

HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN GT HORMEAD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 14 JANUARY 2010 COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM

Present: John Haselden (Chairman) John D Kilby
 Charlotte Benson Peter Pryor
 Robert E Denham

Officer present: Marty Kilby (Clerk and RFO)

1053 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received from Cllr David Ginn, Cllr Jackie King; District Cllr Rose Cheswright; and Rev Carol Kimberley.

1054 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

1055 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12 November 2009 were before the meeting and signed as a correct record. The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 4 December 2009 were before the meeting. The minutes were corrected to reflect that the private meeting referred to had been a private meeting of councillors. The minutes were then signed as a correct record.

PLANNING

1056 White House Lodge, Hare Street - 3/09/1662/FP

Conversion of existing barn and extensions – minor amendments to existing permissions to enable retention of existing barn.

Resolved: No objections

1057 2 Hall Cottages, Gt Hormead – 3/09/1722/FP

Rear Conservatory

Resolved: No objections

1058 Milburns, Conduit Lane, Gt Hormead – 3/09/1967/FO

Removal of onerous condition to vary rainwater goods from cast iron to cast aluminium

Resolved: No objections

1059 Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

The East Herts Council Planning document was available on the EHC website. If any Councillors have any private comments then they have to make them known before 29th January 2010.

Resolved: Not to make a Parish Council comment on the EHC Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.

1060 Land Registry

All local councils were being encouraged by the Government to register their land with the Land Registry. After discussion it was agreed that the land owned by the Parish Council at the Meads and the War Memorial should be registered. It was noted that the Village Hall Committee would be registering the Village Hall site.

Resolved: To register with the Land Registry the land owned by the Parish Council at The Meads and the War Memorial (JNH)

1061 Millennium Garden

During the discussion on Land Registry it was noted that the Parish Council had no documents relating to the Millennium Garden which was owned by a local landowner. The situation needed clarification and the clerk was instructed to ask the School if they made any use of the garden. If the school were interested in continued use then the land owner to be asked if he wished to donate the land to the village.

1062 EHC Registration of Interest

EHC have requested whether the Parish Council wished to register an interest in a PC renewal programme; Planning information sessions; and an annual customer service briefing. It was agreed that with the exception of planning sessions, no interest be registered for the other programmes.

1063 **Waste Treatment Facility**

The Herts County Council update newsletter on the Waste Treatment Facility was before the meeting and noted.

FINANCE

1064 **Finance Report**

The finance report was before Council and noted.

1065 **Budget 2010-2011**

The budget was before the meeting and discussed. It was agreed to hold a contingency sum of £4000 for projects in the parish and to request a precept of £15,000. This is a return to the precept amounts set in previous years. The Precept form was signed.

Resolved: To set the 2010-2011 Precept at £15,000 (PP)

1066 **Cricket Club**

The Cricket Club had requested a reduction in their Meads 2009 usage fee because of the Thames Water sewage damage to the pavilion, resulting in the pavilion itself being unusable for several weeks. Council discussed the request, noting that a cost to the parish of preparing and making available the cricket pitch had been incurred as usual, and that the playing pitch and grounds had been available at all times.

Resolved: To reject the claim made by the Cricket Club for a reduction in their 2009 licence and to request payment of the 2009 charge. (JNH)

VILLAGE SIGNS

1067 **Village Signs**

Hertfordshire Highways have been asked again for a costing for providing the agreed village signs at the north and south entries to Hare Street on the B1038. A response is awaited.

POLICE

1068 **Stansted Airport Aviation Security Team**

Essex Police had requested if they could attend a parish council meeting and carry out their Aviation Security Presentation. The intention is to raise awareness in communities surrounding Stansted Airport about terrorism matters and potential links to aviation. After discussion it was agreed not to take up this offer.

1069 **Website Link**

Hertfordshire Police Authority have requested to have a front page link to the Parish Council website to enable parishioners to complete an online survey which wishes to gauge the opinion of the public about their willingness to pay more for their local policing. After discussion it was agreed to allow this web link.

Resolved: To allow a front page web link to the Hertfordshire Police Authority online survey. (JNH)

WASTE AND LITTER BINS

1070 **Provision of dog waste bins**

Three sites had been requested for provision of dog waste bins. One of the requests is being assessed and a decision should be made within six weeks.

1071 **ADDITIONAL LITTER COLLECTION**

Provision of a Parish Council litter bin had been agreed and will be delivered to the litter collector and kept in his grounds. A decision on an additional litter collection from the Meads Pavilion was still awaited.

CLERK

1072 **Resignation of Clerk**

The Council received the resignation of the Clerk. She was thanked for her work over the past five years. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy as soon as possible with HAPTC and in the Hormead and Hare Street Newsletter.

Resolved: To advertise the post of Parish Clerk in HAPTC and the village Newsletter (CB)

MEADS

1073 Licences

A quotation of £750 had been received from Jamieson & Hill Solicitors. Breeze & Wyles had been asked to quote and had indicated the cost might be under £400. It was agreed to wait for a firm quotation.

1074 CRB checks

Agreed to wait until the new Clerk had taken office before considering CRB checks.

1075 Review of Usage Licences

Agreed that the Chairman would circulate costings and usage figures (the defined Jan 2010 review) prior to the next PC meeting where a proposal will be to ratify the Hares fees for 2010-2011 based on these figures. It is expected that all councillors review these and make comment prior to the next PC meeting.

1076 Furniture provision

Estimates had been obtained for aluminium tables and chairs, and more choices would be sought.

Resolved: Clerk to be authorised to purchase 2 aluminium rectangular tables and 10 aluminium chairs within a budget of £750 (CB)

DATES OF 2010-2011 MEETINGS

1077 Dates of future meetings

It was noted that the Clerk would be away from the already scheduled 4th March meeting but it was agreed not to change the date, but to ask for another person to take the minutes at that meeting. It was agreed to commence the meetings at 8.00 pm and if parishioners attended to invite them to speak during the first 15 minutes of the meeting.

The dates of the Parish Council and Planning meetings were agreed as follows:

Thursday 4th March 2010 (Council)
Thursday 8 April 2010 (Planning)
Thursday 6th May 2010 (Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting)
Thursday 3rd June 2010 (Planning)
Thursday 1st July 2010 (Council)
Thursday 5th August 2010 (Planning)
Thursday 2nd September 2010 (Council)
Thursday 7th October 2010 (Planning)
Thursday 4th November 2010 (Council)
Thursday 2nd December 2010 (Planning)

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

1078 **School – Cllr J King** - None received

1079 **Police – Cllr D Ginn** - Cllr Ginn was not at the meeting but had reported he had attended the Police Locality meeting on 13th January. The level of fly tipping appears to have increased in Hormead and surrounding rural areas and this has been put on list of objectives to be tackled.

1080 **Village Hall – Cllr J D Kilby** - The planning application had just been submitted and should come before the Parish Council in due course. An open meeting for parishioners to view the plans will take place on 5th February and will be publicised in the newsletter and around the village.

1081 **Web – Cllr P Pryor** - Nothing to report.

1082 **Chairman's Report** - The Chairman would send an update to the newsletter. The clerk was asked to submit the planning report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 4 March 2010 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed _____

Date _____