

HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HORMEAD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7 MAY 2009 COMMENCING AT 7.25PM

Present: John Haselden (JNH) (Chair) John D Kilby (JDK)
 Charlotte Benson (CB) Jackie King
 Robert E Denham (RED) Peter Pryor
 David Ginn (DG)

Officer present: Marty Kilby (Clerk)

Also present: Jane Pitman (County Councillor); Reg Fallace, Chris Rogers.

906 **APOLOGIES**
 None

907 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllr David Ginn declared interest in the Village Hall.

908 **MINUTES OF MEETING**
The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 March 2009 were signed as a correct record.

PLANNING

909 **Planning Report**
 The planning report was noted.

910 **Ashdown House, Hare Street**
 3/09/0548/FP – Alterations and extension to outbuildings to provide additional residential accommodation and conversion of existing outbuildings to residential use.
 Resolved: Council had no objections to this application.

911 **Layston Coaches, Hare Street**
 3/09/0602/OP – Outline planning permission for demolition of existing coach depot buildings and erection of four detached houses. After discussion it was agreed to object to the application but also to await any feedback from parishioners and possibly to make further comments after such reports.
 Resolved: Majority of Council objected to this application because of dangerous access from B1368 and because the development had no benefit to the village

912 **EHC Call for Sites**
 Notification received from East Herts Local Development Framework on the Strategic Land Availability Assessment 'Call for Sites' Guidance Note. This is a notification of the requirement of Planning Policy Statement 3 Housing (PPS3) for local planning authorities to undertake assessments that look at the availability of land for housing, including the various types of land use that are necessary to support housing growth and contribute to sustainable communities. Hormead Parish Council has been asked if, within this assessment, they would like to suggest proposals for future land use and development within East Herts.
 Resolved: Bring to next council meeting in July.

913 **Westons, Gt Hormead**
 David Ginn reported that a driveway had been constructed in Weston House that appeared to be affording vehicular access from the B1038 and which he considered did not have planning permission. Noted that the Clerk had brought this to the attention of EHC Planning and a response was awaited.

CORRESPONDENCE

914 **Good Neighbours Scheme**
 In 2007 Hormead Parish Council had donated £200 to the Good Neighbours Scheme organised by J T Gridley which provided voluntary support to the community including lifts

to surgeries, prescription collections and gardening. It was noted that the insurance premium for this scheme was nearly £200. Proposed by Jackie King and seconded by Robert Denham that £200 be donated to the Good Neighbours Scheme

Resolved: £200 be donated to the Good Neighbours Scheme in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the LGA 1972.

FINANCE

915 Finance Report

The finance report was before Council and noted.

916 Annual Audit

The Internal Auditor had agreed the accounts. The External Auditor will be asked how to show the Meads Pavilion in the assets. Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual return were signed by the Chairman.

917 To note renewal invitation from Allianz Insurance

The renewal summary has been received. The renewal premium is £1,400.54p, which is within the budgeted amount.

Resolved: To accept the renewal summary received from Allianz.

918 Newsletter

No request for financial support has been received from the Hormeads and Hare Street Newsletter.

919 NALC 2008/2009 National Final Salary Award for Local Council Clerks

Noted the final salary award for clerks had been agreed and was applicable from 1 April 2008. Noted that the increase would be £12.08 per month, backdated to 1 April 2008.

920 Memorial stone – Flying Officer Archie Daniels

Some parishioners have started a project to erect an appropriate memorial to Flight Officer Archie Daniels, who lost his life in a plane accident at Great Hormead on 11 February 1944, crashing his plane at the site of the old windmills in Great Hormead (Andersons Lane). The project co-ordinators have requested that the Parish Council consider a grant in the region of £500 towards this project. Proposed by David Ginn and Seconded by John Kilby that a grant of £200 be given. Four in favour, three against.

Resolved: To offer £200 from Parish Funds towards the memorial for F/O Archie Daniels

HIGHWAYS

921 Junction of B1038 and B1368

Because of the staggered road junction, the signage of the B1038 going east was not clear when coming from the B1038 Buntingford Road.

Resolved: To ask Highways Department to amend the direction signs on the B1038 when approaching the junction with the B1368 from Buntingford.

922 Worsted Lane

Highways to be asked again to mend the pothole in Worsted lane.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

922 Application for new bridlepath

No update has been received on the progress of designating the new bridlepath from Worsted Lane across to Braughing. Clerk to ascertain progress.

923 Reinstatement of rights of way after farm work

Five Farms (the new owners of the Co-op Mutfords Estate farm), or their contractors, Scott and Scott, were not reinstating the rights of way after ploughing and seeding.

Resolved: Five Farms to be asked to reinstate rights of way after seeding, in particular FP12, BP12 and FP22.

MEADS

924 Kitchen Refurbishment

The kitchen refurbishment was complete, and the Football Club had been asked to ensure that the kitchen was cleaned to an appropriate standard. EHDC Environmental Health will be told that the kitchen was ready for inspection.

925 Dogs on Meads

Complaints had been received about dogs fouling on The Meads. Agreed to again ask that people clean any mess left by their dogs. More notices to be put on the notice board

outside the Meads, and on the Pavilion, reminding people of the East Herts Council Dog Warden contact numbers, who was the proper person to notify of any problem relating to dogs.

926 **Usage Agreements**

The Meads Working Party had met and discussed matters relating to the Meads, including usage agreements and rental agreements. Noted the Working Party would be meeting the Cricket Club and the Football Club on Thursday 14th May, and a report and recommendations would be brought to the next Parish Council meeting in July.

927 **Village Day 2009**

David Ginn proposed that there be a Village Day on the Meads, and suggested Saturday 12 September. He thought a 'steam' theme would be popular. The possibility of a Harvest Hog Roast was considered. After discussion agreed that David Ginn bring costings with a firm proposal to the July Council meeting, but in the meantime the Clerk to inform the Cricket Club and the Football Club that the Meads might not be available that day.

ALTERNATE REFUSE COLLECTION

928 **East Herts Council Refuse Collection**

Major changes to refuse and recycling services will be brought in by EHC in the autumn. The District Council have requested that the Parish Council hold an open meeting for parishioners in order that the EHC can fully inform everyone of the changes and how they will work.

Resolved: That EHC be offered an open meeting on an evening in August to which all parishioners be invited

NEWSLETTER

929 After discussion it was

Resolved: That every Parish Council report sent to the Hormead & Hare Street Newsletter be emailed to all Parish Councillors for comment before it is sent to the Newsletter

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

930 **School**

Jackie King reported the new Head (Mr Andrew Read) had taken up post. The School had achieved a grant award to get the roof repaired and needed to raise a further £13,000 as their contribution. The land opposite the school was reported to have been given to the School in the year 2000. Clerk asked to look back through the records to see if a formal note about this grant had been recorded in the Parish Council minutes.

931 **Website**

Peter Pryor reported that the Parish Council website was now live. The Clerk was thanked for her work on this. A report to be put in the Newsletter.

932 **Village Hall and Best Kept Village**

John Kilby reported that Chris Rogers was preparing plans for the village hall. The villages had been entered in the Best Kept Village Competition, judging is early June.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

933 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 2 July 2009 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed _____

Date _____