



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY 2011 COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM

Present: John Haselden (JNH) (Chair) Charlotte Benson (CB)
 David E Ginn (DEG) John D Kilby (JDK)
 Jackie King (JK)

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

68. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Robb Denham (RED), Cllr Peter Pryor (PP), District Cllr Rose Cheswright, Rev Carol Kimberley and PCSO Amanda Higham.

69. Declarations of Interest

Cllr King declared an interest in the School.

70. Minutes of meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4 November 2010 were before the Council and the following comments made;

It should be noted an error on tonight's Agenda that should read 3. To confirm and sign minutes of the *Parish Council* on 4th November

On the Minutes of 4 November, Point 57.3 : It was voted and approved that a budget of £1,000 was set to spend on the gate – this was added to the Minutes by Cllr Haselden

Note an error on tonight's Agenda that should read 8.6 Request for a donation was considered on 2.12.10 (not 4.12.10)

The Chairman proposed the minutes be signed with change to point 57.3 as above For: all

RESOLVED: that the Minutes are a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them

The minutes of the Planning Meeting on 2nd December 2010 were before the meeting and signed as a true record. The Chairman proposed the minutes be signed For: all

RESOLVED: that the Minutes are a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them

71. Matters Arising

That the Clerk would add 'Please Respond' to any e-mails that needed a reply, particularly any Agenda Items for forthcoming meetings.

72. School Matters

Cllr Haselden informed the Parish Council that a letter had been received with regards to creating a wildlife area at the School. Cllr Haselden requested a further copy of the letter, clerk to request. Details of a proposal to create a wildlife area and outside classroom on the right side of the school which is currently wasteland were described. The school aim to fence off the area, lay a path, create a marsh area, put in shrubs and plants, bird boxes and make an area for children to study outdoors. They have already raised £600 and would appreciate any donation to help raise the appropriate funds required.

Cllr Benson proposed and Cllr Haselden seconded a proposal to donate £400 to this project

RESOLVED: £400 would be donated to the Wildlife Area/Classroom at Great Hormead School

73. Planning Information on current status and decisions on new planning applications:

<u>Property</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Comment/Current Position</u>
Ref: 3/10/2052/FP Old Swan Cottage Hare Street SG9 0DZ	Solar PV Installation to outbuilding	No comments made by Parish Council
Ref: 3/10/2104/LB Great Hormead Bury Gt Hormead SG9 0NH	Alterations to the existing building to restore the design of the 1912 house	Unanimous decision to support plans



<u>Property</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Comment/Current Position</u>
Ref: 3/10/2108/FP Bakers Cottage, Horseshoe Lane, Gt Hormead SG9 0NQ	1 st floor rear extension with 4 no. pitched roof dormer windows	Unanimous decision to support plans
Ref: 3/10/2109/LB Bakers Cottage, Horseshoe Lane, Gt Hormead SG9 0NQ	Removed existing thatch & felt roof coverings to rear extension new 1 st floor rear extension with 4 no. pitched roof dormers	Majority decision of no comment
Ref: 3/10/1835/FP Rowan Tree Cottage, 1 Park View Cottages, Little Hormead	Single Storey Front & rear extension	Permission granted 7.12.10
Ref: 3/10/1492/FP Judds, Conduit Lane, Gt Hormead SG9 0NT	Rear Extension & part barn conversion	Permission granted
Appeal Ref: 2139012 Church End Cottage, Gt Hormead SG9 0NH	Conversion of garage to habitable space. Construction of new detached garage	Decision on Appeal: Refused

74. Finance - Budget

Budget setting for 2011-12 was discussed and amended where appropriate. Amendments to be included are: Insurance being set at £1,750 and Meads Utilities at £800 – these to be presented at the next meeting.

The carried forward figure needs offsetting against the village signs or another agreed project at the next meeting. Cllr Haselden proposed £25,748 total expected expenditure – All in favour.

