

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

AT ST PETERS CHURCH, HORTON AT 7.30pm

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**Public Forum**

- A) 12 members of the public were in attendance of the meeting.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the speed of traffic through Horton and Broadway at school times. Cllr Johnson suggested this issue was discussed under agenda item 7/minute reference 2954.

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

**2950 PRESENT** Cllrs David Johnson – Vice Chair, Ann Winter, Philippa Woodman, Julie Layzell, Richard Clifford, Vicke Hobbs and Ann Richards.

**2951 APOLOGIES** Cllrs Adele Brady (Chair) and David Lester.

**2952 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Richard Clifford declared an interest in agenda item 8A/minute reference 2957 as he owns the property the planning application related to. Cllr Richard Clifford was informed by the clerk that he would need to leave the room when his planning application was being considered.

**2953 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** Minutes of the meeting held in October having previously been circulated were approved as a true record and correct record of the meeting. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed.

**2954 PLAYING FIELD UPDATE** Horton Playing Field Project has already fundraised approximately £4,000 towards the project. It is estimated that £80,000 to £120,000 is required to complete the project. The Working Group have also successfully secured grant funding from Skipton. These funds will go towards the purchase of seating and picnic benches.

A presentation was given to members of the public and councillors – please refer to Appendix 2, 3 and 4 for further details.

The following comments were made following the presentation were:

1. Neighbours must be considered when placing equipment in the field. The Working Group informed the council that all neighbours had been individually been consulted and all comments and concerns were taken on board.
2. The work that HPFP have undertaken is very impressive.
3. The layout proposed has been very well thought through however, the materials to be used needs careful consideration. The Working group informed the council that wood will rot, and metal will last longer but having spoken with South Somerset District Council they considered engineered wood is a good alternative material to use.
4. Equipment such as exercise equipment has been used on another sites and has been very well used and used by all ages.
5. A comment was made with regards to the width of the path. The Working Group informed the council that the width of the path will be to set regulations in order to accommodate wheelchairs but not vehicles.
6. A question was asked relating to landscaping - There is already a contractor undertaking these works on the playing field however, in the future the contract for maintenance will be out for tender and the existing contractor will be considered.

A vote was undertaken on the proposed layout. All councillors unanimously voted to support the layout and ideas presented to them.

**2955 LAND REGISTRY – REGISTRATION OF PLAYING FIELD** The Working Group discovered that Channells Lane playing field has not been registered with Land Registry. In order to secure grant funding, the land needs to be registered with Land Registry. Clerk to investigate what information is needed and to compile an application to be submitted. The Land Registry fees for the application will be £30.00.

**2956 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES – DONYATT PC** This item was listed on the agenda in order for the council to vote on joining the SID scheme with Donyatt and other surrounding parishes. The council were informed that Broadway voted against joining the scheme on the basis that it was unclear how often they would have the device, how a rota would work, and all the work involved regarding moving it and recalibrating the SID. Broadway were of the opinion that the negatives outweighed the benefits.

Discussions were held, and the councillors unanimously voted against joining the SID scheme.

**2957 PLANNING APPLICATION(S)**

A) 18/02889/FUL – Horton Cross Service Area – Installation of an electric vehicle charger bay

Discussions were held. The Parish Council support the application.

B) 18/03286/HOU – Hardacres Pound Road, Horton – Alterations and the erection of a single storey extension to front of dwelling house

Cllr Richard Clifford left the room. Discussions were held. The Parish Council support the application.

**2958 PLANNING DECISION(S)**

A) Bullen Bungalow, Goose Lane, Horton – Alterations and the erection of a single storey extension – Permitted with conditions

**2959 UPDATE FROM HORTON VILLAGE HALL** Councillor Ann Winter gave a report to Horton Village Hall Committee on projects and issues the parish council had been involved in 2018. Please refer to **Appendix 5** for the update that was given.

**2960 FINANCE**

Proposal – To approve bi-monthly financial statement - Financial statements and accounts were circulated and were duly approved as being a true record of the financial state of this council.

Proposal – Budget 2018/2019 – The proposed budget was circulated and was unanimously approved.

Proposal – Purchase of replacement bench for Hanning Road – Listed on agenda in error.

