

HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HORMEAD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 8 JANUARY 2009 COMMENCING AT 8.10 PM

Present: John Haselden (JNH) - Chairman
Charlotte Benson (CB)
Robert E Denham (RED)
David Ginn (DG)
Jacqueline King (JK)
John D Kilby (JDK)

Marty Kilby (Clerk)
In attendance
Rev Carol Kimberley
7 members of the public

PUBLIC REPRESENTATION

ACTION

At 7.45 pm before the Council meeting, parishioners made representations regarding Highfield Kennels, Hare Street. Clerk would ascertain from East Herts Council clarification of all permissions currently applying to the site including planning, building regulations, change of use, animal licences, and noise attenuation conditions. Details to be passed to concerned parishioners.

1. APOLOGIES

District Councillor Rose Cheswright

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Prejudicial/Personal)

Cllr David Ginn - Village Hall; Meads Tree Work

3. MINUTES OF MEETING

Discussion took place about content detail that should be included in the minutes. It was noted that the official recommendation is that minutes are formal records of official acts and decisions and not reports, still less verbatim reports, of v made by councilors. Minutes should be as short as is consistent with clarity and accuracy and arguments used in discussions only recorded if a decision cannot be expressed in any other way. Not all councilors were content but Council accepted this.

Resolved: Minutes of meeting held on 13th November 2008 approved and signed as a correct record.

4. PLANNING

4.1. Planning issues

The planning report was before the Council and noted.

4.2. Coniston, Conduit Lane, Gt Hormead

3/08/1626/FP/MP Pre-cast concrete kerb and construction of earth bund (retrospective)

The application had been refused, and the appellant was appealing against the refusal.

Resolved: Council objections to the proposal to be reiterated and Clerk or Chairman to attend enquiry if required.

08/26
Clerk/JNH

4.3. Barkway Park Golf Club

Redevelopment of Golf Practice Range and Golf Academy using imported inert material to raise the area by 2 metres in height.

Council had objected in strongest possible terms to the importation of material which could mean up to 200 lorry movements per day for a number of years. Herts County Council Development Committee is scheduled to discuss this on 20th January and eight of the affected parish councils including Hormead PC will make a combined representation objecting to the application. The meeting is open to the public and attendance was encouraged by all to register the strong objections expressed in the area.

Resolved: To attend the HCC Development Council Meeting and inform parishioners of time and date in order to encourage attendance.

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Clerk

4.4. Anstey Quarry

3/1182-00 Variation of vehicle movements

Council had objected in strongest possible terms to the removal of the vehicle movement limit which could mean up to 495 vehicle movements per week. Herts County Council Development Committee is scheduled to discuss this on 20th January. The meeting is open to the public and attendance was encouraged by all to register the strong objections expressed in the area.

Resolved: To attend the HCC Development Council Meeting and inform parishioners of time and date in order to encourage attendance.

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Clerk

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. Noted that a standing order was in place for monthly payment of HHFC Meads usage.

6.2 Payments

SLCC membership subscription authorized (budgeted).

7. HIGHWAYS

7.1. Village signs

Suggestions from two councilors for types of village signs were before Council. After discussion agreed signs should be of plastic compound on wood supports. Details of exact wording, content, size and colours to be decided at a later date.

Resolved: Clerk to obtain outline costings and ascertain EHC and Highways approvals required (*prop Cllr Pryor; secd Cllr Benson*)

08/29
Clerk

7.2. Vehicles on pavements

Noted that vehicle owners who wish to park on their land must do so by way of a vehicle crossover which are constructed by EHC once approval has been given.

A number of vehicles were parked on the pavements in Hare Street in such a way as to cause a hazard to pedestrians using the pavements.

Resolved: A reminder to be published in the Newsletter asking that people park their vehicles considerately.

