

HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the meeting held on
18th March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr N Hackett (Chairman)
Cllr A Caudwell (Vice Chairman)
Cllrs Howells, Mrs Kay and Ms McDonagh

In Attendance: District Cllr Blackwell

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Mrs Clarke, District Cllr Carter, District Cllr Mrs Sims and County Cllr Mrs Binns

Declarations of Interest: There were none

14/037: Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 25th February 2014

14/032: phrase 'and most residents seem in favour' was deleted. Subject to this amendment the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

14/038: Matters Arising

There were none

14/039: Public Questions

Land at Sugley Lane (Wheelbarrow Farm): District Cllr Blackwell reported that a report required by the planning officer had not yet been received and was required within the next 48 hours if the application was to be considered at the April Meeting of SDC Development Control Committee. It therefore seemed most likely that the application would go before the May meeting. The chairman said that Cllr Mrs Kay had been denied access to some documents which should have been in the public domain and Cllr Blackwell agreed to ask to see them

14/040: Community Shop/Pavilion

The clerk reported that again this year the building qualified for maximum business rates relief and therefore no rates were payable. Cllr Caudwell reported that business at the shop had increased slightly following the re-opening of the road. Grant applications were being made to fund the installation of an air conditioning system.

14/041: Nupend Farm Development

Members of the residents working group attended the meeting to present its report on the consultation exercise performed in the parish, relating to the proposed development at Nupend Farm. Council congratulated the group on the thoroughness and quality of the report. It was estimated that perhaps 25% of residents had responded and as such the report was considered to be representative of opinion amongst residents. Following a

discussion on the way forward, the group felt it needed the services of a professional consultant to assist them and some alternatives and price quotations were considered before finally deciding on one. It was proposed by Cllr Howells, seconded by Cllr Hackett, that Council retain the services of Pegasus to act as planning consultants for the initial part of the procedure which would require a budget amount of £1200. Agreed unanimously. It was agreed the group should arrange a meeting immediately with the consultant to decide the next step.

The chairman thanked the working group for its efforts so far.

14/042: Playing Field

Cllr Caudwell reported he had inspected the fence and whilst he would attempt temporary repairs, longer term the fence required replacing, possibly in the next couple of years. He had also applied grease to the roundabout which was now operative. One of the springers required painting, and the clerk agreed to redistribute the bark under the swings. Quotations for the grass cutting of the playing field were studied and it was agreed to await further quotations before finally deciding.

14/043: Highway Matters

B4058: Cllr Ms McDonagh agreed to try and obtain a date for completion of the work on the land slip site from GCC Highways Dept. and request a copy of the 'geotech' results.

14/044: Finance

The following expenditure was approved and the appropriate cheque signed:

J R Nicholson	-	parish clerk duties (Feb)	£340.20
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14/045: Planning

The following application was considered:

Four Limes - conversion of garage/workshop to one holiday cottage

The Fooks

Comment: *Council would not wish to see a separate dwelling created capable of being disposed of separately from the main house.*

14/046: Burial ground

The hedge cutting now to be pursued after the bird nesting season had finished

14/047: Village Hall

Cllr Ms McDonagh reported quotations were being obtained for the repairs to the roof.

14/048: Councillors Items

Sandbags: Cllr Caudwell reported he had now obtained these from Mrs Hogg

Ruskin Mill: Cllr Mrs McDonagh confirmed she was arranging to become the liaison cllr with Ruskin Mill

War Memorial: Cllr Howell requested that Council write in support of the grant application for funding to support the refurbishment.

Clerk

Residents Parking: Cllr Hackett reported he had been approached by a resident over residents parking in Priory Fields. After discussion, it was agreed that SDC were the relevant authority for the area identified and Cllr Hackett would pass on this information to the resident concerned. **NH**

14/049: Correspondence

SDC Rates Demand: Pavilion/Shop

Noted.

14/050: Clerk's Employment Status

Ongoing

14/051: 'Bell & Castle' Site

Cllr Caudwell reported that the documentation relating to Council's involvement with the site was being archived. It was believed that the proprietors of 'The Canteen' in Nailsworth would be operating at the premises, had now moved into the upstairs accommodation and had applied for a drinks licence.

Chairman's Signature.....Date.....

Date of Next Meeting: *29th April 2014 at 7.30pm in the village hall*