Proposal – to approve payment of the following cheques:

- C Duff – wages and expenses – cheque no. 000726 - £554.81.00 - Unanimously approved
- M F Salaman – grass cutting - cheque no. 000725 - £96.00 - Unanimously approved
- Land Registry – land registrations fees - cheque no. 000727 - £30.00 - Unanimously approved

**2961 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- A letter was received from Hastoe Housing Group informing the parish that the property at Shave Lane has been allocated to a couple within the village.
- Email received from Cllr Linda Vijeh stating that provision of grit bins and salt from SCC Highways will be reinstated this year. Further details to follow.

**2962 ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** None.

**2963 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 7.30pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

## APPENDIX 1 - ILMINSTER DIVISION COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – OCTOBER 2018

### SCC - COUNTY HALL RECEPTION

Visitor's Reception will be relocated to B-Block, and opening hours will change to: 8.30am until 5pm, Mon. to Thurs., until 4.30pm on Fri.

Customer Contact Centre opening hours remain 8am to 6pm on Mon but change to 8.30am to 5.30pm Tues. to Fri.

### SCC MEETING ROOMS

During refurbishment work public committee meetings will now mostly be held at the Taunton Library meeting room.

### FINANCES

Information from the Leader - the financial pressures that SCC continues to face, as funding from central government continues to fall and the demands and costs continues to rise, remains the key area of focus. This is a situation shared with a number of local authorities, particularly those with responsibility for vulnerable children and adults (which accounts for over 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total SCC budget). Despite lobbying, there has been no discernible shift in Government policy or funding. Unlike other public services, SCC have to deliver a balanced budget and funding received falls far short of meeting the costs of critical services provided.

In-year savings of £12m., affecting over 70 budget lines, in all directorates, have been identified as necessary to bring about a level of financial sustainability.

In response to an in-depth inquiry from a member of the public the following was received: -

- SCC currently have an £11.4m revenue overspend. £21m of this is in Children's services. There is also £330m of long-term debt, costing 75,000 per day to service.
- Central Government's 'cost-shunt' of Adult Social care costs through last year's Council tax is not sustainable nationally. Locally, the real problem remains in Children's Services, accounting for nearly 25% of the total budget. 'Contacts' with vulnerable children have increased significantly, along with increases in the cost of residential placements, home to school transport and Special Educational Needs.
- Central Government needs to decide what they want from Local Government in delivering sustainable public services, then fund it accordingly. To withdraw nearly £100m in grants and expect LA's to absorb all cost increases is not sustainable.
- County Hall refurbishment is largely the replacement of the heating system and associated works, including asbestos removal. The cost of approx. of £6.7m. was necessary as the system was over 30 years old. Further planned work will allow SCC to withdraw from 5 other sites in Taunton, releasing C block for development.

### IMPACT OF BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Extra grant to adult social care, some of which can be used for Children's and Learning Disability Services. SCC's share will be around £6.5m.
- Extra funding for highways and potholes. SCC's share will be around £4m.
- Opportunity to apply for funding to transform Children's Services operating model.
- Additional funding for children's mental health through NHS funding
- Additional money for Industrial and Productivity Strategies - as part of the Heart of the South West Joint Committee, Somerset is in the next wave of support
- Money for Housing Infrastructure Funding – this should help SCC's £84 m. bid for four primaries and one secondary school, plus road infrastructure.

### The Future of Local Government in Somerset

The Leaders and CEOs of the six councils of Somerset have met to progress this work. It is recognised that there is an opportunity to do things differently and better, building on the existing partnership between the councils and other public service providers.

Changes in demand and pressure on resources mean that changes to working practices are necessary to enable local government to meet the needs of all Somerset communities.

The Councils of Somerset have commissioned research into options for change and how they will ensure sustainable service provision.

## **ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES**

I have expressed my dismay at the lack of contact/action over individual cases since my last meeting; explained as a result of prioritising action relating to SCC's financial position.

Whilst South Somerset is still performing below expectations in many areas, there has been some improvement, particularly in relation to the large number of assessments that are past their review dates, and also the number of complaints received.

## **HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**

**Social Care for Older People:** Somerset's Home First initiative has resulted in over 2,000 patients avoiding 7,500 bed nights in hospital, giving significant cost savings for the NHS and improved the quality of life for those involved. To date the overall delayed discharges across the County have reduced by 75% from 3,500 bed nights to 800.

