

HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 19 July 2017 in the Old School 7.30pm

1. APOLOGIES - Cllr Pip Florance – Cllr Jill Peters – District Cllr Mrs E Gibson-Harries

Present – Cllrs Hav Wilkins (Chairman) – Keith Hawes, Christine Cooper, Lawrence Weaver, Celia Morphett.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN – Hav Wilkins proposed Keith Hawes seconded by Lawrence Weaver. No other nominations proposed. All in favour and Mr Hawes accepted the office of vice-chairman and signed the declaration of office.

3. REPORTS – No report available from Mrs Gibson-Harries.

Mr McGregor sent via e-mail – Budget pressures remain difficult to sustain as there will be no increase in Council Tax Policy in future years.

At an earlier meeting Mr McGregor said he would look into the possibility to make alterations to the junction where the C520 joins the B1117 at the top end of the street in the interest of road safety. No contact with Mr McGregor on this.

4. MINUTES of meeting 24 May 2017 were signed by the Chairman

5. MATTERS ARISING – no matters arising from previous minutes

6. CORRESPONDENCE - Locality Grant Funding is available via Mrs Gibson-Harries – Old school committee will possibly apply.

MSDC Electoral Review of Mid Suffolk – The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out an electoral review of MSDC, the review will draw new council ward boundaries across MS. The commission has announced the council should have 34 councillors 6 fewer than at present. Parish Council would like the boundary to stay the same as now with no reduction in district councillors.

SCC Network Assurance Team – The network Assurances Team processes temporary traffic light licences, public event orders and temporary traffic regulations orders such as road closures, speed restriction and one-way restriction for Suffolk Highways. From 1st July 2017 the Network Assurance Team will no longer email copies of legal notices or orders to parish clerks or county councillors.

MSDC Tour of Britain – The Men's Tour of Britain stage 6 Newmarket to Aldeburgh is coming through Horham 8th September – Funding is available to help parishes towards events planned for the day. The Old School committee hope to arrange an event during the day.

MSDC Planning Pre-application Advice – As from 1st July 2017 Mid Suffolk Planning will introduce charges for advice on pre-planning applications for both individual householders and housing developers. The fees will be on a sliding scale depending on the type of advice offered

7. TELEPHONE KIOSK – Due to various factors work on the glass panels has been delayed but it is hoped progress will be made in the autumn.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Potholes – a letter was sent to Cllr Finch outlining our frustration that potholes and general maintenance of our highways is not being carried out. In his reply Cllr Finch states that the County Council are repairing smaller-sized potholes than they did in the past and that the 6,618 kilometre road network is improving overall in Suffolk.

9 PLANNING –

Application 1797/17 - Little Meadow Farm Stradbroke Road Horham To convert a goat shed to commercial dairy to process goat's milk and produce cheese, yoghurt and ice-cream for sale from the site.

PC approve – with reservations to highway access.

Application 5023/16 – Application for outline planning permission for the erection of one two-storey dwelling and separate garage. Barnacre, Worlingworth Road, Horham **MSDC permission refused**. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision to refuse permission.

10. FINANCE – Bank balances held @ 30 June 2017

C/A £1453.93 – NSI 881.06 Business £101.63

11. ACCOUNTS – Internal Audit Report was conducted by Helen Bartholomew and there were no issues arising within the accounts. The Annual Return and supporting paperwork has been completed and forwarded to BDO.

12. PAYMENTS - The following payments were approved – Proposed Cllr Christine Cooper seconded by Cllr Keith Hawes

Mr H Wilkins – Fuel for mower £20.53

MSDC – Litter Bin emptying –£36.00

Helen Bartholomew – Fees for Internal audit - £35.00 increased fee – proposed by Cllr Hav Wilkins seconded by Cllr Celia Morphett

Mrs A Wilkins - Documents folders – £15.44

13. RAISED BY COUNCILLORS – MSDC Liaison meeting 27 June was attend by Cllr Cooper and the Chairman. Cllr Weaver said there is a deep pothole on B1117 opposite Thorpe Hall Road which could pose a danger especially to two wheeled vehicles. The Clerk asked Cllr Weaver if he would report the pothole as he knows the exact location.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING confirmed Wednesday 20 September 2017

As there was no further business the meeting closed 9.01pm

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