



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1 JULY 2010 COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM**

Present: Charlotte Benson (Chairperson) David Ginn  
 John D Kilby Jackie King  
 Peter Pryor  
 Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)  
 Others present: Rev Carol Kimberley

**8. Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Haselden and Cllr Denham.

**9. Declarations of Interest.** Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Ginn and Cllr Kilby with regards to the Village Hall.

**10. Clerk.** Cllr Ginn wished it recorded that the Clerk was not appointed correctly and this meeting should not go ahead. Cllr Benson informed the Council that Mrs Jones was the Clerk and read out correspondence that had been sent to Councillors relating to the Clerk's appointment and proceeded onto the next business.

**11. Minutes.** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting dated 13 May 2010  
 For: 3 Abstained and Referred: 1

**RESOLVED: that the Minutes be signed by the Chair**

11.1 The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council dated 13 May 2010  
 For: 3 Abstained and Referred: 1

**RESOLVED: that the Minutes be signed by the Chair**

11.2 The Parish Council Meeting dated 13 May 2010  
 For: 3 Abstained and Referred: 1

**RESOLVED: that the Minutes be signed by the Chair**

11.3 The Planning Meeting dated 3 June  
 For: 3 Abstained and Referred: 1

**RESOLVED: that the Minutes be signed by the Chair**

**12. Planning.** Cllr King informed the Council that she liked the new online viewing of plans and the Council agreed they would like to continue to receive these.

12.1 Village Hall New plans had been reviewed for overflow parking, voting;  
 For: 2 Abstained: 1 Abstained & Deferred: 1

**RESOLVED: Cllr Benson took the casting vote in favour to Approve the Plan**

12.2 Hare Street 3 Stores Cottage has been approved

12.3 Rosebank, Willow Close has been refused

12.4 Little Hormeadbury Farm has been refused

12.5 Highfields Kennels, Hare St has been approved

12.6 Elmside, Horseshoe Lane Detached Garage & Store : all Cllrs have viewed plans and plans were revisited at the meeting, voting;  
 For: 2 Abstained: 1 Abstained & Deferred: 1

**RESOLVED: Cllr Benson took the casting vote in favour to Approve the Plan**

## Planning Cont'd/...

- 12.7 Elmside, Horseshoe Lane Raise roof and insert 4 dormers to create first floor accom, voting;  
For: 3 Abstained: 1 Abstained & Deferred: 1

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**RESOLVED: Cllr Benson took the casting vote in favour to Approve the Plan**

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- 12.8 Millburns, Conduit Lane Plans had been reviewed and discussed, voting;  
For: 4 Abstained & Deferred: 1

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**RESOLVED: that Council were in favour to Approve the Plan**

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- 12.9 7 Moorfields, Hare St discussed and voting;  
For: 4 Abstained & Deferred: 1

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**RESOLVED: that Council were in favour to Approve the Plan**

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- 13. Finance.** Council were passed the finance sheet for balance and payments from April 2010 and the current June payment list. Meads expenditure and payments were discussed. Cllr King requested a discussion on rabbits be added to the next Meeting Agenda.

**Petty Cash.** This was discussed with regards to the Clerk's expenses for items for the Pavilion and other ad-hoc agreed expenses. Cllr Kilby and King were concerned that it could cause more admin work. Voting as to whether to provide the Clerk with Petty Cash;

For: 4 Abstained & Deferred: 1

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**RESOLVED: that Council were in favour to Approve Petty Cash of £50**

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- 14. Village Signs.** Time had been taken on other items and there was no progress. Deferred to next meeting.

- 15. Highways.** Road closures on B1038 Conduit Lane, Great Hormead and B1368 Hare Street for pothole repair had been circulated and added to notice boards. Cllr King requested fault reporting of the junction at Little Hormead and turning left and also one outside the Church. Rev Carol Kimberely requested we urgently request yellow lines to be repainted outside the school following the road repair. The Clerk will call the Highways Department.

- 16. Training.** Cllr Benson had attended the Chair Training Course, finding it very useful. The Clerk has copies of the handouts and training covered should anyone want a copy. The Council were informed that the Clerk wishes to attend a Finance Course on 15<sup>th</sup> September which was close to the next meeting, with this in mind, the Council voted, noting that this training course would be listed on the next Agenda to be resolved and ratified.

For: 4 Abstained & Deferred: 1

- 16. Parish Council Meeting Structure** Cllr Benson informed the Council that during her training we were the only Council to have no members of the public attend the Annual Parish Meeting. She felt this was partly due to the three meetings being held in May on the same night.

- 17. Police.** The Setting Neighbourhood Policing Priorities Proposal was distributed.