All eligible residents are urged to protect themselves and get a flu jab as it can reduce the risk of serious illness. Check with your GP or local pharmacist for details.

## **DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

During this transformation period, there is increased focus on collaboration with police and ambulance services, but new projects must mitigate against identified risks and concentrate on delivering statutory obligations. Recent work on prevention and protection has meant a reduction in the demand for traditional fire and rescue services.

There are currently 200 vacancies for 'on call' firefighters. In order to facilitate recruitment more flexible contracts are no being put in place.

## **POLICE**

This month I met with Chief Inspector Sharon Baker to discuss my role as a member of the Independent Advisor Group. She would welcome input from local residents and businesses in relation to any concerns there may be. Speakers are available to talk to local groups on topics such as cyber-crime prevention.

There is the opportunity for a willing, computer literate person to volunteer their services at Yeovil on Mondays (4+ hours) to collate weekend crime data on the night-time economy.

If interested, contact CI Baker direct at [Sharon.Baker2@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Sharon.Baker2@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

Items discussed during the meeting included the move of custody cells to Bridgwater, and the use of body worn cameras, which has had a significant impact on reducing officer assaults, in addition to facilitating earlier 'guilty pleas' from offenders. It is estimated that this has brought about savings of over £220k.

The impact of the new shift patterns for local beat officers in the area has been raised.

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

In response to a 'call in' by the Chair of Policies, Children and Families Scrutiny on the Cabinet approved proposals for the alteration and/or reduction of early help services provided to children and their families (Getset), the recommendation to implement CAF 14-a was upheld. This will result in a significant number of staff redundancies and remaining staff may experience increased caseloads which will require robust management oversight.

## **YOUNG CARERS REVIEW**

SCC has withdrawn the planned savings proposals of £200k in relation to Young Carers and are now exploring how these services could be delivered differently to ensure good outcomes as well as achieving good value for money. Currently no savings targets are attributed to this piece of work, but options will be evaluated to find cost effective solutions, and where possible reduce costs.

Engagement events with young carers take place this week, followed by additional opportunities for interested parties to have their say before the end of the year.

## **ILMINSTER/CREWKERNE SCHOOLS**

At this month's meeting of Somerset Schools Forum, agreement was reached to fund, from reserves, the necessary exploratory work to be carried out by Futures for Somerset. Once the final report is received a meeting with those affected will take place, enabling the consultation process to be planned.

## WINSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Secretary of State for Education has directed the conversion to Academy Status of six schools across the county, including Winsham, which will become a sponsored academy. Its asset transfer to the Redstart Learning Partnership Trust will take place in Feb. 2019.

## WINTER ROAD GRITTING

This year SCC will be gritting 720 miles (around 17%) of the total road network. This is a reduction from 21% as resources are not available to treat all roads.

Considerable concern has been raised by a number of parishes and local schools, in relation to the planned reduction in the precautionary gritting network of roads, and its impact on the community, particularly in relation to links in the Ilminster/Chard area.

It is felt that any cost savings will be outweighed by the potential increase in extra work by the emergency services attending accidents on untreated roads.

The criteria used meets national guidelines to enable the precautionary gritting network to be defined, to ensure a consistent approach across the county and achieve a responsible balance between cost and level of service. The criteria now used to define the routes are:

- Connectivity between major communities
- Links to the strategic highway network
- Connectivity across authority boundaries where appropriate
- Links to transport interchanges
- Access to emergency facilities (Fire and Rescue, Police, Ambulance, Hospitals)
- Links to critical infrastructure
- Principal public transport routes, access to rail and bus stations, and other depots
- Other locally important facilities

Residents are encouraged to check which roads are now included and which are not by visiting [www.travelsomerset.co.uk/gritting](http://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/gritting). Zoom in to search by location or road name.

Roads removed from the precautionary network will continue to be treated as part of the secondary network in the event of prolonged periods of ice and snow.

Snow ploughs will continue to be deployed to clear the network. Emergency plans and arrangements to use farmers and snowplough operators are not affected by the changes.

## ROADSIDE GRIT/SALT

SCC will continue to provide grit bins in appropriate locations. However, the bins need to be purchased, maintained, filled and replenished by the town/parish council. Those wishing to position salt in other roadside locations should contact the local Area Highways Office.

