

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025 AT BROADWAY HILL  
METHODIST CHURCH, HORTON.

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**PUBLIC FORUM** 3 members of the public were in attendance at the meeting. Cllr Sue Osborne was also in attendance.

**4310 ATTENDANCE** Councillors Barry Mosley – Chair, Andy Johnson – Vice-Chair, Ann Winter, Mike Schmidt, Peter Babbington, Andy Johnson, Julie Layzell, Jack Martin and Robert Hutchinson

**4311 APPROVAL OF APOLOGIES** None

**4312 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Hannah Massey declared an interest in minute item ref. 4321, 12.1 (PTA Presentation) as she is a member of the committee.

*NB: The clerk needs to confirm if this is a declarable interest.*

**4313 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS (FEBRUARY)** The minutes of the meeting held in February having previously been circulated were approved, seconded, and unanimously agreed upon.

**4314 PLANNING APPLICATION(S)/APPEAL(S)**

5.1 ADJOINING PARISH CONSULTATION - 25/00270/FUL - Powmatic Ltd Station Road Ilminster - Erection of a general industrial building (Class B2) extending to approximately 6,500m<sup>2</sup> with associated drainage, landscaping, parking, manoeuvring areas and access.

The application was discussed and unanimously supported.

*Action: Clerk to notify Somerset Council of the decision.*

5.2 25/00265/FUL - Land Os 4257 Part Shave Lane Horton Ilminster - Erection of a single new dwelling and detached double garage with home office space.

The application was discussed. 7 Cllrs voted in support and 1 Cllr abstained from voting.

*Action: Clerk to notify Somerset Council of the decision.*

**4315 PLANNING APPLICATION(S) – POST-DETERMINATION**

6.1 Ref. APP/E3335/W/23/3324775 (20/03277/FUL) Land north of Broadway Hill, Horton – Appeal Decision – Appeal Allowed

Cllr Robert Hutchinson has looked into the approved drainage scheme, the documents submitted show that two attenuation tanks will be installed with a drainage channel made through the hedgerow and discharge into the verge. Somerset Highways approved of this. Works carried out seem to be in accordance with the details submitted and approved as part of the application, no further action.

6.2 20/01985/FUL - Shave Lane development – Remediation works following development – Cllr Peter Babbington met with the contractor on-site who informed him that they are aware of the damage caused to the verges and remediation works will be carried out shortly.

**4316 HIGHWAYS**

7.1 Village Gateway Sign – Update – Somerset Council have approved the location of the sign. Cllr Hannah Massey advised that contractor Grant Taylor will be able to install the sign as they have the appropriate accreditations.

*Action: Clerk to order sign and forward Somerset Council's email to Cllr Jack Martin.*

7.2 Dropped kerb adjacent to Suggs Lane – A request has been submitted and subsequently acknowledged by Somerset Council.

7.3 Miscellaneous Highway Matters

- Discussions were had concerning speeding through the village and discussion about implementing a 20mph speed limit.

*Action: Cllr Barry Mosley will speak with Somerset Council to see if this is possible.*

- Concerns have been raised regarding the condition of the road from Puddlebridge to the Suggs Land Junction. During the wetter winter months, water runoff from a field south of the road caused a significant amount of mud and debris to run into the road. Cllr Sue Osborne to speak to the land owner to ensure appropriate measures are in place to avoid this going forward

*Action: Cllr Rob Hutchinson to forward details to Cllr Sue Osborne.*

**4317 MAINTENANCE AROUND THE VILLAGE – UPDATE**

8.1 General Village Maintenance – Cllr Rob Hutchinson met with the local contractor to discuss works required around the village, contractor confirmed that they would be interested in taking this work on. Approximate costs are £20 per hour however if heavy machinery is required costs will rise to £30 per hour. Hanning Road verges will need to be cut shortly.

8.2 Hanning Road – As 8.1 above.

*Action: Cllrs Rob Hutchinson and Julie Layzell to produce a schedule of works.*

**4318 PLAYING FIELD – UPDATE**

9.1 General Update – Cllr Andy Johnson carried out monthly checks, and no defects or issues were identified. Discuss purchasing further play equipment in April Contractor contacted the clerk requesting permission to commence grass-cutting, this was approved.

9.2 Bin Collection – The existing bins are open bins and often overflow with rubbish. The bins were recently emptied by the parish council. The clerk obtained quotes from waste contractor Biffa, 1 x 240l wheelie bin emptied fortnightly costs £4.26 + VAT. The principle to appointing Biffa was unanimously agreed on the basis that the clerk is to obtain revised quotes for monthly collections. To be discussed further in April's meeting.

