

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BROADWAY HILL METHODIST CHURCH, HORTON.**

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**PUBLIC FORUM** No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

**4224 ATTENDANCE** Councillors Ray Buckler – Chair, Barry Mosley – Vice-Chair, Ann Winter, Mike Schmidt, Rob Hutchinson, Jack Martin and Andy Johnson.

**4225 APPROVAL OF APOLOGIES** Cllrs Peter Babbington. And Julie Layzell.

**4226 DECLARATION OF INTEREST** None.

**4227 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (JUNE)** The minutes of the meeting held in June having previously been circulated, were approved, seconded, and unanimously agreed upon.

**4228 PLANNING APPLICATION(S)/APPEAL(S) UPDATE**

- 5.1 23/01649/FUL - Land North Of Broadway Hill Broadway Hill Horton - Construction of 49 dwellings and formation of vehicular access.
- Next steps
  - CPRE Membership – Cllr Robert Hutchinson spoke with CPRE regarding a membership, membership fees are donation-based but a suggested donation is £120 annually. Once signed up as a member, this allows access to their services/support/legal department. It was unanimously approved to sign the Council up as a member and pay £120 as a donation. *Action: Clerk to complete membership and pay fee.*

- 5.2 Adjoining Parish - 24/00153/FUL at Land OS 8332 Paulls Lane Broadway Ilminster
- Ward Member and Chair Referral – Recommended approval by Somerset Council - Noted.

**4229 NOTIFICATION OF MINOR VARIATION (LICENSING ACT 2003) APPLICATION**

- Shell Ilminster, Horton - The application requests authorisation to update the plan of the premises which is part of the licence and to add some conditions in relation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> party delivery of alcohol.

The Council unanimously agreed there were no comments to make on the application.

**4230 PLAYING FIELD UPDATE** Cllr Andy Johnson visited the playing field 2 weeks ago to check the condition of the play equipment, nothing of concern was identified.

**4231 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE – UPDATE**

- The Council have been advised that the cost to purchase a pole to place a SID is approximately £1000 + VAT. Cllr Andy Johnson to speak with the company who have provided the quote to see if there would be a price reduction if a galvanised steel pole instead.
- SID by the Village Hall is slowly being covered by the hedge overgrowth. Cllr Robert Hutchinson to cut back overgrowth.
- Cllr Ray Buckler to download SID data and forward a copy to Somerset Council concerning the Galion housing development.

#### **4232 DEFIBRILLATOR**

- Village Hall – Monthly cleaning is undertaken. Training course to take place later this month – almost at capacity.
- Shelter – Police have visited and knocked on doors concerning the theft of the light. Clerk has ordered a replacement light and is due to be delivered later in the week.

*Action: Clerk to order CCTV signage.*

**4233 MAINTENANCE AROUND THE VILLAGE – UPDATE** Further works have been carried out by GD Spiller, invoice received and payment unanimously approved. Cllrs Robert Hutchinson and Jack Marti to carry out the last bit of work towards the Former Lamb Inn. Somerset Council have cut back a strip from Pound Road up towards the village hall, leaving debris behind, Cllrs Peter Babbington and Robert Hutchinson collected the debris and filled 6 dumpy bags.

*Action: Clerk to include on next agenda “Request for hardstanding – Suggs Lane”.*

**4234 LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK – UPDATE** No update, Cllr Ray Buckler was unable to attend the last meeting.

#### **4235 IDEAS FOR POTENTIAL HORTON PROJECTS 2024/25**

- Bus Shelter – Cllr Barry Mosely met with Grinters to discuss the condition of the shelter. It was deemed that the shelter is in bad condition; roof needs to be replaced completely. Grinters will be providing a quote to carry out the work.
- Grant Funding Request – Broadway and Horton Cricket Club – Chairman (Jon Pike) attended the meeting to explain their project and funding requirements. The club has 150 playing members, and range between 3 – 60 years old. The current facilities have two main issues; one changing room so males/females currently have to share and there are only 5 toilets on site, 4 are in changing rooms and one is in the communal area which means approx. 40-50 people are all using when a game is on.

Proposal:

- Move the groundsman shed and instead site containers for the groundsman store in the bottom corner of the site.
- The existing garage was converted into additional changing rooms and toilets.
- Looking to start work this winter and finish in April 2025.

The costs to carry out the works re circa. £30-£35k. The Cricket Foundation will provide a £10,000 grant and the Club themselves will contribute £10,000. Crowdfunding will be up and running in a few weeks and it's hoped raise around circa. £3,000.

The current funding gap currently stands at circa. £8,000. The Club are looking to approach Sport England but the criteria are very difficult to meet to secure funding.

The Council unanimously approved providing a grant towards the works subject to seeing figures of how many players are from the parish and also upon confirmation of the total build cost.

#### **4236 FINANCE**

Proposal – To approve the following:

13.1 2024/25 financial statement – Unanimously Approved.

*Action: Clerk to provide a budget update at next meeting.*

Proposal – To approve the following cheques:

13.1 SSE Energy Solutions – Electricity - £7.78 - Unanimously Approved – Cheque No. 00903.

13.2 C Duff – Wages and expenses – £803.51 - Unanimously Approved – Cheque No. 00904.

13.3 GD Spiller – Village maintenance – £140.00 - Unanimously Approved – Cheque No. 00905.

**4237** CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE None.

**4238** ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN None.

**4239** DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 commencing at 6.30pm.

*Meeting Closed: 19:49*