Only rock salt should be used on roads to effectively prevent ice without damaging the road surface. Approved rock salt can be provided to parishes in 1 tonne dumpy bags or 25kg bags through the highway's maintenance contract with Skanska, at the following price:

1 tonne rock salt in single use dumpy bag	£197.54 (incl. delivery)
25kg rock salt bag	£4.74 (collection only)

Products must be ordered and paid for in advance through the local Area Highways Office and may take up to three weeks to be delivered or available for collection.

Rock salt can also be purchased elsewhere but only approved de-icing material complying with British Standard 3247 should be used on the highway.

SCC are also exploring opportunities for parish volunteers to be trained and equipped to act as Community Snow Wardens. Those interested in joining a pilot scheme, can contact the local Area Highways Office - [roadsandtransport@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:roadsandtransport@somerset.gov.uk) or call 0300 123 2224.

## POT HOLES

Pothole repairs continue to meet the ongoing demand but during the coming winter months members of the public are asked to help SCC Highways stay on top of carriageway repairs by reporting defects through <http://www.travelsomerset.co.uk>

**PUDDLEBRIDGE**

Recent accidents on the approach road to Horton village, from the A358, has caused local residents to request a reduction in the speed limit along this road. At present Highways has agreed a reduction to 40mph, but state that the criteria for the requested reduction to 30 mph has not been met.

**HIGHWAYS - Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders**

Winsham	Fore St	Drainage imp. works. Temp. road closure	07 Jan	11 Jan	5 days
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Several local communities have expressed concern over inaccuracies in the dates given for road closures, and poor alternative road signage. It is felt that it is the lack of coordination and clarity provided by contractors (Wessex Water and Gigaclear) which is at fault.

**ROAD CASUALTIES**

Data for the first six months of 2018 shows a reduction in overall casualty numbers by 17%, but an increase in fatalities of 8%.

- Car user casualties were 20% lower, falling by 102 casualties, from 506 to 404.
- Total motorcycle casualties fell from 58 to 57.
- Overall Cycle casualty numbers fell from 49 to 47.
- Total Pedestrian casualty numbers fell from 75 to 66.
- Assessment on casualty ages shows that the 25 to 39 age group increased by 72%, rising from 18 to 31 and the 40 – 59 age group increased by 17%.
- Rural roads recorded 66% of casualties, compared to 34% on urban roads.

The data is used to prioritise and update road safety training and social media activity to educate and inform. In 2018 so far 9,723 people have experienced education on road safety issues through workshops, presentations, cycle training or vehicle checks.

**TRAFFIC ORDER NOTIFICATION - A358, Donyatt**

For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

**30 mph speed limit** – A358 Donyatt - from a point 350 metres south of its junction with Church Street to a point 240 metres north of its junction with Shave Lane.

Shave Lane, Church Street, Donyatt Hill Estate, Crow Lane, Park Lane – for the entire length

**40 mph speed limit** - A358, Donyatt from a point 350 metres south of its junction with Church Street to a point 550 metres south of its junction with Church Street

**BUS SERVICES – ILMINSTER**

The following has been received in response to an enquiry relating to Ilminster bus services. ‘The subsidy that had been provided to Nippy Bus is now being spent on the Ilminster Shuttle Service S1/S2/S3. There are no other available subsidies and as you are aware, we are shortly going out to consultation, as we are facing a £700k reduction in our bus budget. We are amending the registration for the Ilminster Shuttle service to include Spurwells in Ilton, so we could potentially look at other options before we submit the registration change to the Traffic Commissioner.’

**TAUNTON PARK & RIDE**

The suspension of the P&R has been saved until at least to Sept 2019 by Taunton Deane Borough Council stepping in to make a one-off payment to continue the service

**RIEC-SUR-BELON WAY ROUNDABOUT**

Enquiries have been made about the possible adoption of the roundabout. Requests of this kind are being dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Currently SCC do not directly administer such sponsorships. The most important factor is the need to be aware that signs placed on the highway, other than those specifically identified as traffic signs, are deemed to be ‘non-prescribed’ signs; Consent is required from both the local planning authority and highways prior to placement. Andy Ley, the service manager, has agreed to offer a sponsorship opportunity for 2 years, to the organisation concerned, in return for approved planting/landscaping enhancement and adherence to the required guidelines.

