

HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HORMEAD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 8 MAY 2008 COMMENCING AT 8.00PM.

Present: John Haselden (JNH) - Chairman
Charlotte Benson (CB)
Robert Denham (RED)
Jacqueline King (JK)
John D Kilby (JDK)
Peter Pryor (PP)

Marty Kilby (Clerk)

In attendance
CSPO Amanda Higham and colleague
County Cllr Jane Pitman (from 8.00 pm)

ACTION

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr David Ginn (illness).

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2008-2009

Cllr Robert Denham proposed by J Kilby, no seconder. Cllr John Haselden proposed by Peter Pryor and seconded by Jackie King. After a majority vote Cllr John Haselden was voted Chairman.

AGREED Cllr JN Haselden continue as Chairman for 2008-2009.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors declared interest in the following areas: Cllrs Jackie King: Bulls Farm; Cllr Peter Pryor: Bulls Farm; Cllr John Haselden: The Meads.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2008, having been previously circulated were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

5. PLANNING

5.1 Planning issues

The planning report was before the Council and noted.

5.2. Bulls Farm, Little Hormead

EHC Planning had confirmed that land can be used for motorcycling for 28 days per year without planning permission. Council thought that the public enquiry had particularly ruled that no motorcycling at all would be allowed on the site. Clerk asked to obtain clarification.

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5.3. Government handling of planning applications

The way in which planning areas (such as tree preservation) would be handling in future were before the meeting and noted.

5.4. Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation

The consultation paper on proposed Gypsy and Traveller accommodation in the county and East Herts in particular was before the meeting and noted.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence log was before the Council and noted.

7. FINANCE

7.1. Financial Report

Year end 31 March 2008 finance report was before the Council and approved.

7.2. Cheques

The listed cheques were signed.

7.3. Citizens Advice Bureau

A request for funding had been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau. Council were very supportive of the CAB, but it was not thought appropriate to spend Parish funds on a national organisation.

7.4. Allianz Insurance

Noted the Allianz Insurance renewal had been received, with the premium being less than the budgeted amount. The Renewal was accepted.

8. HIGHWAYS

8.1. School Keep Clear Marking restrictions

Noted that these came into force on 28 April 2008.

9. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

9.1. Bird Scarers and Gas Guns

Complaints had been received from parishioners in Willow Close, stating that gas guns were starting at 5.30 in the morning. The same landowner also had been the subject of complaints about bird scarers and gas guns on land south of North End Farm. The Clerk had met the landowner in question who maintained that his guns were timed to start at 7.00 am. Clerk to check with Willow Close parishioners and ascertain current state. Some of the bird scarers had been moved back from Byway 15, but Cllr CB considered they were still too near for the safety of horse riders (most of them children).

10. THE MEADS

10.1. Hormead Hares FC

A draft agreement for the Hares will be circulated to Councillors who were asked to return it with comments to the Clerk by 16 May. The updated draft agreement would be sent to HHFC for comment in order to facilitate finalisation by end May.

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10.2. Cricket Club

The Chairman had reached agreement with the cricket club that their rental would be £400 per annum and a draft agreement to be drawn up.

AGREED: To draw up agreement for Cricket Club and the usage fee to be £400 for the 2008 season.

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10.3. Exclusive Use

Noted that a usage schedule will need to be posted on the notice board at the entrance of the Meads indicating to the public on what days specific areas were being rented out for exclusive use.

10.4. Refurbishment of kitchen

Agreed: to wait until agreement signed by the HHFC before commencing kitchen refurbishment for specific user requirements

10.5. Fencing of Meads

The barbed wire fencing on the eastern side of the Meads between Warren Scott land and the Parish land was in poor condition and in places had fallen to the ground. Clerk to liaise with Warren Scott to establish ownership of fence and repair.

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11. BT PUBLIC PAYPHONES

The three public payphones in the parish were scheduled for removal by BT because of lack of use. Agreed Clerk to find out available options and email to all councillors – closing date for comment being 4 June.

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12. HERTS ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCIL

12.1. HAPTC Executive Committee

No nominations were put forward for representatives to the HAPTC Executive Committee.

12.2. Chairmanship Skills Course

JNH would attend the course.

12.3. HAPTC AGM

Noted that the AGM would be on 18 June 2008.

13. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Chairman

Nothing to add

CB

Nothing to add

RED

Reported on Herts Police meeting explaining 2008 policy held at WGC. In the absence of DG, will attend the locality meeting, together with JNH. Clerk to email details.

JDK

Village of the Year Competition entered. The Dog Show to support the village hall had been very successful with £326 profit. The fingerpost signs were in hand, and the footpath map will be started in July.

JK

The after-schools club should be self-financing. It was agreed that JK could call on budgeted funds for support if needed.

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PP

Agreed to investigate different website providers. Suggestions sent to Clerk

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 3 July 2008 in the Village Hall
The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Marty Kilby
Clerk to the Council

Signed _____

Date _____