

## **HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HORMEAD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM**

Present: John Haselden (JNH) - Chairman  
Charlotte Benson (CB)  
Robert E Denham (RED)  
David Ginn (DG)  
John D Kilby (JDK)  
Peter Pryor (PP)

Marty Kilby (Clerk)  
  
In attendance  
Rev Carol Kimberley

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Jackie King; CC Jane Pitman; DC Rose Cheswright.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors declared interest in the following areas: Cllr David Ginn - Village Hall; Cllr John Haselden - The Meads.

#### **3. MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2008, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

#### **4. FINANCE**

##### **4.1. Finance report**

The finance report was before Council and noted. Donation to Leapfrogs to be added to the report. There were no cheques to be signed

##### **4.2. Budget 2009/2010**

Agreed to have a separate finance committee meeting to discuss the budget and precept for 2009/2010. Meeting will be on Thursday 6 November 2008 at 7.30 pm and will be at Cllr Charlotte Benson's home.

#### **THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS AT 8.20 PM**

David Winkworth and Lorraine joined Council to discuss the licence between the Parish Council and Hormead Hares relating to The Meads grounds and Pavilion.

After discussion the terms of the licence were agreed and the Clerk to send the revised document to Hormead Hares for final agreement.

The Chairman and Clerk to meet with Dave Winkworth on Thursday 11 Sept at 7.00 pm in the pavilion to discuss a refurbishment plan for the premises, in particular the kitchen area.

#### **THE MEETING WAS REOPENED AT 9.00 PM**

#### **5. PLANNING**

##### **5.1. Planning issues**

The planning report was before the Council and noted.

##### **5.2. Land adjacent to 5 Hall Lane, Gt Hormead**

Reduction of site boundary. No objection but noted that this created a possible access to land behind the site which might become the subject of further development in the future.

##### **5.3. Land adjacent to Gelders, Gt Hormead**

Demolition of piggeries and erection of new dwelling. No objection but Council would like to see a separate vehicular access to the site if there were no Highways Department objections.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence log was before the Council and noted.

## **7. HIGHWAYS**

### **7.1. Village signs**

Noted that there were possibilities of obtaining grants for village signs. Agreed that all councillors would come to the November meeting with suggestions of types of village signs.

### **7.2. Speeding**

The Police to be asked to set a date for speed camera checks in the villages, focusing on both ends of Hare Street on the B1368, and approaching the School.

## **8. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

### **8.1. Meeting with Co-Op Farm managers**

Cllr Benson and Cllr Kilby, together with the Clerk had met the Co-Op farm managers on 14 July and discussed ways in which improvements could be made to the current bridleways and footpaths across Co-Op land. Since that productive meeting, it has been learned that the Co-Op land within the parish is being sold, so from a practical point of view no further progress will be able to be made until the future of the land is known.

### **8.2. Footpath 12**

The field over which footpath 12 runs has recently been ploughed by the Co-Op and not reinstated. Co-Op to be asked to reinstate as soon as possible.

### **8.3. Footpath 24**

The footpath between Faylands and Worsted Lane was cut some 4 weeks ago and no reinstatement has yet taken place, despite Scotts being asked several times by the Clerk. Clerk to contact Warren Scott again and ask for reinstatement as soon as possible.

## **9. THE MEADS**

### **9.1. Licence agreement**

The licence agreement with the HHFC had been agreed.

### **9.2. Maintenance of ground**

The Council to consider a once yearly programme of reducing the rabbit and mole activity on the Meads. The Council also to consider provision and storage of top soil to enable the HHHFC and the CC to fill in holes on the pitch when necessary.

## **10. PICNIC TABLES AT SCHOOL**

Cllr King had asked the Clerk to obtain an estimate from Steven Ruff to refurbish the two picnic tables at the School. Steven Ruff had reported that they were too damaged for him to repair or refurbish.

## **11. MAJOR INCIDENT EMERGENCY PLAN**

East Herts District Council had circulated the Parish/Town Emergency Plans which are required to be completed and submitted. Clerk to complete the forms for approval by the Chairman before submission.

## **12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Chairman** Nothing further to report.

**CB** **Highways and bridleways** - Nothing further to report

**DG** **Police** - Nothing further to report

**JK** **School** - Nothing submitted for report

**JDK** **Village Hall and footpaths** - JDK had nothing to report. Cllr Ginn said that he believed that trees had been removed from the Village Hall land without Conservation Area permission. JDK said DG was incorrect in his information. Agreed the Clerk would ask the Village Hall Committee to respond.

**PP** **Web** - Noted that grants up to £250 might be available for construction of a

website and that the Clerk will apply.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 13 November 2008 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.  
The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

*Marty Kilby*  
*Clerk to the Council*

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_