

HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2017 IN

ST PETERS CHURCH HALL, HORTON AT 7.30pm

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Public Forum

- A) 16 members of the public in attendance of the meeting.

PCSO John Martin was also in attendance and reported vandalism to the newly painted double yellow lines outside of the Five Dials. It has also been noted that vehicles are still parking on the double yellow lines from time to time. Also reported was 5 separate reports of cars that had been broken into; 3 in Horton and 2 in Broadway. 1 car was also stolen. However, Horton still remains as a 'low crime area'.

Clerk to speak with SCC with regards to enforcement of double yellow lines and to enquire about the lines being repainted yellow following the vandalism.

- B) Cllr Linda Vijeh was unable to attend the meeting. Please see attached report (**Appendix 1**) written by Cllr Linda Vijeh for SCC/SSDC Councillor Monthly Report.

- 2766 PRESENT** Cllrs Christian Guppy – Chairman, David Lester, Richard Clifford, Adele Brady, Ann Richards.
- 2767 APOLOGIES** Cllr David Johnson – Vice Chairman, Ann Winter, Philippa Woodman.
- 2768 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.
- 2769 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** Minutes of the meeting held in August having previously been circulated were approved as a true record and correct record of the meeting. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed.
- 2770 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR** Two members of the public stood for co-option. A vote was undertaken and 4 votes to 1, Julie Layzell was elected as the new parish councillor.
- 2771 REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS** South Somerset District Council requested that all Cllrs checked their register of interest forms to see if they needed updating. Cllrs Christian Guppy, David Lester, Richard Clifford, Adele Brady and Ann Richards checked their forms and all were correct and didn't require updating. This will be listed as an agenda item for the next meeting to ask those that were not present at the September meeting to check theirs.
- 2772 RIVERSIDE DEVELOPMENT - PRESENTATION FROM ORME ARCHITECTURE** Shaun Simon Edmonds (part owner of site) and Hannah Thornton (Orme Architecture) gave

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an updated presentation of the proposed new scheme. No detailed plans were given as the design is in the initial stages still. It is proposed to:

- Build 10 No. bungalows
- 3 sections to development; 5 dwellings from road off Riverside, 3 dwellings in the centre of development and 2 from Goose Lane.
- Architects will request a condition on planning permission so that only over 55's can occupy the dwellings.
- The bungalows will be a mix of 2 and 3 beds.
- The bungalows are not intended to be family housing but housing for people who wish to remain in the village who wish to downsize.
- Low energy, low maintenance and designed to reflect existing dwellings in Riverside.
- New access on to Goose Lane.
- 3 No. trees with Tree Protection Order will not be removed.
- New landscaping is proposed.
- Materials of dwellings are recon hamstone and red/terracotta roof tiles.
- All 2 bed dwellings will have 2 allocated parking spaces and all 3 bed dwellings will have 3 parking spaces. 7 spaces will be allocated for visitor parking.
- Both public footpaths are to remain as they are not in the ownership of the developers.
- The build will approximately take 12 months.

A number of residents raised concerns regarding parking spaces, emergency access, construction traffic, construction noise/general disturbance to residents and how long the build would take. Residents also requested a site meeting with the developers and architect which was agreed to by architect.

2773 HOUSING NEED SUVEY – PRESENTATION FROM MATT DAY Housing Need Surveys were explained and the benefits of undertaking one. The cost is covered by SSDC and there would be no cost to the parish council. The survey would approximately take 3 to 4 weeks and a further 3 months to produce the findings/report. Clerk to list this as an agenda item in the future to enable all Cllrs to either approve or refuse the undertaking of a Housing Need Survey for Horton.

2774 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/03409/OUT – Lamb Inn, Horton Cross, Horton - Erection of 24 bed residential home and formation of new access.

Discussions were held and concerns were raised over the safety of the access when entering and exiting the proposed site due to the speed of vehicles travelling on the main road. However, the Parish Council unanimously support the application.

17/02636/FUL – Sunnyside, Pottery Road, Horton – Noted.