**SSDC - AREA WEST**

SSDC are working with Citizens Advice Bureau to consider ways to support both the Chard and Yeovil offices, where SCC funding has been reduced as concern has been raised over the impact on vulnerable residents.

**PLANNING**

**ASHILL** - There has been no further information received in relation to the formal complaint lodged in response to the recent decision by the Regulation Committee.

I have been informed that the current position in relation to the provision of the required 5-year housing supply has worsened a little, and that SSDC currently has a 4-year supply.

A number of those in the process of submitting planning applications have expressed concern over the continuing shortage of resources, resulting in deadlines being missed and the inability to obtain response from planning officers. I have been assured that this is being addressed with some urgency.

**CRESTA POOL**

Since the disappointing decision by SCC not to retain the pool at this site, and their rejection of the bid put in by the Kingfisher group, which raised a total of £802, focus has now shifted towards ensuring that the proposed new pool facilities are treated as a priority.

**LIBRARY SERVICE**

Confirmation has now been received that Ilminster Library will remain open, but with continued concern over ongoing funding issues it is hoped that the recently formed group, Friends of Ilminster Library, will be able to assist through volunteer participation and fund-raising activity to ensure its future.

**DILLINGTON**

My meeting with manager Adam Powell confirmed the current position, where there is a £240k financial deficit. He broadly outlined future plans for the three main revenue streams (education, weddings, conferences) and the desired shift towards increasing corporate involvement, and a new online booking system installed.

Visitors are now permitted access to the grounds, along with cyclists, and dog walkers (with some exceptions). The Sunday carvery is now available for bookings weekly. In the new year lunches will be available for non-residents, in addition to bookings for afternoon teas.

**HORTON PLAYING FIELD PROJECT**

Plans to improve facilities are progressing, with full support from local residents and the Parish Council. Now that there is clarity over the lease, fund raising bids can be considered.

**COMMUNITY FUND RAISING BREAKFASTS**

Horton Village Hall – Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. (in aid of Horton Playing Field Project)

Donyatt Village Hall – Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. (in aid of Gemini Carnival Club)

## ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS

1/10	SCC – Independent Reviewing Officer meeting
1/10	Ilminster Literary Festival AGM
2/10	Broadway PC
2/10	Donyatt Despatch get together
3/10	SCC – Adults & Health Scrutiny
3/10	Multi-Academy Trust meeting – Weston-Super-Mare
3/10	Ilminster Carnival Quiz
5/10	Dillington meeting
5/10	Warehouse Theatre event
6/10	MIND Trans-gender training
6/10	Broadway Harvest Supper
9/10	Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service forum
9/10	Swanmead School open evening
9/10	Yarlington resident meeting Ilminster
10/10	Neroche school – Pupil Premium meeting
10/10	Yeovil Police station – meeting with Chief Inspector
10/10	Somerset County Show meeting
11/10	Adult Social Services meeting
12/10	Resident meeting Ilminster
12/10	Horton Fairtrade sale
12/10	Donyatt VH fund raiser
13/10	Dowlish Wake church cookbook launch
13/10	Friends of Ilminster Library Coffee morning
14/10	Donyatt VH b'fast
14/10	Ashill Harvest Service
14/10	Donyatt Harvest service
15/10	SWAP audit training
15/10	Ilminster Lit. Fest. meeting
15/10	Horton PC
16/10	SCC Personal Development Review
17/10	SCC full council
17/10	SCC Cabinet meeting
18/10	Winsham coffee morning
18/10	Fiveways school staff meeting
19/10	DSFRS HR Committee
20/10	Donyatt Harvest lunch
20/10	Horton quiz
21/10	Horton Playing Field B'fast
21/10	BHMC Dedication Service
22/10	DSFRS Community Safety & Corporate Planning Committee
22/10	Friends of Ilminster Library meeting
22/10	Neroche School governor meeting
28/10	Ashill Harvest Lunch
28/10	Charity Quiz – Ilminster Christmas Lights
30/10	Knowle St. Giles parish meeting



APPENDIX 2 – PLAYING FIELD CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT



APPENDIX 3 – PLAYING FIELD PRESENTATION HANDOUTS



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## THE HORTON PLAYING FIELD PROJECT



### ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL

- All-weather track for learning to ride a bike, walk, explore, run, and mobility friendly.
- The circular track is inclusive and safe for those with dementia or those less able.
- Made from self-leveling gravel, low maintenance & cost friendly.
- Spoil from path used to create gentle natural landforms. Path 1.5 meters wide, reducing to 1 meter wide in some sections. Meandering design.