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Clerk

8. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

8.1. Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

The Parish Paths Partnership scheme consists of voluntary groups undertaking tasks which enable their local network of public Rights of Way to be used to their best advantage. As previously reported, Cllr Kilby and Marty Kilby had started discussions with the County Rights of Way people in 2007 and had walked all the parish paths reporting on possible improvements. Together with Cllr Benson they had attended a meeting with the Co-op Farms to extend rights of way over Co-op land in the parish. Cllr Benson submitted an explanatory paper on the P3 scheme which was discussed by Council.

Resolved: Council formally support the P3 group in the Parish which would receive the backing of the Parish Council (*prop Cllr Benson; secd Cllr Denham*)

Resolved: A standing parish councilor be a member of the P3 group and that Cllr Benson be the first nominated member (*prop Cllr Haselden; secd Cllr Pryor*)

8.2. Sign for FP 13

Noted that the fingerpost sign for FP 13 indicated Hormead rather than Buntingford. Clerk to ask County Rights of Way to amend.

08/31
Clerk

8.3. Reinstatement of Public Right of Way

Noted that a decision has been made by HCC that on the balance of probabilities a bridleway exists between Worsted Lane and The Street, Furneaux Pelham, and also a footpath exists linking the bridleway with FP12 (Little Hormead Church footpath). HCC will draw up an Order to modify the Definitive Map which will be published and anyone may make a representation or objection to the order before it is confirmed.

9. THE MEADS

9.1. Licence agreement

Payment is being made by standing Order. Accounts not yet received as detailed in the licence agreement. HHFC to be requested for sight of accounts or cashbook.

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Clerk

Cllr Ginn left the meeting whilst item 9.2. was discussed

9.2. Tree

Two quotations received to remove the split tree.

Resolved: To accept the lowest quotation submitted by Neil Gardner (*prop Cllr Pryor; secd Cllr Kilby*)

Cllr Ginn rejoined the meeting

9.3. Pavilion Kitchen

Replacement of kitchen is going ahead and should be complete by end February.

9.4. Top Soil

Clerk to ascertain storage for topsoil to infill rabbit and mole holes before ordering.

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Clerk

9.5. Meads Working Party

At March meeting Council to discuss setting up a Meads Working Party to handle day to day activities

10. TREE PLANTING

Following requests for suggestions of areas in the parish that would benefit from tree planting, a parishioner had sent several suggestions, in particular planting along the south side of the road from Hare Street to the School and the north side of the road from the School to the Village Hall. Clerk to ask landowners and Highway Authorities if permissions might be obtained. Clerk to research available grants. An update item to be put in the Newsletter including asking for more suggestions

08/34
Clerk

11. POLICE

Policing Plan 2009-2012 received from Hertfordshire Police Authority who had asked local Councils for support for a number of budget options for increasing policing element of Council Tax.

Resolved: That there be no increase whatsoever in the policing element of Council Tax which should be held at this year's level (*prop Cllr Pryor; sec'd Cllr Kilby*)

12. DATES OF NEXT SESSION MEETINGS

2009

9th April (planning committee)

7th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting)

4th June (planning committee)

2nd July (Parish Council Meeting)

6th August (planning committee)

3rd September (Parish Council Meeting)

8th October (planning committee)

12th November (Parish Council Meeting)

3rd December (planning committee)

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14^h January (Parish Council Meeting)

4th February (planning committee)

4th March (Parish Council Meeting)

13. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Chairman Nothing further

Cllr Benson **Highways and bridleways** - Nothing further to report

Cllr Ginn **Police** – Nothing further to report

Cllr King **School** – Acting Head Teacher was Gillian Langley. New Head Teacher Mr Andrew Reade appointed and would start later in the year. Ofsted Report returned an overall rating of Good. Church Inspection would take place in January. Numbers were still at a low level of 48.

Cllr Kilby **Village Hall** – Pre-planning consultation was taking place.

PP **Web** – website was near completion.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5 March 2009 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Marty Kilby
Clerk to the Council

Signed _____

Date _____