*Action: Clerk to obtain revised quotes.*

**4319 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE – UPDATE**

10.1 Pottery Road – New Device – Update - Pole is due to be delivered shortly. The next step is to secure the pole to existing street furniture and order SID.

10.2 Hanning Road/Broadway Hill Devices – Update – Cllr Peter Babbington has provided SID data to the Police, awaiting their response. SIDs need a clean.

*Action: Cllr Jack Martin to download the most recent data for the April meeting. Cllrs Martin and Robert Hutchinson to clean SIDs.*

**4320 DEFIBRILLATOR – UPDATE**

11.1 SSE Energy Solutions – Update – Unpaid bills have been passed to third-party for payment. No resolution has been agreed with SES over the current charges. Unanimously agreed for outstanding bills to be paid. Action: Clerk to arrange payment for bills.

11.2 Utility Aid – Energy Broker – Update – Still waiting for quotes. The potential to discount power supply was discussed due to the costs of electricity.

*Action: Cllr Andy Johnson to look into this further.*

11.3 Bus Shelter – Update – Defibrillator in good working order.

11.4 Village Hall – Update – Defibrillator in good working order.

**4321 HORTON PROJECTS 2024/25**

12.1 Neroche PFA Presentation – Cllr Hannah Massey is a PFA committee member and will leave the room following the presentation to allow for discussions by the remaining Cllrs.

Please refer to **Appendix 1** for a copy of the presentation.

The following questions/points were raised:

- The village previously owned a marquee however this was disposed of when the construction of the village hall was completed.
- Any new tents/marqueses will be stored at Grinter's yard or Cllr Hannah Massey's house.
- The school currently has 252 pupils aged 2-11 years and lives in and around Horton, Broadway Ilminster and Ilton.

It was unanimously agreed to support the grant funding request and donate £1,000, subject to securing funding from other parish councils. The PFA will report back to the Council in due course.

12.2 Bus Shelter – Update - Woodram Construction is commencing work on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2025.

- Grant Funding Request – Horton and Broadway Youth Group – A representative from the youth group attended the meeting and provided an update. The youth group are looking for funding to pay for first aid training which will cost circa. £450. Previously funding provided sports equipment etc, all in relatively good condition and used often. A summary of the update from the youth group is as follows:
- The group meet on Sundays from 6.30pm until 8.00pm and children between the ages of 11 -13 are welcome to attend.
- Currently have between 5 to 11 children in attendance at any one time.

- Activities include making food, and cakes in a mug, summer walks around the village, visits to farms, and bike maintenance. The sessions have no fixed structure/agenda, the idea is for it to be a relaxed environment and to have fun. Funding to support first aid training \$450 and pay towards off-site activities such as kayaking on the Tone. Previously funding provided sports equipment etc, all in relatively good condition and used often.

It was unanimously agreed to support the grant funding request and donate £450 to pay for the first aid training.

*Action: The clerk to arrange with the youth group to make payment.*

12.3 Memorial Bench – Update – Cllr Barry Mosley spoke with former Cllr Ray Buckler’s wife. Agreed on a design for the bench. The bench is to be made by a local contractor from FSC Redwood Timber and will cost £418. The wording to be included on the remembrance plaque was also decided upon. The Council need to obtain a quote to install a concrete pad for the bench to be fixed. The Cllrs voted to provisionally approve the purchase of the bence subject to obtaining further costs for the concrete pad. To be considered further in the April meeting.

*Action: Cllr Hannah Massey to obtain a quote.*

12.4 Beekeeping – Resident Request – A resident of the village has applied to the council for grant funding relating to the previously approved beekeeping programme (refer to May 2024 minutes). The Council unanimously agreed to pay for the first 12-month beekeeping membership (£51) and additional costs relating to the purchase of a beehive.

*Action: Clerk to obtain the completed grant funding form from the resident and pay the membership fee.*

*Clerk to put grant scheme on the website. Council to consider extending the deadline for applications and advertise the scheme on the parish council website.*

12.5 VE Day – The clerk received an email advertising VE Day celebration decorations on offer. The Cllrs discussed the idea of purchasing decorations but it was decided against doing so as it was felt the money could be better spent on other projects.

#### **4322 FINANCE**

13.1 Proposal – To approve the following:

13.1.1 2024/25 Financial Statement – Unanimously Approved.

15.2 Proposal – To approve the following cheques:

13.2.1 C Duff – Wages and expenses - £806.92 – Unanimously Approved - Cheque No. 00924.

13.2.2 SSE Energy – Electricity - £334.43 – Unanimously Approved - Cheque No. 00925.

**4323 CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE** None.

**4324 ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** None.

**4325 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 commencing at 6.30 pm. Cllrs Ann Winter and Julie Layzell will not be in attendance at this meeting.