### SEATING

- New benches, seats picnic tables for families and groups to share.
- Natural seating on new low grassy gentle natural landforms
- Natural log seating

### COMMUNITY SPACE FOR RECREATION, EXPLORATION AND I FARNING

#### TWO AREAS:

#### TODDLER SENSORY AREA

- Sensory area is crucial to brain development – developing fine and gross motor skills for life.
- Multi frame, Swings, Springer,
  - Trampoline, Roundabout, Mound Tunnel and Slide
  - Bug Hotel, Bee Houses
  - Sensory Path
  - Balance Beams & gentle Natural landforms

#### SCHOOL AGE AREA:

- Nest swing
- Multi frame to engage & challenge
- Gentle landforms for seating
- Slide



**LOCATION:**  
 Channells Lane, Horton,  
 Somerset, TA19 9QL

### TO CREATE:

"A well maintained playing field, outdoor play and green space to encourage all of our community to increase their participation in active recreation, improve their personal wellbeing and enjoy the outdoor environment we live in"





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## THE HORTON PLAYING FIELD PROJECT



### WHEEL SPORTS PARK

- Maintain Existing Skate Board Park

### GET ACTIVE AND FIT

- Live well and play well with new outdoor gym equipment
- Meandering running track with distance markers
- Track for scooters, trikes and bikes with a few little traffic signs for the kids

### BALLSPORTS

- New Ball sports Wall unit that allows an open goal and other ball sports in a safe environment
- Maintain existing Goal post at the opposite end
- Relocate the pitch at an angle and resize to a 5 A Side format
- Ball games play a vital role in the development of children's hand-eye co-ordination skills
- Ability to play recreational football, hockey, rugby, basketball and practice cricket

### NATURE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

- Inspiring seasonal bulb displays, wildflower grass borders, low maintenance shrubs & plants – inspire the gardener within!
- Planting creates opportunities for sensory stimulation and play that changes with the seasons and that is appealing to people of all ages.
- Meandering grass tracks for the children to explore
- Encourage bees, hedgehogs & bugs





## Comments and Feedback from Community Consultation

### October 21<sup>st</sup> – Horton Village Hall

*Compiled from feedback forms, Comment cards, children's activity drawings and verbal quotes given to the Committee*

- ✓ "Its so lovely to see a team focused to deliver a wonderful space for ALL the village"
- ✓ "I love the idea – what can I do to support it?"
- ✓ "I remember the old wooden play equipment – it was such a shame it was taken away and nothing to replace it...its fantastic to see that it's going to be a great community space again"
- ✓ "The inclusion of a path and grassy mounds is such a great idea"
- ✓ "This design is a wonderful step towards getting the community together – it really does have something for everyone"
- ✓ "I am a professor specialising in dementia and this design is perfect for those that suffer this condition – there are so many elderly in this area that suffer from it. You really have encapsulated the fundamental aspects that I'm sure the local care homes would be interested in bringing their residents to the field. Most importantly it allows the suffers to safely participate on a 'green' walk (the path is circular with no dead ends, there will be little signs along the path, sensory in the plantings and items with colour and contrast. Most importantly its flat with no steps – aids in perception as poor eyesight is an issue"
- ✓ "This is a great way to stimulate us all to get off the couch and do some exercise"
- ✓ "my boys would love the multi sports wall – to kick a ball, play basketball...wow...love it"
- ✓ "It's great to see the community spirit is alive and well – to get behind a project like this and see all these volunteers both young and old is wonderful" Jan
- ✓ "We have only just moved to the village and we are so impressed with the display of community spirit and the drive behind this project. The design and vision are so well thought out and we can't wait to see it completed" - Pete and Liz
- ✓ " The design encourages family involvement – sadly these days there is not enough of that...everyone's buried in the mobile phones"
- ✓ "I love the wildflowers and natural plantings – like a natural community garden...anything to encourage bees, butterfly's and the wildlife back"
- ✓ "I remember when I was little rolling down little hills – it was so much fun...I might just have a go when the mounds are in place and I'm 92 now!"
- ✓ "Please put in a nest swing – they are so much fun"
- ✓ "A climbing frame with a slide please for the older kids – there is NOTHING for the older kids at the moment"
- ✓ "Exercise equipment – they are such a great idea – I had a go on some in Spain and they are so easy to use – will there be a lot of choice?"
- ✓ "I'm 84 and I would love to have a go on the exercise equipment – I need to get outside more!"

