles. Action: CLlr Blackwell to obtain a quote for the entrance improvement and to list any further work, as required.

The Clerk reported that the Rospa report has not been received. Once this is received CLlr Blackwell to review what other works are needed in the play area.

23/072 Update on highways and footpaths

Both VAS signs on The Street are working. Report on data deferred to next meeting. No update on date for speed checks or on training for the Horsley Community Speedwatch group.

23/073 Update on the burial ground

The Clerk reported that SDC have confirmed that the double fees should be charged for anyone who did not live in Horsley, no discretion is to be given. Councillors unanimously agreed.

23/074 Update on the Gigaclear rollout

CLlr S Howells gave an update on the Gigaclear rollout. No roadworks are planned. CLlr Howells to contact the Gigaclear project manager to seek clarity on their rollout plans and to request that all Horsley works are completed as soon as possible as scheduled works are constantly being delayed.

23/075 Report on planning decisions and planning applications

Planning applications

No planning applications.

Planning decisions:

23/0558/DISCON 2 Park View, Nupend- Discharge of condition 4 (method statement) from permitted application S.22/2488/LBC. Compliance.

23/0443/DISCON 2 Park View, Nupend- Discharge of condition 6 (bat method statement) from permitted application S.22/2488/LBC. Compliance.

23/076 Website update

The website is progressing but needs better photographs. The Clerk noted that the existing website is still being used and the council approved payment for any ongoing costs for the old website.

23/77 Authorise payments of the parish council and receive financial matters

77.1 Payments made between meetings were ratified:

date	payee	description	total	VAT	pay
05/04/2023	L McLaughlin	Pavilion cleaning (March)	£165.00	0	FPO
08/03/2023	HMRC	HMRC Tax	£25.65	0	FPO
12/04/2023	NEST	Clerk pension (March)	£36.68	0	DD
31/03/2023	British Gas	Pavilion Gas Pavilion gas	£75.47		DD
27/03/2023	British Gas	Pavilion Gas Pavilion electricity	£341.42		DD
18/04/2023	A R Plumbing	Pavilion gas boiler service	£78.00	£13.00	FPO
20/04/2023	ICO	Information Commissioners Office annual subs ZB326957			DD

77.2 Payments received between meetings:

Allen-White Funeral directors £438

Fred Stevens Funeral directors £2088

Interest £106.82

77.3 Payments for authorisation were approved:

date	payee	description	VAT	total
06/04/2023	Golden Stones	Burial ground maintenance 21/01 to 20/03/2023	£140.00	£840.00
18/04/2023	Clare Perla	Payroll Jan-March 2023	0	£45.00
19/04/2023	Joe Price	Gravedigger plot B4-003 on 21/3 and plot B-004 on 31/3	0	£1150.00
01/04/2023	ICCM	Institute of Cemetery Management annual subs	0	£95.00
19/04/2023	SLCC	Society of Local Council Clerks annual subs	0	£80.24
19/04/2023	SLCC	Climate change summit 26 April	£12.00	£72.00

Council noted the Golden Stones Grounds Maintenance hourly rate was increasing by £5 on 1st May, to £25/hour. This was approved and it was noted this was the first increase for 6 or 7 years. Cllr Blackwell agreed to continue maintaining the play area and burial ground but requested the Clerk obtain quotes for the work to start next year.

77.4 Council approved the Year End bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2023 and the Year End budget vs spend.

77.5 Council received the Accounts 2022-23 (unaudited).

77.6 Council noted the Public Work Loans Board (PWLB) Loan total outstanding balance = £49,956.84

£ 1,428.80 due 14 May and 14 November annually. Interest rate 4.57%. Maturity date 14/05/2058

23/078 Consider coronation events

Cllr Blackwell reported that a beacon will be lit in Barton End on Saturday 6th May at 7:00pm to mark the coronation. A bring your own picnic lunch on Monday 8th May is being arranged by community volunteers on the playing field.

Action: Clerk to notify the insurers.

23/079 Councillor items for future discussion

Cllr Thomson noted there was a football match in progress during the meeting and there were 29 cars parked outside in the Village Hall car park and on the track. Some attendees at the parish council meeting had to park some distance away.

23/080 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 20:40

Chair's signature..... Date