

## **HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HORMEAD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2 JULY 2009 COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM**

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

Officer present:              Marty Kilby (Clerk and RFO)

Also present:                 Rev Carol Kimberley (Vicar);  
                                    Parishioners: Reg Fallace; Hamon Medlicott; Chris Rogers

#### **934      APOLOGIES**

Cllr David Ginn

#### **935      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None at this time

#### **936      MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 May 2009 were signed as a correct record.

### **PLANNING**

#### **937      Call for Sites**

The East Herts District Council Call for Sites document was received and no sites for future land use and development within East Herts were identified

#### **938      Planning Report**

The planning report was before Council and noted.

#### **939      Barkway Golf Club, Barkway**

CDU/CM0903 – Redevelopment of current golf practice range and adjacent field into 3 hole golf academy and golf practice area using imported inert material, primarily subsoil.

**Resolved:      to oppose this application in the strongest possible terms and to liaise with Barkway Parish Council in order to present the most effective objections. The Clerk to request Hormead Parish Council be allowed to present objections to the Development Committee.**

#### **940      Layston Coaches, Hare Street**

3/09/0602/OP – Noted that this application had been refused.

#### **941      Coniston, Conduit Lane, Great Hormead**

3/098/0029/FP/MP – Noted that this appeal had been refused.

#### **942      Westons, Gt Hormead** (Cllr John Haselden declared a personal interest as he lived opposite the site and was acquainted with the applicant)

3/09/0763/FP – Construction of new drive and 2-bay cart shed.

Clerk reported that EHC Planners had confirmed that the existing access and bridge from the B1038 was for all vehicular traffic and did not require additional permissions.

**Resolved:      No objections**

#### **943      Yeznaby, Gt Hormead**

3/09/0844/FP – Proposed insertion of windows to existing flank elevation and alterations of existing window.

**Resolved:      No objections**

#### **944      Field 2769, Hare Street**

3/09/0352/FP – Change of use of 1 hectare of field 2769 from agricultural to recreational for football pitch and car parking for 120 plus cars.

Clerk had received 5 written objections had been received from parishioners, no supporting letters received. Cllr Pryor had received 5 verbal objections from parishioners, Cllr Benson had received 10 objections. The Chairman asked the members of the public present for their comments, which summarised were that whilst the Football Club was welcome, the sheer size of the Club had now reached saturation point, the parish did not want to encourage more traffic, there are 6 pitches at the Meads and that is considered to be enough. A full discussion ensued and it was unanimously agreed to object to the application.

**Resolved** Hormead Parish Council unanimously object to this application (objection letter attached)

945 **The Orchard, Hall Lane, Gt Hormead**

3/09/0832/FP – Formation of vehicular access to serve new dwelling.

Objections were raised because of the close proximity of the new access to the existing vehicular access and no need could be seen for the application.

**Resolved: Object on the grounds that no necessity demonstrated for the additional access**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

946 **Correspondence log**

Noted

**FINANCE**

947 **Finance Report**

The finance report was before Council and noted.

948 **Newsletter**

The editorial team of the newsletter was changing and Council considered it important that the newsletter continue in its present form during the changeover.

**Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to give financial support to the Newsletter during the handover period if necessary. Clerk to inform Liz Pickup.**

949 **Repairs to Meads**

Noted that Mr S C Ruff had made a special trip to clear the parish of litter before the judging of the Best Kept Village, he had also cleared stones from the pitches and repaired a vandalised shutter at the Meads.

**Resolved: A special note of thanks to be sent to Mr Ruff and also to be noted in the Newsletter.**

**HIGHWAYS**

950 **Hare Street Crossroads Direction Sign**

The Clerk to continue to press Hertfordshire Highways to amend the B1038 Direction sign at Hare Street crossroads.

951 **Village Signs**

Cllr John Kilby presented a sample of St Buryan Parish Council village sign, which was very similar to that previously presented by Cllr John Haselden.

**Resolved: Clerk to obtain estimate for the sign to be erected on wooden posts and ask Hertfordshire Highways and East Herts Council to confirm that planning would not be needed if erected in appropriate positions on the north and south approaches to Hare Street on the B1368**

**RIGHTS OF WAY**

952 **Worsted Lane-Furneaux Pelham**

Noted that the application to conform this route as a bridleway was nearly concluded. Concerns had been expressed about ploughing the route, and it was

**Resolved: To invite all landowners with tracts of land over which rights of way were located, to an informal meeting to discuss ways forward that would be appropriate to all parishioners**

952 **Byway 20**

Noted that this Byway would be the next right of way in the parish to be identified and reinforced by Derek Turner and his team.

953 **Footway opposite Gt Hormead School**

Noted that this pavement footway and those through Hare Street needed clearing of vegetation and reinstating.

**Resolved: Clerk to ask Hertfordshire Highways about reinstatement programme for footways in the parish**

**MEADS**

954 **Working Party**

The working party report was before Council. No recommendation has been made but it was noted that the working party would be considering clearing the pavilion, making available storage containers within the Meads for both regular users, and cleaning and painting inside and outside of

pavilion. Noted that the Working Party will meet and discuss proposals regarding storage, cleansing, rent, car parking, and litter clearing.

**Resolved: Clerk to ask HHFC when full accounts would be published (a copy to be sent to Parish Council within 3 months of publication). Skip to be acquired to clear Pavilion (cost to be under £150). Working Party to meet before end August 2009.**

#### **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

##### **955 School – Cllr Jackie King**

Noted that the tender for the roof had been agreed. The School Fair was 11 July. A new class 2 teacher had been appointed (Tracy Mansfield) and Saturday was the quiz night.

##### **956 Police – Cllr David Ginn**

In Cllr Ginn's absence, the Clerk reported that the Owl email system was working well, and all councillors were happy to have the emails forwarded to them for information

##### **957 Village Hall – Cllr John Kilby**

Cllr John Kilby reported on the current position of the Village Hall Management Committee. A planning application was to be submitted which included refurbishing the Village Hall on its present site with a suggested sale of excess car park land at the western end of the site to finance the refurbishment. Discussion took place about whether the original Parish Council decision to financially support the planning application by underwriting the application costs still applied because the proposed village hall would be retained on its existing site, rather than relocated in the Meads area. Concerns were expressed about paying the fee for a planning application and then commenting on it and perhaps objecting, because Council did not wish to see the proposal or comment on it before a formal planning application was made. Council did, however, wish to support the Village Hall Committee in the refurbishment of the Hall. It was agreed to compromise by giving an unrestricted donation to the Committee.

**Resolved: A majority decision was made to make a donation of £1,000 to the Village Hall Committee to be used towards the refurbishment in any way thought appropriate.**

##### **958 Website**

The website was reported to be running well and appropriate.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

959 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 17 September 2009 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

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

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