**18. Meads.**

- 18.1 Licence: A request was made that the draft licence be distributed to the whole Council for information by e-mail.

- 18.2 Insurance Claim: The Clerk reported that the Insurers have not come back to the Council since taking all the paperwork of our Play Ground inspections and photographing the gate.

- 18.3 Pavilion: The soffit repair and repainting was complete. Leaks and broken locks fixed. A path around the Pavilion was discussed by it was decided that the area be kept clear by weed killer rather than a pea shingle path. Cllr Kilby will weed kill when necessary.

- 18.4 Blinds: Quotation had been circulated, voting;

For: 4 Abstained and Deferred: 1

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**RESOLVED: that Council were in favour to Approve the Blind Quotation from Blinding Blinds of Buntingford**

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- 18.5 Furniture: The Clerk provided pictures and prices on white painted wooden chairs. 10 Ikea Olle chairs were proposed to be purchased and can include a small delivery charge;

For: 4 Abstained and Deferred: 1

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**RESOLVED: that Council were in favour for the Clerk to purchase Chairs**

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## **Meads Cont'd/...**

- 18.6 Wasps: Had been exterminated successfully after stinging one man.
- 18.7 Veolia: The bridge of the River Quin is leaking and is detrimental to the bridge structure. Veolia wish to access their works in the Meads Car Park. Whilst doing this they have agreed to raising the level of the Meads Car Park and resurfacing it. Veolia are unable to accommodate any other works that were suggested due to different teams being required to undertake fence and gate work. Should any landscaping be undertaken they will offer this to the Council but it seems unlikely. Vote for raising and resurface of Car Park;  
For: 4 Abstained and Deferred: 1

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**RESOLVED: that Council were in favour to allow Veolia to undertake the works**

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- 18.8 Dog Waste Bin: The Chair gave an update to the Council that a new Highways Survey was being undertaken to site the bin on the verge by the Meads.
- 18.9 Riverbank Landscaping: Cllr Kilby informed Council that he would defer this to the next meeting.
- 19. Adopt a Kiosk** was discussed and agreed that voting for signing the Kiosk Agreement and paying £1 per phone box, voting;  
For: 4 Abstained and Deferred: 1

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**RESOLVED: Chair signed the Agreement for Adopt a Kiosk and pay the associated fees**

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- 19.1 Local Development Framework Core Strategy Awareness: document was received with highlighted points regarding local communities.
- 19.2 Sustainable Community Strategy: distributed, please forward to the next Cllr on the list and pass to Clerk when circulated.

## **20. Village Hall**

- 20.1 Cllr Kilby informed the Council that the Section 106 was not an issue and that overflow parking had been formalised and a new plan issued. The Committee hope that the plans will be submitted to the Development Control Committee Meeting planned for August.
- 20.2 Cllr Ginn deferred the Village Hall Committee agenda item
- 20.3 Cllr Ginn deferred the New Car Park Area agenda item
- 20.4 Cllr Ginn deferred the Village Hall Conveyance agenda item

## **21. Councillor Reports**

- 21.1 Cllr King updated the committee on Hormead School. It is the School Fair on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The mobile conversion to the Leapfrogs Nursery Space had been completed and would expect to feed in more children attending Hormead School. The pupil numbers attending the school were continuing to grow for September and should be over 50 by 2011. By moving Leapfrogs, it will free up space in the hall for school use. Phase I of the heating issues had completed, there was a long way to go to finance the next stages.
- 21.2 Cllr Ginn deferred the Police update to the next meeting.
- 21.2 Cllr Kilby had already updated in item 20.1.
- 21.3 No change or Web update since last meeting.
- 21.4 Cllr Benson informed Council there was no news.
- 21.5 No Chairman report given but letters to John Wood and a reply from Herts County Council with regards to the increase in HGV lorries driving through the villages were distributed.

## **22. Dates of Next Meetings**

- 22.1 The next Planning Meeting is arranged for 5<sup>th</sup> August at the Pavilion, starting at 7.30pm.  
The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2010 at 8pm at the Village Hall.

## **23. Supplementary Item : Barkway Park Golf Club**

- 23.1 Cllr Benson discussed with the Council the amount of inert waste that 100 lorries will carry to and from the Golf Club if permission were granted. The deadline for our comment is 26 July and a draft will be circulated for Council to approve. The Clerk had been informed that a reply near to the deadline would best by e-mail. Information should be included on the Website and on Notice Boards to encourage village support. Letters for top and tailing can be organised, this affects not only parishioners but also anyone driving through Hare Street. Cllr Benson will e-mail the Council with more information shortly.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

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

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