

HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HORMEAD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2009 COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM

Present: John Haselden (JNH) - Chairman
Charlotte Benson (CB)
Robert E Denham (RED)

David Ginn (DG)
Jacqueline King (JK)

In attendance

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr John D Kilby; Cllr Peter Pryor; Mrs Marty Kilby (Clerk)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Prejudicial/Personal)

Cllr David Ginn - Village Hall;

3. MINUTES OF MEETING

Resolved: Minutes of meeting held on 8 January 2009 approved and signed as a correct record.

4. PLANNING

4.1. Planning issues

The planning report was before the Council and noted.

4.2. Springfields, Gt Hormead 3/09/0158/FP/LD

Resolved: No objections

4.3. Anstey Quarry, Anstey

3/1182-00 Variation of vehicle movements

Cllr Benson reported that 181 letters of objection (excluding duplicates) had been received by County Hall; local papers were running articles for 3 weeks; further letters of objection will be accepted even if after the official closing date. Cllr Ginn informed the Council that Buntingford Town Council had rejected the application.

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 Litter picking

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6.3. Hormeads and Hare Street Newsletter

Hormeads and Hare Street newsletter may require some funding support from the Parish Council. With due regard to editorial freedom, Cllr Denham to request Chris Withers whether funds are or would be required.

7. HIGHWAYS

7.1. Village signs

Village signs – noted that EHDC not averse to signs in principle, certain guidelines to follow; 9 signs are too many, may need up to 7; Gt Hormead is conservation area with

some restrictions; agreed first installation to be Hare Street north and south; Cllr Haselden and the Clerk to ascertain best construction and estimated costs

7.2. Vehicles on pavements

Mr Fallace reported that the Council authority does not clear the pavement opposite Faylands Cottages and the HHFC car park; Clerk to contact relevant person.

8. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

8.1. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

Cllr Benson reported P3 committee matters:

£1,500 budget for each parish

To be repaired/cleared etc – footpath 13 (Howes Garage steps west to Hormead), footpath 9 (next to Tearooms), and Footpath 2 (Timbers to Meads and Gt Hormead), bridleway 1 (nr Silkmead) new fence, 6 new stiles

Survey to be taken for others

Other groups had grants to fund similar requirements

9. THE MEADS

9.1. Pavilion Kitchen

Refurbishment of the pavilion electrics and fittings almost complete, Clerk to approve and pay

9.2. Moles

Moles invasion requires survey/inspection to crystallize options; noted that insurance cover is in force but mitigation by the Parish Council is probably necessary in case of claim.

9.3. Hormead Hares Football Club

HHFC – club appear to have abandoned possible development plans for Scott's field; now (in a phone conversation only) suggesting potential for hard standing parking and an adult pitch on east side of river; nothing formal for Council consideration.

10. TREE PLANTING

Tree planting has not yet progressed; suggested newsletter article from Cllr Ginn for potential sites; Jubilee Gardens was briefly discussed.

11. SCHOOL

11.1 Cllr King ending tenure on Board of Governors shortly but volunteered to stay as Parish Council representative – unanimously agreed.

11.2 New Head in April; numbers steady at 55 children; church inspection gave 'Good' status.

12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Village Hall After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should do nothing until the formal planning application is submitted; Cllr Haselden to inform Village Hall Committee accordingly.

Highways Roads badly damaged by snow, letters and photos of potholes etc required.

Website It was agreed to place request in Newsletter for email addressed from all residents for better and faster communications.

Police Cllr Ginn to attend next panel meeting; raise the problems of rural crime which appears to be rising, e.g. dogs stolen, sheds at risk, garden furnishing etc. Noted that CHSO Amanda Higham collecting data on bad driving and breakdowns but not speeding.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 7 May 2009 2009 in the Village Hall. Clerk to send details shortly. Parish Council meeting probably 7.00 pm, Parish meeting probably 8.30 pm.

Cllr Robert Denham

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Date _____