- ✓ "My husband is very frail on his feet but loves to get outside.....the lanes are not safe to walk anymore as the cars drive to fast...the path, seats dotted around and natural landscape plantings is a perfect solution for us"
- ✓ " I would love to help with the plantings and maintaining the wildflower grasses"
- ✓ "Reducing the size of the football pitch is such a great idea – it's too big and such a waste of space ...and I'm too old to run the full length anymore (laughing)!"
- ✓ "Wonderful project...love it"
- ✓ "I like that you are involving a nature aspect – the more bees, bugs and butterfly's the better" Bill – Broadway
- ✓ "It is so lovely to see the children also volunteering alongside the more 'mature' adults in our community – you don't see that very often these days. Well done!"
- ✓ " I know so many ladies that would love to use the path and met up for a walk up their most days to view the bulbs and wildflowers- a fantastic idea"
- ✓ "Dementia is such a huge hidden part of our society today – do you realise just how wonderful this idea is? No Steps, contrast in colours, a continuous path and safe....incredible design".
- ✓ " I would love to have a next swing please" Alexis – Aged 12
- ✓ "Oh please could you have a trampoline, a much bigger slide, a roundabout and a seesaw?" Elsie Aged 11
- ✓ "A sit on bike would encourage me to get off the sofa" Henry
- ✓ "Exercise equipment would be a great community asset" Abi
- ✓ "Impressed with the plans....will give you all the support needed" Lousie
- ✓ "it would be even better with a BQQ area, or even a tea/ café hut.... take a look at Jubilee Lake Tea Rooms – it's so popular with the parents and grandparents.
- ✓ "We bought into this village for the post office, the pub, the locality and the playing field for the kids – thank goodness an energetic group has been formed to make it into something special and unique; rather than an unmown boring flat field!"
- ✓ "I look after my two grandkids and I would love this on my doorstep – will save me the pain of having to rely on a friend to drive us to Ilminster to use the park once a week!"
- ✓ "Being a child these days is too frequently taken over by computers and tablets – running, climbing, exploring, balancing, encountering nature....what a great design...well done!" Peter Horden TA19
- ✓ "I want to be a kids again" Sarah
- ✓ "A smaller pitch – its too big and such a waste of space. There are so many other things that the space can be used for. Well the design says it all!"
- ✓ "I hope the Parish Council adopts this idea...what a legacy this would be for the children and all the villagers to enjoy!"
- ✓ "I have young grandkids and I always take them elsewhere to a park – Id rather walk and get some exercise myself in my own village!"
- ✓ "There is no doubt to the support and community spirit behind this project...I've not seen this in such a long time in this village!"
- ✓ "I'm a bit too fat to run between the goals (laughing)..the idea to bring them closer together and make the pitch slightly smaller would encourage me to use the football pitch with my son and lose some weight....the current pitch takes up too much space which could be better utilised" (name withheld)

**APPENDIX 4 – PLAYING FIELD PRESENTATION**

Please see separate attachment titles 'Appendix 3 - Playing Field Presentation 2018'

APPENDIX 5 – RERPORT FROM HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report from Horton Parish Council

November 2018

Horton Parish Council has been involved in:

- Planning applications (as per usual).
- Highways issues including tackling speeding through Puddlebridge and considering a speed indicator device with Donyatt and other villages.
- Purchasing and installing of a defibrillator in the bus shelter and providing training for its use.
- Removing and replacing a bench in Hanning Road, (once building work is complete)
- Supporting the Playing Field Committee through getting a new sign made and approved, purchasing a telephone for the committee to enable the public to report any damage and health and safety issues, having the skate park repaired, regular grass cutting and an evaluation of the facilities.

The Playing Field Committee has communicated with the parish council at various meetings and has been very effective in advertising and marketing their plans, communicating with members of the community, fundraising including villages breakfasts and researching various equipment. They have also repainted existing equipment and do weekly checks on the facilities. The PFC have the support of HPC to develop the playing fields to inspire and motivate all members of the community to use the.

Ann Winter

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