- 2776 STANDING ORDERS** Circulated hardcopy and electronic copy to all Cllrs to read and to agree, subject to any amendments, to policy in the November meeting.
- 2777 CODE OF CONDUCT** Circulated hardcopy and electronic copy to all Cllrs to read and to agree, subject to any amendments, to policy in the November meeting.
- 2778 TRANSPARENCY CODE** Circulated hardcopy and electronic copy to all Cllrs to read and be aware of the parish council needing to be compliant and undertake any work necessary to ensure compliancy.
- 2779 PLAYING FIELD** Clerk was asked previously to list this as agenda items as a speaker was due to attend to discuss the playing field. Speak did not attend the meeting. Nothing further to report.
- 2780 SCC SMALL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME** Cllr Linda Vijeh informed clerk of this scheme. Clerk forwarded to all Cllrs in order for suggestion to be put forward to Cllr Linda Vijeh. A two week deadline was given to the Cllrs.
- 2781 DEFIBRILLATOR** Clerk to apply for a grant from SSDC towards the purchase of a defibrillator. Clerk presented the details of a defibrillator that The British Red Cross has suggested to purchase. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed to the purchase of the defibrillator after the outcome of the grant application.
- 2782 DOG WASTE BINS** Email received from SSDC Streetscene Team in reply to a request of additional dog waste bins. SSDC suggested a trial but did not include details of the trial. Clerk to find out further details regarding a trial and to report back to Cllrs in a future meeting.
- 2783 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION** Cllr Christian Guppy to read and report back on consultation in order to assess if a reply from the parish council is required.
- 2784 COMMUNITY HOUSING PROJECTS** Listed on agenda in error.
- 2785 FINANCE**
- Financial Statement was circulated and was duly approved as being a true record of the financial state of this council. Proposed by Cllr Richard Clifford and seconded by Cllr David Lester with all in approval.
 - St Peters Church Hall Rental - cheque No. 000688 £10.00 – Unanimously Approved
 - C Duff wages and expenses - cheque No. 000689 £380.51 – Unanimously Approved

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- 2786 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE** Nothing to report.

2787 ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

- Cllr Christian Guppy to put in invoice for weed killer.
- Works undertaken by SCC Highways lowering kerbs in St Peters Close have improved the Close and all very impressed.

2788 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 20TH November at 7.30pm.

2789 ITEM FOR DISCUSSION IN CLOSED SESSION – CLERKS HOURS Clerk proposed an increase in weekly hours from 4 hours per week to 5 hours per week. It was proposed by Cllr David Lester and seconded by Cllr Adele Bradey with all in approval.

ILMINSTER DIVISION COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT JULY 2017

REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The last boundary review took place in 1996/7. As a result of the recent findings of the Electoral Commission in relation to the ward boundaries and the size of the electorate (currently 131,767 electors, 39 wards and 60 councillors), SSDC has proposed that the number of councillors remains unchanged.

HIGHSPEED BROADBAND

The connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) voucher scheme deadline has been extended to Sept. 30th. By the end of 2019 CDS aims to have increased broadband access to at least 380,000 homes and businesses, including next phase contracts with Gigaclear/Airband.

FREE SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

The Heart of the South West Growth Support Programme offers a range of services enabling small/medium enterprises (SMEs) during the 3-year programme to receive a business diagnostic check and 1-to-1 support, as well as events and workshops. Register online at <http://www.heartofswgrowthhub.co.uk/gsp-apply/> to trigger an initial face-to-face meeting to establish a development plan and identify further support to help achieve business goals. Other sources of support and advice from external agencies, training providers or regulatory bodies will be signposted. Businesses will also have the opportunity to receive further free support by choosing up to three more intensive support modules including marketing, innovation, HR and finance. Those completing the full programme will be entitled to a review of their digital issues and opportunities.

ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVISION

The proposed contract is to be to Compass Disability Services as they were deemed to be the most economically advantageous providers.

FREE NHS HEALTH CHECKS

These 20 min. checks, assess risk of developing heart attack, stroke, diabetes and kidney disease, and provide advice on how these risks may be reduced. It is suggested that local communities arrange for checks to coincide with another community event such as a coffee morning. For more info. and details of eligibility contact somerset@tohealth.com phone 07860 268445 or www.somersethealthchecks.co.uk

CHARD HOSPITAL

The future of the hospital has gained media attention this month, but I have not been made aware of any specific decision being taken at this stage.

