

HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting of Hormead Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 4 March 2010

Present: John Haselden – Chairman Charlotte Benson – Vice Chairman
David Ginn
Jackie King
Robert Denham (taking minutes)

1094. **Apologies for absence**

- a. Cllr John Kilby; Cllr Peter Pryor; Marty Kilby (Parish Clerk)

1095. **Declarations of Interest**

- a. Cllr Ginn in respect of Village Hall matters

1096. 3. **Minutes of prior meetings**

- a. The minutes of the planning meeting held on 4 February were approved and signed by the Chairman.
b. The minutes of the public meeting held on 25 February 2010 were discussed and amended to include "Cllr Ginn wished it to be noted that Cllr Kilby had made personal attacks on two members of the public, and Cllr Ginn himself". The amended minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman.
c. It was noted that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 14 January 2010 could not be approved due to an error by the clerk relating to insufficient time for review of circulated minutes.

1097. 4. **Planning**

- a. 4.1. No planning applications were received at the meeting
b. 4.2. Millennium Garden – after discussion, it was agreed that, as this land was not used by the school and that no formal agreements were in existence, the Council will not continue the mowing of this land and that Mr Scott should be made aware of this

1098. 5. **Finance**

- a. 5.1. the financial report was produced and accepted
b. 5.2. Maintenance – an estimate of £65 for refurbishing the notice board adjacent to War Memorial was agreed; Chairman to progress this

1094. 6. **Village Signs**

- a. Estimates were received from Highways Dept of £7,000 for two road signs and £1,322 for two posts and warning signs on B1368 for the children's play area. It was agreed that Cllr Haselden would circulate Councillors for comments regarding alternatives for village signs and any other signs as required

1095. 7. **Waste, Litter and Dog Bins**

- a. A bin and litter picker had been provided to Steve Ruff. Cllr Ginn to progress information for EHDC on dog bins.
b. The litter pick schedule is to be reviewed by Cllr Benson and the Clerk to restrict it to Parish boundaries.
c. It was noted that the current Dog Warden, Linda Large, is in training but will patrol the area from time to time. Offenders have to be caught red handed for any action to be taken. It is suggested that Council can make a byelaw, to be advised.

1096. 8. **Clerk**

- a. 3 applications had been received, to be reviewed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. It was noted that Marty Kilby will leave the post on 31 March.

1097. 9. **Highways**

- a. Progress is being made on potholes but further work will be subject to the overall schedule of the Highways Department across the county. It was agreed that a prominent note of the pothole hotline details will be placed in the Newsletter

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1098. 10. **Meads**
- a. 10.1. Estimates received for the costs of drawing up licences were agreed it was agreed that a Working Party should meet to review terms and conditions required by the end of March. Cllr Benson will circulate templates as a basis for discussions.
 - b. 10.2. In respect of the annual review of Meads licences, Cllr Haselden had circulated a note suggesting that no change be made to the current fee. He received no responses but discussion regarding the basis came to the conclusion that the fees should be a separate issue from the costs incurred. It was agreed that Cllrs Haselden and Ginn will progress this review.
 - c. 10.3 Discussed above
1099. 11. **Dates of meetings for 2010 - 2011**
- a. It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on 6 May, if necessary, using the Meads pavilion. This will also apply to the Parish Meeting. A sunny evening is also necessary if a large audience is forthcoming.
1100. 12. **Councillors Reports on their interest areas not on the agenda**
- a. 12.1. School (Cllr King) – pipes have burst, new plumbing estimate £50K, no help from Diocese and no grants available at this time. School numbers are up and good reports have been received
 - b. 12.2. Police (Cllr Ginn) - meeting attended with Stansted Police. Some incidents of hare coursing
 - c. 12.3. Web (Cllr Pryor) - not available
 - d. 12.4. Chairman's report – nothing to report
1101. 13. **Date of next meeting**
Thursday 6 May 2010 (see point 11) – date and confirmation of timings of the two meetings tba

Signed _____

Date _____

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