

HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HORMEAD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM

Present: John Haselden (JNH) - Chairman
Charlotte Benson (CB)
Robert E Denham (RED)
Cllr David Ginn
Jacqueline King (JK)
John D Kilby (JDK)

Marty Kilby (Clerk)
In attendance
Rev Carol Kimberley
10 members of the public
CPC A Higham (until 8.00 pm)

ACTION

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Peter Pryor (PP)

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 4 September 2008, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

4. PLANNING

4.1. Planning issues

The planning report was before the Council and noted.

4.2. Rosebank, Willow Close, Gt Hormead

3/08/1693/FP/CD First floor rear extension
No objections

4.3. Westons, Horseshoe Hill, Gt Hormead

3/08/1732/LB/NB Reinstatement of entrance door in original place
No objections

4.4. Barkway Park Golf Club

Redevelopment of Golf Practice Range and Golf Academy using imported inert material. The proposed route for vehicles was down the A10 and through Barkway, and did not follow any road through Hormead Parish. Cllrs wish to seek assurance that commercial vehicles use the proposed route, and want to know how this route is to be monitored.

4.5. Thatched Cottage, Conduit Lane, Gt Hormead

3/08/1166/FP/SE New window to gable end
No objections

4.6. Dane End House, Gt Hormead

3/08/1833/FP/SE Extension to boundary wall
No objections
(Cllr DG abstained)

4.7. Anstey Quarry

3/1182-00 Variation of vehicle movements
Current permission had vehicle movements limited to 164 per week outside chalk extraction. The application had no weekly limit and could result in 494 vehicle movements per week. Council objected in the strongest possible terms to this application and asked that the weekly limit be less than the current 164 per week.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence log was before the Council and noted

6. FINANCE

6.1 Finance Report

The report was before the meeting and approved >

6.2 Precept 2009-2010

After considering all the proposals, it was proposed to reduce the precept by £2,500 to £12,500.

Proposed: Cllr Benson; Seconded: Cllr Denham
Carried unanimously.

6.3. School Picnic Tables

Quotation received for repair of the two outside picnic tables at the school for £129.56. Agreed the Parish Council would fund this expense. Cllr King to arrange repair and monies to be sent to her for reimbursement.

08/15
JK

7. HIGHWAYS

7.1. Village signs

There were nine entrances to the three villages in the parish. Agreed that all councillors would consider possibilities of types of village signs, with the intention of indicating start of the villages and reducing speed of traffic. Agreed this would be a separate meeting and Cllrs to agree a suitable date by email.

08/16
All

7.2. Worsted Lane

Cllr Denham reported that Worsted Lane was used by horses and the horse droppings polluted the road. Cllr Denham also stated there were at least two deposits of manure on the pavements by the bus stop and outside Faylands Cottages in Hare Street, both sites were used by pedestrians. Cllr Denham queried the right of horses to use pavements. He suggested that riders be responsible for cleaning the road and pavements just as dog owners were. Cllr Denham's remarks were noted. It was suggested to Cllr Denham that he could put a note of his thoughts in the parish newsletter, but they would be from him as an individual and not as a Parish Councillor.

7.3. Parking on Pavements

Cllr Denham said there was a growing problem of people parking their cars on pavements in Hare Street including Warner's Garage (who gave this as the main reason for applying for planning permission for the car park behind the garage.) All cars partly parked on pavements cause problems to pedestrians using the footways. A possible hazard to pedestrians was also caused by drivers crossing pavements to get to their front gardens when there was no dedicated highway crossing.

Agreed clerk to ascertain

1. Planning relations regarding crossing the pavement without a highway access.
2. Highway regulations about parking on pavements
3. Put reminders of results in the Newsletter.

08/17
Clerk

8. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

8.1. Reinstatement of Rights of Way after Agricultural Work

Many complaints had been received about the ploughing up of footpaths and bridleways and non-reinstatement after agricultural work. Clerk to contact landowners in the parish to ascertain the need for ploughing up paths and to endeavour to develop relationships so that both land-owners and people using the rights of way are least discommoded.

08/18
Clerk

9. THE MEADS

9.1. Licence agreement

The licence agreement with the HHFC had been signed. Cllr Kilby asked that the Parish Council be given sight of the accounts as detailed in the licence agreement.

Clerk to ensure that payment is made by standing order/direct debit on 20th each month as detailed in the licence agreement.

08/19
Clerk

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS AT 9.10 PM

The meeting was suspended whilst discussions took place with members of the public regarding the use of the Meads by Hornead Hares Football Club.

THE MEETING RECOMMENCED AT 9.30 PM

9.2. Meads generally

Clerk was asked to ascertain who owned the land used as the visitors car park beside Faylands (suggested to be Stort Valley Housing Association).

08/20
Clerk

Clerk asked to contact Scott and Son and ask them to clean and tidy the car park entrance beside Faylands. Scott and Sons also to be asked to reinstate the footpath across Faylands, trim the hedges and clear the litter on their land.

08/21
Clerk

Clerk to arrange for erection of notices asking the public to ensure their dogs do not foul the Meads, particularly the play or sports areas, and to remove any mess their dogs make. The contact details of the EHDC Dog Warden to be displayed.

08/22
Clerk

9.3. Top Soil

Clerk to get quotes for a delivery of topsoil to infill rabbit and mole holes.

08/23
Clerk

10. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The Freedom of Information Act had been circulated to councilors.

Resolved To adopt the model Publication Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Proposed: J N Haselden; Seconded: R E Denham. Carried unanimously

11. CONSERVATION ARE AND TREE PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

Council were reminded of the conservation areas and the requirements relating to trees in the conservation area. Agreed that all Councillors to suggest areas where trees might be planted, and Cllr Ginn to suggest types of trees that were particularly suitable. An item asking for tree planting suggestions to be put in the next Newsletter

08/24
Clerk

12. NEWSLETTER

Cllr Denham asked whether councilors were allowed to write letters and articles for the newsletter. It was noted that if councilors wished to write personal views then they were entirely at liberty so to do, but needed to be explicit about this in the article and clearly state that any views were their own and not necessarily those of the Council (unless they had been directly asked to put an item in the newsletter).

12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Chairman On 31 October the litter and salt bin on Horseshoe Hill had been damaged, the Chairman would attempt to contact the parents of the children concerned.

Damage had been done to a litter bin and glass broken in the play area following the firework part at the School. The HHFC, Chairman, and Clerk had cleared up. Clerk to purchase a replacement litter bin.

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

DG **Police** – Crime figures were reported as coming down.

JK **School** – The Head teacher was to retire at Christmas and the School was seeking a replacement.

JDK **Village Hall and footpaths** – The Village Hall planning was not at a stage where a report was appropriate. There was a good events programme for the coming year.

PP **Web** – A £250 grant had been received, and the website was near completion.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8 January 2009 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Clerk to circulate proposed dates of meetings for 2009/10 for agreement.

08/25
Clerk

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Marty Kilby

Clerk to the Council

Signed _____

Date _____