DISPOSAL OF COUNTY FARMS

As a result of intervention by a local councillor, who I am keen to support, any further decisions relating to the continued disposal of land, which affects a number of local residents, is to be halted whilst a task and finish group is set up to review the policy impact.

GRASS CUTTING

Residents of Bush's Orchard, Ilminster have been concerned about the lack of grass cutting this year. In making enquiries it seems that the area in question is still until the maintenance care of developers Persimmon and I understand that action has been taken.

ILMINSTER FLOODING

Flash floods in the centre of town this month have had a devastating effect on a number of businesses in the town centre, with long term consequences. Along with town council representatives, I have been supporting action to resolve this, both in terms of identifying the responsible authorities and ensuring that appropriate measures are put in place to rectify what is clearly an unacceptable situation, and also to prevent future incidents

LOCAL HERO RECOGNITION AWARD

FloodRe have a Local Hero Award worth up to £10,000 to benefit the local community. The reward for the winning individual or community provides an opportunity to share your experience and nominate a person or group who has been a Local Hero for flood action. The closing date is 18th Sept. For more info. contact

floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk or lisa.milton@environment-agency.gov.uk

HIGHWAYS

FINGER POSTS

the Somerset Fingerpost Restoration Project is for local authorities to work in partnership with the community to restore iconic landmarks. SCC and the SW Heritage Trust have produced a handbook to provide information to enable community groups to participate. There is an extensive section on health and safety guidance and training. SCC is offering volunteers half day 'Highway Safety Awareness Training' workshops. Only volunteers who have completed this will be allowed to carry out cleaning and painting work on fingerposts. email: fingerposts@somerset.gov.uk

SID READINGS

Ilminster, Station Road – 20/6 to 4/7 – 37,092 vehicles in total.

2,823 vehicles exceeding 40mph 211 vehicles exceeding 50mph Ave. speeds 32mph

Donyatt Hill – 20/6 to 4/7 – 27,183 vehicles in total

1,548 vehicles exceeding 40mph 122 vehicles exceeding 50mph

1/7 to 18/7 – 27,035 vehicles. 144 exceeding over 50mph

Ilminster, Winterhay Lane – concern has been raised in relation to the parking of private vehicles on the approach to Daido; it is felt that this may cause visibility obstruction. After a meeting with the Mayor, the Traffic Engineer has suggested the views of homeowners be sought, and that a daytime restriction on Mon-Fri 8am -5pm is appropriate.

WINSHAM SPEED LIMITS

A query has been raised over the introduction of a 20mph zone in the village. In response, highways have said that new requests for speed limits outside schools are dealt with by the installation of flashing lights with a '20' safety message.

ILMINSTER FORTNUM PLACE PARKING

In response to concerns raised by local residents, highways have said that the parking issues are not dissimilar to those seen across the County and they would only consider removing parking where there was evidence of a safety or congestion issue. According to their records there is no history of personal injury collisions along this section within the last 5 years and therefore they would not consider the introduction of yellow lines at present. They also consider that parked cars have a natural traffic calming effect and that their removal often increases the speed of vehicles along a given length.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

The Cross, Ilminster

SCC as the Highway Authority have received an application for this temporary closure from Wessex Water. This road will be closed from 30th August 2017 and is expected to last for 5 days to install a washout in this road. For further info. contact Wessex Water on 0345 600 4 600

Chilworthy Lane, Donyatt

Along Chilworthy Lane from 600m west of the junction with (A358) Peasmarsh Farm Lane to Stibbear Lane, westwards for a distance of 220 metres. This will enable Highways to carry out drainage works and becomes effective on 04 Sept. 2017, remaining in force for eighteen months. The works are expected to last for 5 days.

HIGHWAYS PLANNED WORKS

Knowle S. Giles – Knowle Church Road – highways drainage - 21-25 Aug. 5 days

DRAINS – Work is due to be carried out in communities across the Ilminster Division area.

COMMUNITY LED HOUSING EVENTS

Interest has been expressed in supporting affordable housing, especially as Yarlinton are now disposing of properties in rural areas as they become vacant. Grants are available for local parishes to carry out such activities as Housing Need Surveys to support their submissions when asked to comment on future planning applications. For more info. visit Wessex Community Assets <http://wessexca.co.uk/contact/> or contact Leisa.Kelly@SouthSomerset.Gov.Uk 01935 462641

PLANNING TRAINING

A second session training session for Town & Parish Councillors in responding to planning applications will be held on Thurs. 12th Oct. at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, SSDC Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT. Those wishing to attend should contact angela.cox@southsomerset.gov.uk or phone 01935 462148 by 22nd Sept.