*Meeting Closed: 20.34*

# Presentation for Horton Parish Council

13.03.25

NEROCHE PFA  
Neroche primary  
Near Broadway  
TA19 9RG

## **Funding for an all weather structure for the PFA use at events.**

Good evening, thank you for allowing us the time to come and speak to you all.

I would like to introduce some of our committee that's here with us tonight.

Amelia Griffiths who is our Deputy Head at Neroche Primary School and also our school link for the PFA.

Abbie Munt, Abbie is our Secretary and has children who are at the preschool,

Myself Hannah Massey as a PFA member who has two children at Neroche.

### ABOUT THE PFA

The PFA is made up of 7 members who all have the same passion and goals to enrich the children's learning at Neroche. As you are aware schools have very little extra funding nowadays and we as the PFA are trying to run some new larger events to support the school in as many ways as we possibly can.

You may have seen our posters and social media updates lately with the Neroche 10k Run and children's run taking place on the 21st June. (see poster DOC 1) the Neroche 10k run used to be hugely

popular in the village and the race hasn't been organised for 20 years so we have a huge passion to make this a yearly event for our community along with a Village Fete. The PFA are meeting on the 20th to finalise advertising for the fete.

This leads us to why we are here tonight, I'm going to pass you over to Amelia and Abbie now to tell you all about it.

Thank you

## Our Goals

1. Good evening- our goal is to run more low cost community events that can enrich our school and involve the whole community, our new idea is the Neroche 10k run that has already been launched and to also bring back along with it a good old fashioned Village Fete. From who we have spoken to in the community, all are very excited to have a Village Fete again. We would like to ask you all if you would kindly consider funding us an all-weather structure (see pics) that we can use at our fete and other future events. This would massively support us and allow us to run in all types of weather.
2. The funding we require is £1500. As you can see pictured ( DOC 2) these are the types of marquess we have been researching and are keen to purchase. The school field isn't huge so a medium size marquee along with a sub tent for catering would be perfect. This is something we would get so much use from and allow us to have a structure we can use year after year. If you were happy to fund our idea we would like to have a sign on the marquee that it was kindly funded by the Horton Parish Council.
3. Storage- we are lucky to have two members on the PFA and use of a school store which can house these marquess and a team of men!! To help us erect and dismantle the marquees at our events.
4. We are also thinking that the marquees could be hired back into the community for personal events and again could help us even more enrich our funding for the school.

## Events

So far this year we have 3 events planned and publicised.

A school disco @ Horton Village Hall on the 5th April

An Easter Craft event & egg hunt @ Horton Village Hall which is a low cost event for the whole community and afar, this has been kindly supported by the committee of Horton Hall and Grinters. This is taking place in the Easter holidays on the 10th April.

And then our 10k run & children's run along with our fete on the 21st of June. This has been sponsored by the wonderful Five Dails, HM construction and again Grinters. These are 3 keen local businesses wanting to see the Village thrive with events and to bring back more of the old community spirit.

We would also like to think about plans for VE day.

## Funds Raised

The team is working extremely hard to arrange these amazing events and we hope they are well supported for us to continue in what we love doing. We are hoping with all the funds raised we can hugely support a much needed sensory room at Neroche which is very important to us along with the circus visit planned on the 26th June. This is for the whole school to participate in .

We love seeing the excitement the pantomime at Christmas brings every year and it would be great to fund the coaches & snacks again this year, with maybe the chance we could help families a little more.

You may think what Broadway parish council is doing to help us and what we can tell you is we've approached them the same to help with funding towards our event and entertainment.

We thank you for listening and we're happy to discuss any questions you may have.

DOC 1



PFA  
Presents



# NEROCHE & CHILDRENS RUN

**10K**  
Multi-terrain

Lace Up for Fun and Fitness at Our Run & Support our School.

**SATURDAY**

▶ **21ST JUNE 2025**

**9.30AM REGISTRATION**

**10.30AM START**

 **Neroche School**  
**Broadway**  
**Ilminster**  
**TA19 9RG**

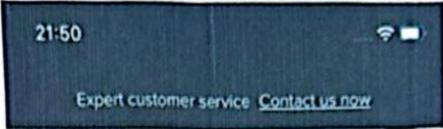
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DOC 2



TOOLPORT

Article no.: 91125

6x12m Marquee / Party tent, PE 450, grey-white



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FLEX Smart

✓ small pack size



Marquee / Party tent 3x6 m

FLEX

Smart

✓ Standard frame

✓ PE 450 tarpaulin