

HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN GT HORMEAD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM

Present: Charlotte Benson Jackie King
Robert E Denham John D Kilby
David Ginn

Officer present: Marty Kilby (Clerk and RFO)
Also present: 7 parishioners

1015 TO ELECT CHAIRMAN FOR MEETING

The Chairman (Cllr John N Haselden) being absent, Cllr Jackie King was nominated as chairman for the meeting. There were no other nominations. Cllr Jackie King was unanimously elected.

1016 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received from Cllr John Haselden, Cllr Peter Pryor and Rev Carol Kimberley.

1017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

1018 VICE CHAIRMAN

It was agreed to elect a Vice Chairman for Hormead Parish Council. Cllr Charlotte Benson was nominated. There were no other nominations.

Resolved: That Cllr Charlotte Benson be elected as Vice Chairman of Hormead Parish Council

1019 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 September 2009 were before the meeting. It was noted that Minuted 1002 (Fryers and griddle in pavilion kitchen) would be readdressed due to a procedural error. Minute 990 (Planning application for the White House Stables) should have had added that horses entering the main highway from the property would be subject to heavy traffic. The minutes were then signed as a correct record. The minutes of the planning meeting held on Thursday 15 October 2009 were before the meeting and signed as a correct record.

PLANNING

Cllr Robert Denham asked that consistent methods of indicating dates were used in Council papers.

1020 Thatched Cottage, Conduit Lane, Gt Hormead - 3/09/1586/FP

Renewal of Permission 3/04/1798/FP removal of outbuilding and greenhouse. Erection of gym and games room.

Resolved: No objections

1021 Land adjacent Andersons Lane, Gt hormead – 3/09/1598/FP

Erection of granite memorial

Resolved: Support this application

1022 Quiet Cottage, Conduit Lane, Gt Hormead – 3/09/1710/FP

Replacement of detached garage

Resolved: No objections

1023 – SLAA Call for Sites Update

East Herts District Council has updated the progress on the Strategic Land Availability Assessment Call for Sites. This notification was for information only, and public consultation will be sought in Spring 2010.

The response to the Call for Sites in Hormead were:

28/001	Field 2769	B1038 Hare Street	1 hct	Leisure
28/002	Land rear/east School	B1038 Gt Hormead	3.57 hct	Residential
28/003	Land west Village Hall	B1038 Gt Hormead	0.76 hct	Residential
28/004	Land rear Jubilee Cotts	Gt Hormead	1.26 hct	Residential

Resolved: Clerk to send details of the responses to the Hormead Newsletter

1024 HCC Waste Development Framework

The consultation documents of the HCC Waste Development Framework were before the meeting and noted.

1025 Planning Information Sessions for Parish and Town Councils

Following the planning information sessions for Parish and Town Councils, which Hornead Parish councillors had not been able to attend, EHDC had sent a guidance note on development control in East Herts.

Resolved: Clerk to send copies of guidance note to all parish councillors

1026 CORRESPONDENCE LOG

The EHDC Playing Pitch Strategy and Outdoor Sports Audit had been received and Clerk would complete the questionnaire as appropriate.

FINANCE

1027 Finance Report

The finance report was before Council and noted.

1028 Budget 2010-2011

It was agreed to take this item at the end of the Council meeting.

HIGHWAYS

1029 Highway Safety Signs

Hertfordshire Highways had agreed to erect 'Children Playing' signs on the B1038 on either side of the Meads section of road. Hertfordshire Highways had put this provision in their planning schedule.

DOG WASTE BIN

1030 Provision of dog waste bins

Three sites had been identified and provision of dog waste bins had been requested from EHDC. The sites were at the junction of FP 24 and the B1368 (Faylands Cottages), the junction of FP16 and FP24 on Worsted Lane, and the entrance to the Meads on the B1038. No decision has yet been received from EHDC.

RIGHTS OF WAY

1031 Footpath and Bridleway Modification Order

The Footpath and Bridleway Modification Order has reached the 'make order' level, and once the order is made it will be advertised. Herts CC will keep the Parish Council updated.

1032 Restricted Byway 20

Restricted Byway 20 – running through Gt Hornead Park, has been cleared and marked by the HCC volunteer group.

1033 Footpath 12 and Hertfordshire Way 23

These two rights of way have now been sprayed and marked by the landowner (Five Farms).

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

1034 School (Cllr Jackie King)

Confirmation had been received by the Headmaster that the Millennium Wood was still available for school use. This to be on the next Council agenda. The School roof was completed within budget. The heating and library had been completed, with funding from Government grants and parishioner donations. The bonfire night had raised £600.

1035 Police (Cllr David Ginn)

Buntingford was losing two PCSO due to funding restrictions. Cllr Ginn asked to continue to press for action to reduce speeding on the B1368.

1036 Village Hall (Cllr John Kilby)

The planning application was ready for submission and a meeting for parishioners and the Parish Council was being organised to explain and exhibit the suggested plans.

THE MEADS

1037 Flooring Refurbishment

Quotations had been submitted for replacing the pavilion club and kitchen area flooring. It was agreed to replace the flooring in the club area, kitchen, and walkway through to the showers, in Altro Walkway Safety vinyl for the quoted price of £1186.

1038 Furniture

Agreed that clerk would obtain prices for 3 aluminium tables and 12 chairs for Council to consider.

1039 **Fryers and Grills**

Noted that HHFC no longer wish to bring back their fryers and grills into the pavilion.

At 8.55 pm the meeting was suspended to allow public participation.

At 9.20 pm it was

1040 **Resolved: Exclusion of the Public and Press (Public Bodies Admission to meetings Act 1960).** Because of the confidential nature of the business to be conducted it is considered publicity will be prejudicial to the public interest and it is proposed and passed unanimously that the meeting be closed to press and public

1041 **Storage Containers**

Noted that if the storage container was not resited, then because of the length of time it had been in place, no planning application need be made and planning permission was deemed to be approved.

Resolved: That the storage container remain in situ. Council to consider some form of payment for allowing this facility. Clerk to obtain in writing that HHFC insurance covers any liabilities that might relate to this container.

1042 **Audited Accounts**

Clerk to send copy of audited accounts to Cllr Robert Denham.

1043 **Meads Field Boundaries**

Clerk to obtain legal advice on identification and securing of all the boundaries of the Meads and if any action need be taken.

1044 **Pitch Layout**

Clerk to ask HHFC what their intended pitch layout will be for the next 3 years.

1045 **Pavilion Keyholders**

Clerk to request list and contact details of all HHFC keyholders.

1046 **CRB checks**

Clerk to ascertain the criteria for CRB checks and how they relate to the Meads complex.

1047 **Usage Licence for HHFC and HHCC**

Resolved: Working Party meeting to be convened as soon as possible to enable Council to resolve all matters relating to the usage of the Meads by the two sports clubs, including non-payment of rent increase. Clerk to obtain legal advice regarding standard annual licence agreements.

1048 **Hormeoad Hares Football Club Request under FOI Act**

HAPTC had given advice on responses to be made to the request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Resolved: Clerk to respond to HHFC requests as advised by the HAPTC

1049 **Further Sports Facilities**

Council agreed that the provision of further sports facilities at the Meads is very desirable.

BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

1050 **Precept matters**

The finance report was before the meeting and Councillors were asked to research and enquire about all suggested costs and come to the January Council meeting prepared to approve the precept. Additional suggestions included a walkway round the Meads, with clearing along the eastern river boundary to include removal of nettles, rubbish, taking down of netting and levelling of bank. A firm quotation for this work to be obtained.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 14 January 2010 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm

Signed _____

Date _____