A key priorities from SCC's Children & Young People's Plan is to establish early help hubs in local communities, offering multi-agency services that identify and support children and families who need additional help and can intervene quickly. Phase 1 of creating 'family hubs' is to consider the future strategy for public health nursing services (health visiting and school nursing) commissioned by SCC, and how services can work jointly with the council's GetSet (early help) services for children's centre services and family support services.

FUNDED CHILDCARE

SCC is encouraging working parents to apply for up to 30 hours of funded childcare for three and four year olds. From Sept. the Government is doubling the amount of funded childcare hours from 15 hours to 30 hours a week (for 38 weeks of the year). It can be spread across the year to include school holidays, up to a max. of 1,140 hours a year. To qualify, both parents must be working, earning on ave. at least the equivalent of 16 hours at the National Minimum/Living Wage per week, and must earn less than £100,000 p.a. To apply go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk Eligible parents will receive an 11 digit code to take directly to a participating childcare provider. For info. and a list of participating childcare providers, visit SCC's website at www.somerset.gov.uk/eye30

LIBRARY SURVEY

The results from the survey will inform SCC about what is important to library users and how the SCC can help customers make the most of future library services. Questions include how often you visit, what services you use, how you find staff support, the quality of library facilities and services, how library services could be improved and what stops people visiting their local library. It can be completed online www.somerset.gov.uk/librarysurvey until 12 Aug. or are available from local libraries. It is also open to under 16s.

READING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers aged 13 and over, who have spare time over the summer holidays are wanted to help with the Summer Reading Challenge which encourages children aged 4-11 to read for pleasure. Volunteers, based in libraries, help children read at least six books of their choice over the summer holiday. Once complete, children receive a collectors' card. As well as talking to children about what they are reading, volunteers will help choose books, join in with craft activities and story time sessions, and help create displays.

For more info. and a to apply visit your local library or <http://www.somersetvolunteer.co.uk> Applicants will be invited to an informal chat to discuss the role.

DOWLISH PAVILION

The New Inn are holding a BBQ fund raising BBQ on Sat. 9th Sep. from 4pm to 8pm. Tickets at £10, include a welcome Pimms. Tickets are available from The New Inn.

BROADWAY PC

There are currently 2 vacancies to be filled.

SWANMEAD SCHOOL

Excellent year 6 SAT results this year have put the school second in the middle school ranking across the country, a great achievement.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES ATTENDED

1/7	CLOKS – Jungle Book Guildhall Chard
1/7	Winsham Shop proposal
2/7	Donyatt Duck Race
3/7	Ilminster resident meeting with Enham & social services
3/7	Ashill PC
4/7	Broadway PC
4/7	Samaritans AGM
5/7	Winsham PC
5/7	MaKe Performance
6/7	MacMillan fund raising event
7/7	Warehouse performance
8/7	Combe St. Nicholas School open day
8/7	Ashill School Summer Fayre
9/7	Donyatt VH breakfast
9/7	Visually Impaired Cricket Match
10/7	Neroche School Governors
10/7	Donyatt PC
12/7	Fiveways School open evening
13/7	SCC Health & Wellbeing Board
13/7	ILF meeting
14/7	Ilminster Highways issues
17/7	Exeter City Council – Strategic Thinking & Decision Making Training
17/7	Horton PC
17/7	Donyatt – resident planning issue
17/7	Ashill – resident planning issue
18/7	Neroche School Sports Day
18/7	Ilminster Town Council
19/7	SCC Full Council
19/7	SSDC Area West
19/7	Swanmead School Awards Evening
20/7	Winsham Jubilee Hall Coffee Morning
20/7	SSDC – Community Housing Workshop
20/7	SSDC Full Council
21/7	MacMillan Nurses Fund Raising Dinner
22/7	Chard Museum Open Day
31/7	Ilminster Literary Festival Meeting
31/7	Minster Summer Lunch Club