

# HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HORMEAD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 6 MARCH 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  
Chris Rogers (parishioner)

### ACTION

#### 1. APOLOGIES

County Cllr Jane Pitman; District Cllr Rose Cheswright

#### 2. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was noted that there were no official openings on the agenda for members of the public to make their views known, and after discussion it was

**AGREED:** To have 15 minutes in the agenda at the start of future Council meetings where members of the public can bring parish matters to the attention of Council.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 4. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2007, 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. Milburns, Conduit Lane, Gt Hormead

Single storey side extension

**AGREED** No objection.

Cllr Peter Pryor left the meeting for the following item

##### 5.3. Jay Cottage, The Street, Lt Hormead

Two storey side extension

**AGREED** No objection, support application.

Cllr Peter Pryor rejoined the meeting

##### 5.4. Wildacre Nursery, B1038, Hare Street

Material change of use to mixed use as market garden and plant nursery with ancillary sales and for the conversion, reduction, preparation and storage of timber and storage and sale of logs. Retrospective application.

After discussion which included mention of traffic volume, entrance to site, and certificate of lawfulness which exists on only part of the site, a vote was taken and a majority agreed:

**AGREED** No objection, support application, but wish when locating machinery, that noise element of log cutting to be considered, which could cause control difficulties to riders using the bridlepath to north boundary of site. No planning notices were yet in place on site and this to be rectified immediately.

##### 5.5. Bulls Farm, Lt Hormead

Despite the recent judgement by the Planning Inspector, motor cycling had been taking place on the track. The Clerk to inform the Planning Authority and cllrs asked to keep a log of any such use.

07/60  
Clerk/  
JK/PP

##### 5.6. Conservation Policy

The EHC Conservation Area Development Policy had been received and was circulated to councillors.

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 The correspondence log was before the Council. On particular correspondence:

## **Stop Stansted Expansion**

The Stop Stansted Expansion campaign had asked to come and give a short presentation to the Parish Council.

**AGREED:** Invite the SSE to give a short presentation (15 mins) at the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 8 May at 8.30 pm

**07/61**  
*Clerk*

## **7. FINANCE**

### **7.1. Financial Report**

Finance report previously circulated and noted.

## **8. HIGHWAYS**

### **8.1. Village Signs**

It had been intended to consider erection of village entrance signs at the north and south boundaries to Hare Street. After discussion it was agreed to consider erection of village entrance signs on all roads entering Hare Street, Great Hornead, and Little Hornead (9 signs in total). It was noted that the Highways Dept were being asked by a parishioner to extend the speed limit along the B1368 north of Hare Street to encompass Bradbury Farm, or at the very least, to implement a 40 mph buffer zone before the 30 mph zone. After discussion it was

**AGREED:** To have both buffer zones and village signs as an agenda item for the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 8 May

## **9. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

### **9.1. Byway 25**

Cllr CB reported on her recent meeting with the County Rights of Way Officer and the Clerk on byway 25. The County had agreed to clear the overgrown hedge entrance halfway down the byway, and also stated they will contact the landowner to reinstate the width of the byway.

### **9.2. Gas Guns**

Local landowners had been contacted by the Clerk, reminding them of the NFU best practice guidelines for the use of Gas Guns. However it was reported that gas guns were still going off at unsocial hours in one or two parts of the parish. Clerk to put another reminder in the Newsletter.

**07/62**  
*Clerk*

### **9.3. Fingerpost Signs**

The schedule for the refurbishment of fingerpost signs will commence at the end of March.

### **9.4. Footpath 10 – Hare Street to The Meads**

The trees were overgrowing this path. Clerk to ask County to clear.

**07/63**  
*Clerk*

## **10. THE MEADS**

The report of the Working Party was before the Council and the recommendations noted. There followed a wide ranging discussion during which a member of the public, who was also a parent of a football team member, was invited to comment. It was noted that less than 5% of players came from the parish, but that excellent work was done by the FC for children in the area. Upgrading of the kitchen facilities in the Pavilion was also discussed. Youth Cricket was played successfully in Reed, and Chris Rogers agreed to ask the FC if this activity could be explored.

### **AGREED**

1. To increase the FC rent from 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31 December 2008 to £3,000 as previously agreed with the FC. Agreement details to be finalised – 5 yr term suggested
2. To increase the CC rent for the 2008 season. JNH to liaise with Cricket Club.
3. To formally ask for sight of accounts for FC and CC
4. To refurbish the kitchen area to bring up to standard required for food sales, including additional sink, rewiring, hot water supply provision. Clerk to obtain 3 quotations for labour costs and liaise with FC and CC.

**07/64**  
*Clerk/  
JNH*

## **11. PARISH OPEN DAY**

The Leapfrogs/Parish picnic will be on 12 July and will include a hog roast. Clerk to liaise with Leapfrogs and to help with promotion.

## **12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Some areas already reported.

**CB** Nothing to add

**PP** Nothing to add

**JDK** Village Hall: no planning application yet made.

**DG** Reported that local police were understaffed and stretched to the limit

**RED** Nothing to add.

**JK** Parents were dropping their children off at the school and then using the driveway

opposite to turn vehicles round, breaking up the surface. This was a long standing ongoing problem and the School will be writing to all parents.

**13. Dates of 2008-2009 Meetings**

After discussion it was agreed that the dates accepted at the last Council meeting remain unchanged.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 8 May 2008 in the Village Hall

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will commence at 7.00 pm

Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 8.30 pm

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm

*Marty Kilby*

*Clerk to the Council*

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

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