

# MINUTES

## Horsley Parish Council Meeting Minutes

27 February 2024 | 19:30 |

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### 24/16 To note attendance

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Cllrs Kate Kay (Chair) Alistair Thomson, Chris Blackwell, Christina McDonagh, Matt Peters, David Walls, Seb Howells

Apologies: County Cllr Steve Robinson District Cllrs Natalie Bennett, Parish Cllrs James Bowers, Miranda Waller and Marianne Simpson (Clerk)

One member of the public were in attendance to announce that there would be an open invitation to attend a tour of the 'leaky dam' site on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm starting from Sugley Farm.

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### 24/17 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

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None.

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### 24/18 Chair's announcements

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Cllr Kay reported that our Clerk, Marianne Simpson hoped to return to work at the beginning of April, but would help in the meantime to prepare the annual accounts for audit and consolidating the Election papers.

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### 24/19 Approval of Minutes

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The minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January were approved.

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### 24/20 Consider changes to the order of business

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### 24/21 Reports from the County and District Councillors

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District Cllr Robinson is away overseas but it was reported that the Gloucestershire County Council budget had been agreed and rates would be increasing by 4.99%. Stroud District Council have been given leave to pause their local plan while discussion takes place around the building around J13 of M5.

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### 24/22 Chair's report and Correspondence

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None

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### 24/23 Update on Highway Matters

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Downend Lane Road Barrier - following the action agreed at the January meeting Cllr McDonagh had consulted with local residents and drafted a letter to GCC. This was agreed but it was suggested that it should be sent together with some photographs for the record.

**ACTION: Cllr McDonagh**

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## 24/24 WALKING and CYCLING PROJECT

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Cllr Walls confirmed that work had started on the Purple route and the Blue route should be completed by the next meeting. Costs are coming in within budget and it is hoped there might be a surplus.

He reported that unfortunately Sport England had refused the grant which would have contributed to the Cycling Project.

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## 24/25 Horsley Cultural Festival

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The Festival finished on February 25<sup>th</sup> and has been a great success. Around 1500 bookings had been made and some events had attendances of 100 people. The Council wished to congratulate the organisers and contributors for an excellent festival that had showcased the creative talent in the village.

With the grants received and donations / tickets, it is expected that they will be a surplus of income over expenditure. When the final accounts have been prepared, it was agreed that the Parish Council would record this and hold it for a future Festival.

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## 24/26 May Elections

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Applications for nominations were handed out at the meeting to councillors and it is hoped that all will stand. The Clerk will arrange to collate the nominations and take to SDC in early April.

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## 24/27 Report on planning matters

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Planning Applications:

S.23/2425/Ful – Ruskin Mill, Park Wood ~ this application was withdrawn on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Cllr Thomson had prepared a draft letter to go to SDC, but Cllr Peters reported that Ruskin Mill would resubmit when an Eco report had been completed. It was agreed this would be brought up at the next meeting

S23/2406/HHold. – This has been withdrawn and is unlikely to be reinstated.

There was no comment on the three outstanding planning applications S24/0303, S24/0247 and S24/2580.

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## 24/28 To consider Financial Matters

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It was agreed that Cllr McDonagh would be added to the Lloyds Bank authorisation signatories: The Clerk would be asked if she could arrange for this to be done.

Cllr Howells advised that a quotation had been received from Mr Ian Selkirk to audit the accounts for £145. He has provided an excellent service in the past and Cllr Howells proposed we should engage him for 2024. Cllr Blackwell seconded; agreed unanimously.

Expenditure made since the 31st January 24 meeting and the ones that are to be made are as follows:

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	TOTAL £	VAT £	MODE
05/02/24	H Oliver	Cleaning	£144.00		
08/02/24	Village Hall	Festival Deposit	£50.00		

08/02/24	C Miller	Horsley Festival	£205.89		
08/02/24	Siren Alarms	Pavilion Alarm Contract	£216.00		
08/02/24	Goldenstones	Graveyard Maintenance	£810.00		
12/02/24	Britsih Gas	DD	65.16		
20/02/24	H Oliver	Cleaning	£72.00		
20/02/24	D Walls	Replace LED Strip in Pavilion	£15.00		
23/02/24	British Gas	DD	£678.09		
25/2/24	Water Plus		193.99		
26/02/24	C Miller	Horsley Festival	£292.00		
26/02/24	Village Hall	Horsley Festival	£415.57		

**PAYMENTS PENDING/TO BE MADE**

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	TOTAL £	VAT £	MODE
29/2/24	E Guilfoyle	Sealey Wood Tree	£920.00		

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24/29 Councillor items for future discussion

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None

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24/30 Date of Next Meeting

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The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26 March 2024 in the Village Hall.

*Meeting closed at 20.30 p.m.*

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