75. Finance - The December Payments Report was received.

76. Correspondence Received

- 76.1 Precept Letter and form 2011-12 from EHDC was completed and returned 30.11.10
- 76.2 Herts CC RoWIP letter inviting information on paths needing updating/ upgrading was read out to the Council and any request for any improvements should be forwarded to the Clerk. One Councillor led a useful discussion on disabled paths and possible circular walks in the villages.
- 76.3 Council were updated on proposed changes to the school transport policy – some free school travel categories were to be reduced or discontinued and cost increases would be incurred.
- 76.4 Workshop for Green Infrastructure Plan mailed 30.11.10 for information only.
- 76.5 Should read Draft Policing Policy – mailed 30.11.10 for information only.
- 76.6 Donation request from the Over 60's Xmas Luncheon had been received. Any further requests should be made in the autumn to give time for the Parish Council to consider any donation
- 76.7 Australian Boswell Family had thanked council for information on local ancestry agricultural farmers
- 76.8 HAPTC Newsletter and survey circulated and now to be completed by the Clerk

77. Correspondence Sent

- 77.1 Precept letter had been returned
- 77.2 Application for the Playground Grant of £2,500 had been received

78. Meads

- 78.1 No update on the Playground Grant was available.
- 78.2 Elm Trees: discussion of removal of two dead trees, 4 quotations received, risk assessments and method statements reviewed. Cllr Haselden proposed J Hart is awarded the work, seconded by Cllr Kilby.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will arrange J Hart to undertake the removal of dead Elm Trees

- 78.3 It was noted by Council that a 3rd party shutdown had been arranged.



78.4 A discussion on Riverbank Landscaping Work took place, 20 yards remained to be completed and some metal posts need removing. One Councillor felt misled by the description of works to be carried out and differing views were apparent as to the extent of the works, especially the removal of 19 healthy trees. A meeting will be arranged to discuss the works and decide upon improvements to be undertaken – the Clerk to suggest a number of dates. Cllr Haselden proposed the Clerk would ask for the removal of metal posts to be completed, unanimous voting

RESOLVED: The Clerk will ask for the 2/3 metal posts be removed from the Riverbank

78.5 Bringing up the level of bunds and inserting a gate to be discussed and agreed at the same meeting to be arranged by the clerk as in 78.4

78.6 The Hornead Hares Schedule was discussed. It was noted that the Hares would have an extended season but the Cricket Clubs would have precedence in arranging their games during May. A rebate was discussed for the play lost during the Meads Field damage.

Cllr Kilby proposed a small rebate, voting: For: 1 Against : 2 Abstained : 2

Cllr Haselden suggested offered considering any rebate later / at the end of the season.

78.7 Prices for a hand dryer in the boy's toilets at the Pavilion were presented;

Cllr Haselden proposed PHS hand dryer on contract Voting: For: 4 Against: 1

RESOLVED: The Clerk will order and arrange installation of one PHS hand dryer

78.8 Electricity supply at the Meads was discussed, Cllr Haselden proposed allowing the Clerk to arrange payments by DD and provide pricing at the next meeting, voting: All in favour

RESOLVED: The Clerk to arrange DD payment for electricity and pricing be provided

78.9 No update available on dog bin emptying

78.10 Moved to next meeting

79. Councillors Reports

79.1. School – it was reported that there are up to 50 pupils for September 2011 with 5/6 students staying on for the final two years, Yrs 5 and 6. The Leapfrogs old area will be used as an extended classroom for them. Leapfrog Nursery places have increased and they are expanding.

79.2. Police – it was confirmed that messages had been shared with the Council via e-mail.

79.3. Village Hall – it was reported that preparation of an appeal was ongoing.

79.4. Web – nothing to report.

79.5. P3 – it was reported that Swan Lane had been cleared by the Countrywide Services and that potential money had been put aside for resurfacing and laying pipes to improve this footpath drainage. The Modification Order on Worsted Lane had received three objections; 2 relevant. One landowner had unregistered land and been given an extension of 6 weeks. The next meeting at Herts County Council was arranged for 9th February. The objections are not expected to affect the outcome but will lengthen the time.

Assistance was requested on Restricted Byway No. 008 and Footpath No. 20 being impassable for the second year. Writing to the landowner was proposed with unanimous voting in favour.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to the landowner requesting reinstatement of the paths

79.6. Chairman's report – nothing to report.

80. Date of next meeting

The next planning meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm on Thursday, 3rd February at the Pavilion and the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for 8pm on Thursday, 3rd March 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10.15pm.

Signed _____

Date _____

