

HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HORMEAD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 10 JANUARY 2008 COMMENCING AT 8.00PM.

Present: John Haselden (JNH) - Chairman
Charlotte Benson (CB)
Robert Denham (RED)
David Ginn (DG)
Jacqueline King (JK)

John D Kilby (JDK)
Peter Pryor (PP)
Marty Kilby (Clerk)

In attendance
Revd C Kimberley

ACTION

1. APOLOGIES

None received

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors declared interest in the following areas: Cllrs Jackie King and Peter Pryor: Bulls Farm; Cllr David Ginn: Village Hall; Cllr Robert Denham: Howe Engineering; Cllr John Haselden: The Meads.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2007, having been previously circulated were commented on as follows: RED requested that under minute 17 Other Urgent Business, the wording should read: Not discussed rather than None. This was agreed and the minutes amended. The minutes were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

The action list previously circulated was noted. The Clerk asked to resend the précis of the Village Hall document.

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Clerk

5. HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS

Amendments to the Standing Orders had been circulated in November. There being no amendments, it was proposed (JDK) and seconded (JK) that:

Agreed: The amended Standing Orders be adopted from 10 January 2008 (copy attached)

6. PLANNING

6.1 Planning issues

The planning report was before the Council and noted.

6.2. Flint Cottage, Andersons Lane, Gt Hormead

Proposed porch and ground floor extension

AGREED No comment.

6.3. Gelders, Conduit Lane, Gt Hormead

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of single detached dwelling

After much discussion it was agreed by a majority that:

AGREED Proposed dwelling too big and not in keeping with the environment.
Concern about the proposed vehicular access on an already dangerous bend

6.4. Dane End House, Conduit Lane, Gt Hormead

New boundary walls to match existing

AGREED No objection

6.5. White House Lodge, Hare Street

Erection of garden shed (RED asked that his objection to the proposal be noted)

AGREED Concern expressed on large size and use of shed, but no objection.

6.5. Conistons, 1 Pelham Road, Gt Hormead

Noted that owner of Conistons had requested sight of all Parish Council minuted information on his dwelling. This had been sent by the Clerk.

6.6. Bulls Farm, Little Hormead

The previously buried vehicles had been excavated and were stacked waiting removal. After discussed Clerk instructed to ask when the vehicles would be removed. Noted that a lorry had been parked for many years in the field, Clerk instructed to ascertain the legality of such vehicle parking.

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Clerk

- 6.7. Conservation area** **07/52**
Clerk
Clerk to ascertain planning regulations in force within the Hornead Conservation Area.
- 7. CORRESPONDENCE**
- 7.1** The correspondence log was before the Council. On particular correspondence: **07/53**
Clerk
RED and JNH requested copies of the Register of Electors.
Agreed not to submit photographs of Hornead Parish for the CPRE Calendar
The Policing Plan 2008-2011 was noted.
- 7.2. Neighbourhood Watch**
Noted that the Police Community Support Officer Amanda Higham had a further leaflet going out with the January village newsletter notifying parishioners of a Neighbourhood Watch meeting.
- 7.3. Inter-Parish Quiz**
Agreed not to send an official entry to the inter-parish quiz, but noted that entries by individuals would be accepted.
- 7.4. Training Courses** **07/54**
Clerk
Several councillors had expressed interest in training courses and Clerk to send them details.
- 7.5. Forwarded emails**
Agreed that Clerk would continue to forward to all councillors email notifications received from EHDC and HAPTC.
- 8. FINANCE**
- 8.1. Financial Report**
Finance report previously circulated and noted.
- 8.2. Precept**
The Precept had been approved at the November meeting. The Chairman signed the official Precept Application.
- 9. HIGHWAYS**
- 9.1. B1038** **07/55**
Clerk
Noted that the B1038 would be closed for one Sunday in January to facilitate British Telecom works. Clerk to ascertain dates that resurfacing has been scheduled.
- 9.2. Village Signs**
Clerk had obtained costings for various sign designs. After discussion, during which a parishioner letter was received objecting to the erection of any village signs or traffic calming measures, it was
AGREED In principle that signs will be considered on the north and south village highway entrances to Hare Street. Clerk to ascertain required regulations from Hertfordshire Highways. Councillors to consider possible designs for discussion at the next meeting. **07/56**
Clerk
All cllrs
- 10. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**
- 10.1. Modification Order**
HCC had received an application to include a footpath and bridleway on the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way in Hertfordshire which are not currently recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement. The application is to add a bridleway from Worsted Lane to The Street, and a footpath from Footpath 16 to Footpath 12, Little Hornead. It was noted that some of the proposals were over land where there were not currently any obvious appropriate paths. It was:
AGREED that Councillors would pass any comments to the Clerk by 24th January who would recirculate to all cllrs by 27th January in order to send final comments to HCC by 4th February. **07/57**
Clerk
All cllrs
- 10.2. Gas Guns**
Concern has been expressed by some parishioners about the location of gas guns – comments have been expressed that they have been located nearer to bridlepaths and dwellings than are recommended in the Code of Practice.
AGREED the Clerk would confirm the correct Code of Practice and then remind local landowners of the requirements and ask them to give due consideration to the use and placement of gas guns in the Parish **07/58**
Clerk
- 10.2. General**
RED asked about the progress of replacement rights of way fingerpost signs. It was

noted that HCC had a replacement programme, commencing in March 2008. Clerk to ascertain progress.

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Clerk

11. THE MEADS

JNH reported that the Hornead Sports Association had met and disbanded. All responsibility for the Meads has been returned to the Parish Council, as landowners. Clerk to obtain details of relative legal documents and report to Council and Working Party on legalities.

Two quotations have been received for cutting the grass on the football pitches. They were to the same schedule.

AGREED to accept the lowest quotation, in the sum of £1,500 for the 2008-2009 season. Clerk to inform the contractors.

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Clerk

AGREED a small working party be convened to set out the future maintenance and regulation of The Meads. Working party to be: CB, RED, DG, JDK, MK and JNH. Working party to meet at Mutfords, Hare Street, at 8.00 on Thursday 17 January to discuss all details.

12. PARISH OPEN DAY

After discussion which included Revd C Kimberley, it was noted there was no collective will to organise a programmed Parish Open Day. However an impromptu picnic on the Meads was supported and it was agreed that a date would be agreed at the March Council meeting, and the idea be advertised in the April/May Newsletter for a May date.

13. To consider issues notified to Council in advance of the meeting

None notified.

14. Chairman's report

Previously given under HSA items.

15. Councillors' Reports

Some areas already reported.

CB Nothing to add

PP Nothing to add

JDK Village Hall: The Village Hall Committee were progressing the planning aspects. Comments had been received from a local landowner (James Wylde) about affordable housing on the grain store land next to the present village hall. Council were reminded that after two surveys by the District Council, no outstanding need for affordable housing had been identified. PP to report this to James Wylde.

JK Nothing to add

DG Cllr DG thanked Cllr JDK for his work on the milestones.

RED Nothing to add.

16. Dates of 2008-2009 Meetings

After discussion it was agreed that the proposed dates were accepted (copy attached) and that on 8th May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting), the AMPC would take place first at 7.00 pm, with the Annual Parish Meeting following at 8.30 pm.

17. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6 March 2008 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.25 pm

Marty Kilby
Clerk to the Council

Signed _____

Date _____